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North Dakota Exhibit Excellent

Wisconsin is Surprised at its Great Showing that We Made at Milwaukee—Coal Industry Advertised

In its account of the Wisconsin state fair which was held last week. The Milwaukee Star has the following to say regarding the exhibits from North Dakota:

Among the exhibits in the building devoted to the products of the farm is one by the state of North Dakota, arranged by W. C. Gillebreath, the commissioner of agriculture and labor, which is not only full and complete, but shows the mighty sources of that state. A year or two ago the country was filled with horror over the fatalities that resulted from the fact that this far western country had been caught during the cold weather without a sufficient quantity of fuel to keep the inhabitants in many cases from freezing to death. People on the farms were obliged to abandon their holdings and take refuge from the wintry blasts in the larger class of towns and cities and in many cases they were obliged to burn the doors of their homes for firewood. The exhibit made by North Dakota shows that this shortage of fuel has been overcome, and all danger of a coal famine has passed. It may be, too, that this display explains the reason why the shipments of coal into the western country has been so slack of late.

Among the samples of the products of North Dakota are a large number

of samples of lignite coal which has been discovered in large quantities in the land of the Dakotas. It is said that veins of lignite coal underlie the greater part of the state, though it is only being worked in a few places up to the present time. It is claimed that before long the farmers will be mining their own coal. It is estimated that in Ward county alone there are 3,500,000 acres of coal bearing land, and that there are large deposits of the coal in nearly every county in the western part of the state. Where the rivers have cut through the underlying clay they have bared these veins, which are said to be in many cases ten and twelve feet in thickness.

The clay is also being utilized in the making of pottery of an excellent and highly ornamented character, and the finest building material in the shape of brick to be found in the country.

The exhibits also contain a full line of grain and grasses grown in the state, together with a large variety of game birds which have been treated by the taxidermist, but which are said to exist in large quantities in their native state. The specimens include six or seven varieties of wild ducks, geese, grouse, curlew and rabbits and other game calculated to catch the fancy of the nimpod.

Ten Suggestions to Those Who Contemplate Holding an Auction Sale

1. First and foremost have your sale well advertised by bills and notices in the papers.
2. See that the bills are well distributed. Seven to nine days notice of a sale is better than longer.
3. Have your horses well groomed, they will sell 40 per cent higher.
4. A well matched team should be offered for sale together.
5. If you have many cattle or hogs they should be numbered. It will save confusion and dispute among buyers. A little paint will be sufficient for marking.
6. Have machinery in a convenient place that everyone may see and hear without too much walking.
7. A few cents in repairs in machinery often brings in dollars in returns.
8. Ten o'clock is a better time to advertise for beginning a sale than later in the day.
9. A lunch with hot coffee always pays.
10. If you want to be sure of a crowd, have the Independent print your bills and run the notice in the paper one or two weeks. The price will be very reasonable.

Judge Taft sent home a great truth when he declared that the war in the Philippines was prolonged at least two years by the attitude of Bryan and the Democratic party. Aguinaldo was hailed as a second George Washington and hundreds of brave American troops die miserably because Bryan upheld the cause of the insurgents. Taft was in the Philippines at the time and he knows what he is talking about.

A young threer hand reported to Marshal Michaelson Sunday morning that he had been robbed of about a \$100 by a pal. The two men had come to town Saturday evening and decided to stay all night taking lodging in a side door sleeper. During the night the pal got up and relieved the young man of his money and skipped. The man could not be found.—Russell Sentinel.

The capture, trial and conviction of the Peltier brothers and Little Rising Sun, the murderers of Frank Seidel and his niece, cost Bottineau county about \$3,500. The conviction of this trio of scoundrels was worth it.

The "Skeerless One's" speeches make it plain that he is running on a flimsy platform which warps in the lime-light.

Some Truth in This.

Atchinson Globe: Was a woman ever known to blow out the gas, or to be buncoed by a man who wanted to borrow money to pay a freight bill? Does she ever bet her pocket money on a little "game"? If she has a roll of money with her, does she ever flash it when she wants to buy a cake or chewing gum? Isn't it a fact that she is wiser with money when traveling than the men, and more to be trusted? Instead of a woman having a man along to protect her, the daily papers prove that every man who goes away from home should have a woman to act as a guardian, and keep him from making a bigger fool of himself than he naturally is.

Should be a Felony.

Our statutes are much too lenient in regard to carrying of explosives. A criminal with dynamite in his possession is more dangerous than a wild beast. He can have no possible legitimate use for it and must intend to commit a crime. Yet, in this state, he is only guilty of a jail offense.

The carrying of high explosives on the person should be in itself a felony unless a good reason therefor can be given. Such a law would work hardship on no one and would do wonders in ridding the state of the bands of yeggmen who make night a terror to every country banker and merchant.—Towner Tribune

If you like the jingle of silver dollars in your pocket, you had best hoard up a few, for the twin city bankers give warning that in a very short time they will be scarcer than hens teeth in the northwest. It has been the government's policy to pay the express, amounting to \$2.00 per thousand on silver dollars from the subtreasuries to the banks, in order to keep them in circulation. The banks have received word that this practice is discontinued and that the banks will have to pay the freight. This means that the banks won't do anything of the kind, but will ship in one and two dollar bills instead, and that the silver will accordingly pile up in the treasury vaults. The government has done its best to keep the metal dollar in circulation, but the banks don't like them, so back to the cellar they go from the west, as they have long since from the east and the certificates of your Uncle Sam will take their place in the pockets of the people.—Bismarck Palladium.

A guarantee of Democratic ballot deposits is what interests W. J. Bryan more than any other issue.

BRYAN SAYS ADVERTISING PAYS

William Jennings Bryan is a newspaper man and consequently knows that advertising pays. He says "The fellow who tries to attract business without advertising is like the fellow who throws his sweetheart a silent kiss in the dark."

He knows what he is doing—but no one else does. Many a man kisses his business good-bye because he failed to work to keep his customers interested in his stock. If people

see that he is alive they will come in to look over his goods. Lying and deceiving may work for a while, but true worth must win the day and the business man who looks ahead and is on the square, can never fail. His deception and two-faced methods will find him out—and then like "the silent kiss in the dark" he will slowly and silently fade away and never be met with again.—Ex.

THE CIGARETTE HABIT

Our readers will pardon us if we use a little slang in expressing our views of the victim of cigarettes. Say, young kid, you're a nice snipe with that cigarette under your nose, ain't you? You're the kind of a soft, pliable, flabby piece of a boy, all weakness and moral imbecility, which the toughs take as apprentices and educate in the deep, dark mysteries of how to be bad. You are marked as a little fool by every decent man who sees you, and every time you indulge in the foolish and hurtful habit you are lessening your opportunity of being respectable. You want to be smart, but you know it isn't smart; nobody thinks it smart. If you go into a strange town your cigarette spots you as a little hoodlum, and you will have to do a lot of

good things before you can convince anyone that you are worth having. It impairs your health and ruins your reputation and makes a contemptible monkey out of what might be a respectable boy. Your friends are ashamed of you. If you are far enough along in your habit you glory in your shame and stick to it thru pure cussedness. You ought to be transformed, but your mother hasn't given you up yet and wants you near her as you are. Nobody respects you, nobody ought to. You are the blossom that yields the fruit of idleness and shame—you are the sprout from which a worthless bum will grow in time. You ought to quit it, and you know that you ought. Why don't you?—Crystal Call.

Bill to Bill
Says Bill to Bill: "You great big bluff,

For once I haven't got words enough To tell all I know for your vicious plan To steal the rights of the working man

You're the tool of the trusts, and I'll prove it, Taft;

Why, even your voice is now phony graft.

I know what happened behind the scenes

When you were running the Philippines.

You smile, but you are a villain still, And you'll get yours," says Bill to Bill.

Says Bill to Bill: "You son of a gun, What can you do besides just run?"

You cried free silver in ninety-six, And you're too old to learn new tricks.

Back, back to Lincoln for yours; but, say,

If I were Lincoln I'd move away.

As a false alarm you get the cake;

Why, even your farm is a nature fake, You're dead, but you won't admit it till

November third," says Bill to Bill.

Editor Evans of Lansford appeared before the county court at Bottineau in behalf of the W. C. T. U. and tried to knock out the granting of a druggist's permit to sell liquor, asked for by Oscar O. Hilden. Mr. Hilden had the signatures of 52 women and his petition was granted.

Bisbee Gazette: The engineer on the Great Northern freight coming up from Cando last Friday afternoon

received a nervous shock when he saw a woman throw herself prostrate across the track only a few rods ahead of his train. He threw on the reverse but saw to his chagrin that the engine could not stop the heavy train and it looked like sure death. Just before the engineer reached the spot, however, a man rushed up and snatched the prostrate form from the rails. Later developments proved this lady to be Mrs. Sam Dainerd, whose home is very close to the railroad at the scene of the incident. For the past two years Mrs. Dainerd's mind has been affected and it was during one of her insane spells that she attempted to take her life.

A childless and well-to-do couple at Page, N. Dak., who had read the story of Nellie Boozenney, the Russian girl who was so cruelly beaten by her parents a short time ago, have written the authorities here in regard to adopting the girl. Mr. Masteller is investigating the matter and if everything proves to be all right, Nellie may find a real home after all.—Balfour Statesman.

C. W. Boyd of Cando who was arrested in Minot last week by Sheriff James Taylor of that place, is said to have embezzled \$250 from the Singer Sewing Machine Co. He has been hitting a pretty fast clip, mingling with the riff-raff.

Investigated Bad Resorts

Minot Business Man Arrested by Police as He Was Prowling About Red Light District—Wants to Scatter the Inmates

local Sherlock Holmes donned a wig and false whiskers and meandered down in the Red Light district to get evidence against some of the resorts. A night police who saw him prowling about the houses, placed him under arrest and was about to place him in jail. The man, who is head bookkeeper for one of our largest concerns, took the police to his place of business, and demonstrated

that he could unlock the safe before he was let go. Commenting on the affair, Mayor Clark in the Reporter, says that it requires no detectives to ascertain that the resorts are being run in that district, and if anyone wants to scatter the friendless women about the city, all that they have to do is to make a complaint.

A Very Big True Fish Story

Charlie Lewis Tells How He Knocked Over Big Fish Out on the White Earth Creek With Boat Paddle

Charlie Lewis, the old time trapper from out on the White Earth, told a good fish story while in Minot last Saturday. A week ago Monday, a heavy rain fell in that vicinity, accompanied by a terrific hail storm, which raised the water of the river, and she overflowed the banks. Charlie had business to go across the river in a skiff, and in passing over some shallow places, saw a great big cat fish floundering in the water, on a sand bar. He jumped out of the boat and striking the big fish over the head with a paddle, laid him out so that he could lift him into the

boat, where he tied it with a rope. He went across conducted his business and on returning encountered another fish almost as long as the first one, which weighed 30 pounds or more. He got out of the boat into the ice cold water and after a fierce encounter, chased Mr. Fish into shallow water, where he captured it also. He got six such fish and twenty smaller ones weighing from three to five pounds. Charlie would have given five dollars for a spear about the time, but as it was not enough of the funny tribe to last him for a number of meals.

Attorney Becker of Williston lost his fine auto from fire, while nine miles south of Williston, enroute to his home from a trip over in McKenzie county. While climbing a steep hill, the gasoline ran low and the machine started backwards. The occupants were thrown out and slightly injured, the big machine overturned. It soon caught fire from the gasoline and burned. An insurance of a thousand dollars was carried.

The city marshal of Edgeland, in Tower County, shot a Finlander in the neck and the fellow will likely die. The marshal had arrested him for scrapping with a cripple, and on the way to jail broke away. The marshal ordered him to stop and fired a shot. Another shot and the fellow continued to run. The third shot he came down with a bullet in his neck.

Ira Smith who lives near Newburg, came to this country from Iowa with just \$22.50 in his pocket. For a year he worked out and then filed on a claim. Today he has a half section of land and raised over 4,000 bushels of wheat this year. There are plenty others in the Loop who have done as well.—Westhope Standard.

Many of the farmers are coming in and straightened up their subscription, which is right. Reader, how do you stand with the Independent? Wouldn't this be a good time to send in that dollar or so on subscription? It means so little to you, yet it counts up into the thousands of dollars for the paper.

No farmer ever realizes how precious an old cow was to him until after she is run over by the train. The difference between an airship and the price of meat is that the latter will never come down fast enough to hurt anyone.

Two big cisterns are being dug by the town of Flaxton and when they are completed, the town will have ample fire fighting facilities, besides Bro. Ware will have an opportunity to take bi-annual baths at last.

On account of the rainy weather, the market day proceedings at Bowbells were postponed last Saturday. The Minot High School band has been engaged to furnish music for the big day—when it comes off.

Typhoid fever is claiming many at Hillsboro and the doctors are warning the citizens to boil the water.

Rev. T. H. Tonnason, who about four years ago was pastor of the Lutheran Synod church of this city, is back from Garwood, Idaho, on a visit to his many friends. Mr. Tonnason's wife is with him. He has been engaged in the mercantile business at Garwood for more than a year, but has sold his business. He was post master at Garwood, and withal, he did a very thriving business. Mr. Tonnason will go east to Wisconsin to visit his grandmother, and after doing business with the wholesale house of the east, will return to the west, to open a store in the state of Washington.

Wm. H. Rouse, who has been farming at Wayne for the past six years, will go to Waucunda, Wash., on Oct. 25, where he will engage in the real estate business. He visited that country in July, and tells great stories of the fruit, the farming, timber, minerals, fish, game and climate.

It would be hard indeed to imagine a better show than was given at the Arcade last week. The vaudeville specialties were simply great, five artists participating in them. The dog and pony act was as clever a performance as has ever been seen on any stage. This week eight vaudeville specialists appear, and the show is as good, if not better than last week. The Emersons are sparing no expense to give Minot one of the best attractions of the kind in the state.

Jourgen Olson, who has conducted the Lexington hotel for the past year, will close that hostelry today. This afternoon a sale of the furniture of the hotel is being held. Mr. Olson has entirely too much land and loan business to look after, to spend the time necessary to conduct a hotel business.

No market sale was held last Saturday owing to the indisposition of the farmers to bid on what was put up for sale. A fair crowd had gathered, but did not seem to be in the buying mood.

Mrs. Temple's Telegram, the splendid play rendered by local talent in this city recently, will be played at Velva Friday night, Oct. 9. Velva has a beautiful opera house and is considered an excellent town for good attractions, and no doubt a crowded house will greet the local players.

Attorney Bessie of Williston has been appointed Assistant Attorney General of the state by Gov. Burke.

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