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NORTH DAKOTANS EQUIP FARMS WITH FINE STOCK

BOARD REJECTS ALL BIDS FOR THE NEW SCHOOL

PROPOSED BUILDING COSTS MORE THAN THE AVAILABLE MONEY AND THE SPECIFICATIONS MUST BE CUT DOWN ABOUT \$6,000.

The school board rejected all bids for the construction of the new eight room school building on the site recently purchased north of the G. N. depot. There were five bids for the construction work. The bid of D. A. Dinnie & Co., was \$36,871; Carl Bartleson, \$34,200; Olson & Matson, \$35,985. A Fargo concern bid \$38,432 and a Montana concern \$35,890. It therefore looks as tho the local contractors will ultimately get the job. New bids will be advertised for immediately.

Three concerns bid on the electric lighting for about \$1800, and one concern, the Minot Plumbing & Heating Co., bid on the plumbing for about \$1,000. This runs the work considerably higher than the available money will stand and the board will endeavor to cut about \$6,000 out of the contract.

The Optic gave an exposition of the famous Tango Saturday in true Jim Jam Jems style. One could almost see Brother Kauffman dancing it.

YOUNG BANDITS LAID BOLD PLOT IN MAGIC CITY

JOHN CARL, THE YOUNGER OF THE DENBIGH BANK ROBBERS, LIVED IN MINOT FOR A TIME—BROTHERS RECEIVE STIFF SENTENCES.

The two young men, Roger Carl, aged 23, and his brother John, aged 20, who were arrested while attempting to rob the Denbigh bank, pleaded guilty and Saturday were given long terms in the penitentiary by Judge Burr at Towner. Roger, the leader, received a sentence of seven years and John, three years. The lads are now in the penitentiary.

Roger Carl has been a particularly bad youth. Some years ago he broke into a building at Towner, owned by the Alfalfa Land Co., intending to commit theft. A short time before the Denbigh bank episode, he robbed the postoffice at Denbigh, getting only four or five dollars. A short time before the boys tried to rob the Denbigh bank, Roger came to Minot, where he met John, inducing him to go into the robbery with him. The boys planned on securing a large sum of money, and then return to Minot to spend it. The Independent has already told the story of the Denbigh hold-up and how the boys were overpowered before they could get to the bank's coffers. Both young men are strong fellows but so worthless that when arrested they had but ten cents between them.

Boston Buyer Brings Back Bargains. Harry Feldman, proprietor of the Boston store, is back from Chicago and other points, where he spent four weeks buying stock. The Boston store is doing a far better business than ever since moving into its new location and Mr. Feldman has to make frequent trips to the east to pick up bargains.

Fred Hockspier, formerly of Sawyer, is back from Burgoyne, Sask., visiting friends. "Klondyke" is prospering in then orth, where he owns a large well-stocked farm.

E. S. Waterman writes that he will return in a few days from Montague, Cal., to his big farm at Des Lacs, which he will look after this season.

Millinery Sales Room. C. E. DeNoon is arranging a millinery sales room at McCoy's that will be a thing of beauty and a joy to the ladies who select their spring hats. The interior of the room will be pure white with golden decorations. Mirrors about the walls will lend attractiveness to the surroundings and shelves of hats will occupy one end of the room.

WELL-KNOWN DRADY WOMAN CALLED HOME

Mrs. A. Blom, of Drady, passed away at 10:30 o'clock Sunday night, Feb. 22, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. D. Wilson, of Minot. Mrs. Blom had been ill since October but the immediate cause of her death was cancer of the liver, following an operation for gall stones. Thruout the intense suffering of the past months she was ever patient and longed for the Master's voice to release her from her pain and take her to the Home where suffering and sorrow cannot enter.

The Presbyterian choir sang "Safe in the Arms of Jesus," a favorite of the deceased, "Nearer My God to Thee" and "Jesus, Lover of My Soul." The bereaved family have the deepest sympathy of many friends in this their hour of sorrow.

"Safe in the arms of Jesus, Safe on His gentle breast, There by His love o'er shaded, Sweetly, her soul shall rest."

Mr. Chas. Blom of Fargo attended the funeral of Mrs. A. Blom of Drady Feb. 25.

She loved her bible, possessing a living faith in Christ as her Comforter and Savior.

Carrie Johnson was born in Sweden sixty-two years ago, coming to this country at the age of seventeen.

In 1877 she was united in marriage to Mr. A. Blom in St. Paul, Minnesota. To them were born four children, Mrs. W. D. Wilson of Minot, Mrs. S. R. Herzog of Drady and Harry Blom of Drady, and Amil, who died when two years old. Their married life was spent in various points in Minnesota and the last fourteen years in Ward county. In her many years' residence at Drady she has endeared herself to a large circle of friends, who feel that a kind friend and neighbor has been taken from their midst.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. P. W. Erickson and Rev. Richmond from the Presbyterian church in Minot at two o'clock Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 25, and interment was in the Rosehill cemetery. The services were largely attended and the floral offerings were many and beautiful.

HEART-THROB STORY FROM 'LITTLE VILLAGE'

COAL MINER ILL OF TUBERCULOSIS—FAMILY WAS FOUND IN DESTITUTE CIRCUMSTANCES—GOOD PEOPLE PROVIDED FOOD AND CLOTHING

Located in a poor little cold shack at the Davis mine a mile east of Burlington is a family that has been in dire want for weeks and no one knew it until only a few days ago. When the four children failed to attend school, a committee was sent out to investigate. The sight that met their eyes as one never to be forgotten. The father was found very ill of pulmonary tuberculosis and he was later brot to this city for treatment. The four little children were without shoes and clad in rags. The mother had no shoes and the poor father possessed an old pair that were tied on with twine. The father did not have a shirt to his back and there was little or no food in the house.

The Burlington school board has provided clothing for the youngsters and the township provided food. The Independent isn't very strong on heart throb stories, but here is one which if properly written, might bring tears to most any one's eyes.

Buy Five Carloads of Stock in Wisconsin.—Get Dairy Cattle and Will Emulate Example of Older State.

(Special from Milwaukee Sentinel by courtesy of Brush-McWilliams Co.) Sixty-three North Dakota farmers, who own 30,000 acres of Flickertail land worth more than \$1,000,000, visited Milwaukee Wednesday night.

They came here after a day spent at Waukesha and left Thursday morning for Rosendale, Wis., where they will visit three dairy farms.

During a two day visit to Wisconsin the party purchased five carloads of blooded stock and arranged for the purchase of as many more cars.

They visited the state capital, where for several hours they formed a special class at the agricultural college and were taught dairying by university instructors.

Seek Lessons in Dairying.

The trip to Wisconsin is the result of a movement in the northwestern states towards diversified farming and dairying. Several months ago the bankers of that territory decided that farm loans would be made on the basis of the number of cows owned and the amount of small crop raised. General farming had been tried for years in North Dakota, and North Dakota at last realized that the successful farmer must not depend entirely on wheat.

In casting about for a state in which the lesson of diversified farming could be learned the North Dakotans picked Wisconsin, the banner dairy state of the union. When the farmers reached Milwaukee Wednesday night they were loud in their praise of Wisconsin farms. On Monday, the first day in the state, the party visited West Salem, where seven farms were inspected. There many purchases were made for immediate shipment. On Tuesday the agricultural college was the point of interest.

"Jim Hill told me one day that the Wisconsin agricultural college was the best in the world. Now I know he was right."

Seek Badgers' Experience. F. P. Bergman, president of the principal business organization in Williston, N. D., the trading point of most of the members of the party, told the story of the trip to Wisconsin. "We organized this expedition along systematic lines," he said. "We realized that it was time to turn to diversified farming in North Dakota. We are not here to purchase farm land. We know that you have the best farming state in the union but we are satisfied with North Dakota. We want to take advantage of your experience, and in order to do so we decided to come here and see your farmers at work. Many men in our party are too old to think of going to a farming school. But this trip certainly has been a schooling for all of us."

Worked for Expenses. "To begin with, in order to carry out our plan without a slip we asked 63 farmers near Williston to work for us one week. We fixed a sum to be paid them, besides their expenses, and every one of them signed a contract to that effect. They all say now if they had known the benefit of a trip to Wisconsin they would have been glad to pay for it. Many of them declare that they will not take the 'salary' for the week."

"Our party was carefully selected. Every man owns at least 320 acres of North Dakota land, well improved for straight farming. They all know how to raise wheat, and one of them could be called a bonanza farmer. For years he has been raising wheat and other grains on 8,000 acres of land. But he, too, has been converted on this trip."

"When he was shown the profits which your farmers make on a tract of land smaller than his front yard he was convinced."

Bring \$20,000 Along. "We are traveling 2,500 miles to get a glimpse of your dairies. We brought along \$20,000 to purchase stock to make a beginning in our community, but it was not enough. The five carloads we will ship home will be followed by many others before summer."

"In making the selection of the farmers for this trip we picked men who represented several communities. Some are members of organizations and they will make reports when they get home."

The party was accompanied by Prof. E. R. Crane, agricultural expert, and L. L. LaRue, traveling passenger agent of the Great Northern railroad. "James J. Hill knows the value of diversified farming," said Prof. Crane. "That is why we are interested in this trip. He knows, too, that Wisconsin can teach the world how to farm, and that is one reason why we are here."

See Sentinel Office.

When the party arrived in Milwaukee Wednesday night they went directly to the office of the Sentinel, where they made their headquarters while in the city. After a trip through the plant, where many of them saw modern newspaper machinery in action for the first time, a flashlight photograph was taken as a souvenir of their visit.

Later they were the guests of the Empress theatre, the whole tier of balcony boxes having been reserved for this part of their entertainment.

The wisdom of an enterprise of the above character needs no argument in its support, and means much to the people of this state. It is constructive work of a high character, and will do much to correct some of the reports sent out indicating that the whole country is for sale, which to say the least is misleading and harmful.

Small Farm the Best. Aug. Krantz, a thrifty farmer from Denmark township, was down from Kenmare last week attending the fair. Mr. Krantz owns just a quarter of land, enough for a comfortable living. He keeps ten cows and calves on his farm, half a dozen hogs and 150 chickens. Good money in poultry if they are properly cared for he says. He raises corn to pull his stock thru the winter and in the driest seasons has grown good corn.

BOYS' ACRE YIELD CORN CONTEST KEEN

Seven hundred dollars in cash is being offered North Dakota boys who can produce the most corn on an acre.

The conditions are: that the boy be ten to eighteen years of age; that he plan and do the work (though help may be secured in plowing and preparing the land.) The corn must be grown under farm conditions. No commercial fertilizers are allowed, but manure may be used. The contestant must furnish his own seed and may use any variety. Instructions will be sent out as to methods of producing corn. The contest is to close when corn is mature. Corn is to be judged by the Better Farming Section or parties appointed by them. A history of the growing of the crop must be submitted, and two reports will be required of each contestant before the corn will be judged.

The state has been divided into a north and south section. Mr. Thomas Cooper, Director of the North Dakota Experiment Station, has secured the following prizes for each section: 1st prize, \$75.00; 2nd, \$50.00; 3rd, \$35.00; 4th, \$25.00; 5th, \$15.00; 6th to 16th, \$10.00 each. A sweepstakes prize of \$100.00 is offered for the best yield in the state, which will go to the winner of the first prize in one of the sections.

The Boys' Acre Yield Contest of 1913 resulted in a yield of 106 bushels of mature corn in the southeastern section and 98 bushels in the northeastern section.

A circular giving full details and application blank may be had by writing the Experiment Station at Fargo, or from any of the field agents of the Better Farming Section.

J. H. Burns of Surrey, one of the best known blacksmiths in Ward county, was in the city Saturday to attend the monthly meeting of the Mechanics' Mutual Association. This is the only local in the state that reported twelve meetings last year. Mr. Burns told of the banquet given at Surrey the night before for the benefit for the benefit of the Surrey firemen. Twenty-five dollars were realized, which puts the company out of debt. The boys are thankful to all who assisted.

Miss C. E. Smith, the New York milliner, is getting her line of millinery ready for display and expects to arrange for the millinery opening in about a week.

HOMESTEADERS FILE PETITION IN CONGRESS

WILL ASK CONGRESS TO EXTEND TIME OF NEXT PAYMENT ON LAND OR GIVE THEM BACK THEIR HOMESTEAD RIGHT OR PURCHASE MONEY.

The Independent's correspondent at Makoti, on the Berthold reservation, sends in the following interesting report:

The homesteaders in this section will hold a meeting at Knute Rude's on Wednesday afternoon of this week for the purpose of preparing to petition Congress either to extend the time for the next payment on their land or give them back their homestead right or their purchase money. Other meetings will be held on the same date for the same purpose. Delegates will be selected at each meeting to meet a week later at Parshall and form a petition, the petition to ask for what the greater number desire. The homesteaders believe it to be unjust to have to use their right and also to purchase the lands.

THREE THOUSAND ACRES OF LAND LISTED BY 'SOO'

MAJOR MURPHY, IMMIGRATION AGENT AND ASSISTANT, JOHN J. BATES, WELL PLEASED—A BIG ADVERTISING CAMPAIGN IS ON.

Three thousand quarter sections of land have already been listed by the Soo Line in its campaign to secure new settlers for North Dakota, according to Maj. J. S. Murphy, immigration agent of the company.

As a starter towards securing new settlers for North Dakota, Maj. Murphy has sent out huge bunches of literature, and over 600 advertisements will be inserted in the eastern newspapers where the Soo Line has agents.

One of the most encouraging features of the plan is that practically all of the land is listed at very reasonable prices, and those who buy it can figure that they are getting a genuine bargain.

Major Murphy and his efficient assistant, John J. Bates, are more than satisfied with the progress of the plan and definite results can be looked for very shortly.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Young of Jerome were called to Minnesota by the death of the latter's mother.

MCVEETY SERVED TIME IN THE PEN FOR "PIGGING"

DONNYBROOK MAN CHARGED WITH PIGGING WILL GO TO THE PENITENTIARY IF CONVICTED AGAIN.

Frank J. Roble, clerk of court of McHenry county, arrived from Towner Tuesday with the records in the T. W. McVeety case, showing that McVeety, while a resident of Anamoose, in 1906 was convicted of blind pigging and served nine months for it. McVeety was recently arrested, charged with a similar offense at Donnybrook and in case that he is convicted a second time, the penitentiary will stare him in the face.

Later: McVeety was found not guilty.

Speaking of the county division talk Mr. Roble said: "The county officials are not paying much attention to the fight. We believe that the voters are able to decide what they want, and if a majority want to divide the county, all well and good. I believe, however, that considering the likelihood of an increase in the taxes, the question will be voted down."

JURY DISAGREES IN O'BRIEN PIGGING CASE.

After being out for 24 hours, the jury in the O'Brien pigging case disagreed, the jury voting 9 for conviction and 3 for acquittal. O'Brien was arrested at Burlington in December and was alleged to have been in the pigging business along with Frank Rice, who is now doing time in the pen for the crime.

Gust DuQuesne Guilty.

Gust DuQuesne, charged with being implicated in burglarizing the Bearman fruit house in Minot a day or two before Christmas, was found guilty after a short trial Tuesday. The state caught DuQuesne with the goods and he had no defense whatsoever. DuQuesne's pals had already pleaded guilty and are now serving time.

Farris has already had his hearing, being held to district court under \$1000 bonds, which he was unable to furnish.