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Valuation of Town Lots and Farms

As Arrived At Board of Equalization--Interesting Figures Covering Entire County.

The board of equalization of the county, which consists of the county commissioners, arrived this week at the following basis for the assessment of town lots in the various towns of the county:

Average \$30 per lot.

Portal, Mohall, Donnybrook, Plaza, Flaxton, Campio, Stanley, Bowbells, Tolley, Columbus, White Earth, Sherwood, Glenburn, Berthold and Ryder.

Average \$25 per lot.

Grano, Ross, Lignite, Des Lacs, Sawyer, Kenaston, Pelermo, Douglas, Aurelia, Tagus, Surrey, Coteau and Coulee.

Average \$50 per lot.

Kenmare city.

Average \$110 per lot.

City of Minot.

The board also arrived at the average valuation for the various townships. This of course does not mean that each farm is to be assessed at the following figures, in the various townships, but the mean average between the high and the low valued land must be as follows:

\$4.00 per acre.

Eden Valley, Portal, Hammerly, Carter, Fairbanks, Clay, Kenmare, Lockwood, Lowland, Margaret, Colquhoun, North Star, Short Creek,

Brandon, Elmdale, Calhoun, Spencer, Prescott, Plain, Tatman, Maryland, Surrey, Lund, Prosperity, Richland, Forthun, Rockford, Hamlet, Bowbells, Ivanhoe, Ensign, Waterford, Ree, McKinley, Harrison, Afton, Spring Coulee, Soo, Hurley, McKinney, Ward, Sauk Prairie, Greenbush, Van Buren, Eureka, Burt.

\$3.75 per acre.

Keller, Clayton, Colville, Maryland, Dale, Berthold, Vaule, Roseland, Kandiyohi, White Ash, Third Dist. Minnesota, Fay, Garnes, St. Mary's.

\$3.80 per acre.

Rolling Green.

\$3.50 per acre.

Baden, Foxholm, Denmark, Foothills, Crowfoot, Passport, Freedom, Orlein.

\$3.25 per acre.

Muskego, Des Lacs, Grassland, Campio, Willis, 2nd Dist., Roosevelt, Carbondale, Powers, Lake, Burlington, Stafford.

\$3.00 per acre.

Com. Dist., Grover, Palermo, Ryder, Leaf Mountain, Powers, Idaho, Harmonious, Cleary, Stave, Egan, Ross, Torning, Brilliant.

\$2.75 per acre.

White Earth.

\$2.25 per acre.

McGahan, 5th Dist., Mandan, 4th Dist.

Will Restrict Hunting

Farmers Object to Pot Hunters Breaking Up the Coveys of Chickens--Hundreds of Cards Posted--Chickens Scarce.

Many of the farmers are posting "No Hunting Allowed" signs on their farms. They claim that the pot hunters every season break up the coveys of prairie chickens and whet. Sept. 1, has rolled around, the true sportsman does not have an opportunity to do any shooting. The farmers claim that they have not been getting their share of the chickens

and ducks and will see to it that hereafter they are not handicapped. Special game wardens should be placed in the hunting fields and the violators vigorously prosecuted.

Prairie chickens are very scarce this year, the hail and sleet of last spring having put thousands out of business in this part of the state.

Will Improve Roads to Minot

Commercial Club Active in Securing Better Ways Into This City--Farmers to be Encouraged to Trade Here--Commissioners Order Improvements Made.

President Tracy of the Commercial club and in fact the entire club is interested in seeing that we have better roads leading to this city. The roads haven't been in the best of condition and the farmers have had several just kicks coming. Mr. Tracy appointed a committee of three consisting of J. A. Roell, W. E. Dannel and A. A. Robinson to confer with the county commissioners concerning the improvement of the roads and

that body of men recently inspected the condition of the road leading to the city. The commissioners ordered some work done to the road northeast of this city at once and will do what they can to make other improvements.

Mike Flannigan, C. F. Truax, L. W. Gammons and others are attending the big Shriner's convention in St. Paul this week.

THE SANE FOURTH.

"Just now there is an element of humanity crying for a sane Fourth without joy. It means that the little boys are not to speak above a whisper. It means that they must carry nothing but a feather duster or a padded cane and that they must get home in time for supper. That is what they mean by a sane fourth and I want to say right here that when we celebrate in _____ it will be an insane celebration.

Our business men on the committee are not belonging to the above element. They will lay in a full and complete line of every-thing that is in the catalog of fire-works, they will chain up the police and send all the old grandmothers away to the quaker convention. There will be an American flag in every knot hole and a bunch of lighted fire crackers tied to every dog's tail. The color scheme will be red. There will be red streamers for the ladies and red banners for the men. It is a free country and we are to celebrate our Goddess of Liberty. What's the use of jaw-wow? Where is courage and bravery trained better than in allowing your

little ones to hold a giant cracker and to tremble with the anticipation of hearing it explode.

Come to _____ without a quill in your hat on the Fourth.

The above is taken from an Iowa paper, the editor of which must belong to the same ignorant selfish class as the business menas the committee.

A second anniversary celebration will be held at Plaza July 20 and 21.

Henry Warner, a fifteen year old Westhope boy is a hero altho this is a time of peace. He noticed some small children playing with a cannon cracker which was about to go off in a small boy's hands. Henry rushed up and grabbed the cracker just in time to get the full charge himself. The doctor finished the amputation of his thumb.

F. H. Stoltz has made a lot of friends at Westhope by giving that city a site for a church, a school house and a park.

RECEIVES FORTUNE.

Mrs. Mike Hines recently received over \$18,000, the fortune that was left to her by the death of a wealthy uncle in Pennsylvania. Mrs. Hines is spending the money fast and furiously, buying houses and lots, diamonds and the like. She goes upon the theory that money is no use unless it is working, and her's is working overtime.

A ten-pound boy put in his appearance at the home of E. G. Ellithorpe, July 8.

BACON FRACTURES BONE.

A. F. Bacon was thrown from the step of an auto on Main street Tuesday and one of the bones of his foot was crushed.

Thos. Kerr, who shot Alex. Larron, the horse thief in Turtle mountains, has been ordered to leave, by some of Larron's friends. He will not be bluffed out.

Disney, the Williston newspaper man was defeated for the legislature by 23 votes.

Asked For Hagen's Removal

Mayor Clark Refuses to Discharge Chief Hagen Whom he Says is a Good Officer and Follows Instructions--Council Sell Waterworks Bonds at Big Premium

The city council got down to business last Monday night and accomplished a good deal of important business. For one thing, the council sold the \$27,000 waterworks bonds to J. Bolger & Co. at par, with accrued interest and received a premium of \$1165, which is considered good. The company's representative gave the city a check for \$500 to show the good faith of his concern. Bidding was lively and for a time the council chambers resembled Jim Scofield's yard on Market Day. In all, eight bids were received. Four or five representatives from Chicago were here.

McDonald & McCoy and Trowbridge & Niver Co., both of Chicago bid exactly the same, offering \$1,160 premium. Woodin, McNear & Moore of Chicago offered a premium of \$913. There were defects in three other bids which were not according to the advertisement and another bidder failed to enclose check. This will allow the city to go right ahead and advertise for bids for the laying of the mains and the matter will be taken up in the meeting the first week in August. It is expected that a good deal of the work will be accomplished yet this year.

The famous police matter was taken up, a petition signed by one hundred forty of the residents of this city having been received, asking for the removal of Chief of Police Hagen, and officers Tilgen and Bateman. The trouble arose over the arrest of a G. N. fireman named M. McKay a week ago Sunday night. The story of the trouble is simply this. McKay was sitting in front of the Dacotah hotel talking with a friend late at night. Officer Tilgen who has never shown the best kind of judgment, approached McKay, asked him his business and received an answer that he was a fireman. Asking which way he ran out of Minot, the fireman replied that it was none of the business of the policeman and then the fireworks began. The policeman arrested McKay, who refused to go to jail without a struggle. Tilgen grabbed his club, McKay took it away from him and a rough and tumble fight was the result. Officer Bateman stepped up and helped escort McKay to jail. Tilgen was angered at the actions of McKay and as he was walking be-

side the fireman, struck him in the face several times. This was entirely uncalled for on the part of Tilgen, for McKay would have gone along peacefully had he been used right. There was no occasion for the arrest in the first place as McKay was minding his own business. McKay might have avoided the trouble, but being of an independent nature thought that the policeman had no business prying into his affairs. As the officer and McKay neared the jail, McKay and Tilgen came together again, and Chief Hagen tried to part them. McKay bit Hagen's fingers badly, and in the trial said that he would have bitten off the whole hand if he had had an opportunity. Hagen slapped McKay, it is said with his open hand, after his fingers had been bitten, or at any rate that is what the chief says. McKay was let out the next morning and at his trial, no one appeared. Hagen Tilgen and Bateman have been arrested, charged with assault. They will appear before Judge Davis for trial as soon as a jury can be secured. Tilgen has been dismissed from the police force. This seems to be about all there is to the unfortunate affair.

The petition presented Monday night was referred to the proper committee, but no action has been taken, and there is likely that none will be taken. Mayor Clark says that he is well satisfied with the chief of police and with Bateman and does not see why he should remove them. He states that Hagen follows his instructions to the letter. The council considers this the affair of the Mayor entirely and will take no action.

Other business was taken up by the council. James Hyatt, the street commissioner asked for an increase in salary owing to the fact that it was necessary for him to discount the city warrant each month. This has been referred to the street and bridge committee.

Two men are trying to collect \$350 each from the city for planting trees around Rose Hill cemetery. They are G. S. Schwartz and Mr. Anderson. Anderson's bondsmen have asked to be released, and it appears as though Schwartz will in time be paid for the trees.

Donnybrook Farmer Murders Sister

Then Shoots Himself--Sister Danced With Brother's Worst Enemy--Other Members of Family Witness Suicide.

At the Ruen farm ten miles northwest of Donnybrook, occurred a horrible murder and suicide Sunday night, following a dance held at the Ruen home. John Ruen shot and instantly killed his sister, because she persisted in receiving attentions from his worst enemy, a young man named Kohler, and then turned the snickling weapon on himself. Death in each case was instantaneous.

Ruen had time and again warned his sister to have nothing to do with Kohler whom he regarded with a terrible hatred. The sister paid no attention to the brother's warning and at the dance spent much time on the floor of the ball room. The brother said but little towards the end of the dance but appeared very

impose and after the dance was over he pulled a revolver and shot the girl in the forehead and then killed himself before anyone could interfere.

Coroner Larson was notified of the murder and suicide, but did not deem it necessary to hold an inquest under the circumstances. The whole country is terribly wrought up over the unfortunate affair.

A later report states that the shooting occurred after the dance was over and the guests had departed. Two of the brothers heard the first shot and appeared upon the scene just in time to see the brother kill himself. The murderer was a high strung young man, possessing a terrible temper.

Postmasters at Valley City

Ward County Mail Rustlers Attend Big State Meeting--Addresses by Hanna and Plumley--Officers Elected.

Postmasters Anton Larson of Foxholm, J. E. Smith of Ross and Chas. Scribner of Tasker returned from the state meeting of postmasters at Valley City which was held last Thursday and Friday.

Twenty-two delegates were present at the meeting. Important business was transacted at the meeting. Interesting addresses were given by L. B. Hanna, of Fargo our next Congressman, and Mr. Plumley of the Forum. The delegates had an opportunity of attending the Valley City fair which they pronounced good.

The next state meeting will be held at Fargo. The Fargo Commercial club was in Valley City at the time

of the convention and stole the convention for another year.

The national meeting will be held at Des Moines, Ia., and each of the delegates attending the state meeting, were selected as national delegates.

A picture of the convention was taken which will be produced in the postmaster's Advocate.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Pres., T. J. Phillips, Chaffee, N. D. Vice Pres., O. S. Gunderson, Binford, N. D. Secretary, Mary C. Dwire, Medina. Treas. Alfred Sjoquist, Galchurt, N. D.

Crops Damaged Slightly

Rain Comes in Time to Do Immense Lot of Good--Ward County Suffers Less Than Any County in State--Flax the Best Ever.

The hot wave of last week didn't do the crops any good. In some portions of the state, some actual damage was done, averaging perhaps fifteen or twenty per cent for the entire state. In Ward county not much damage has been done, though we need rain quite badly and unless we get a good rain within another week, the crops will be suffering some, and will no doubt be shortened considerably.

The grain is heading out, altho the

straw is short in many localities. On the sandy soil, or on new land, or on old worn out land, the wheat crop is looking none too good. Near the roots it is firing some. Flax looks well and does not seem to be damaged perceptibly.

The weather is much cooler this week and the nights are especially cool.

LATER--We got the rain since the above was written and we are all correspondingly happy.

FOR THE FARMER.

It is a good plan to train the colts to stay in the barn or pasture while their mothers are at work.

Until they become accustomed to having the mares leave them shut them in a roomy box stall. It will not take the colt long to become accustomed to a separation of a half a day at a time and, as well as being better for the mares and their colts it saves the farmer an expenditure in ill temper.

The term breaking in connection with putting a horse or colt in the harness for the first time is suggestive of violence. Try using the word training.

Try giving your family an occasional half holiday along the banks of some stream.

Keep the cultivator going in the potatoes. It will increase the yield. Kindness and self-control are the prime requisites in milking a heifer for the first time.

A small cow that is a fair milker is more profitable than a big cow that is an extra milker.

Milking too rapidly is apt to make a fretful cow.

John Coral of Douglas was arrested on a very serious charge on a warrant sworn out by Anna Paula, Judge Murray bound the man over to the District court under \$1,000 bonds.

Richard Teslow has returned from Albert Lea, Minn., to his Mohall home. He was called east in June by the death of his father.

Jerry Zlevor, the tailor, has purchased the Dr. Crokat cottage and lot on South Main street, paying \$37,000 for the same. He will remodel the building later and move his tailoring establishment in the building.

A. O. Bundy who has been connected with Atty. Lambert for two years has gone to South Dakota for a visit with his parents. Later he will open a law office in that state, or in Montana.

T. F. Renwald has returned from Iowa.

John Ehr who has been buying horses in Montana, returned yesterday.

Fred Almy visited friends in Crookston last week. His wife who has been making an extended visit in Minnesota, returned with him.

Mr. Wagner of Blaisdell made final proof on his homestead last Friday. Mr. Wagner has been quite successful with sheep, which he says paid 100 per cent on his investment last year. He has 65 sheep. He also has fine improvements on his farm.

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