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## 300 EDUCATORS ATTEND MEETING

### RECORD BREAKING ATTENDANCE AT TENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF NORTHWESTERN EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

The tenth annual meeting of the Northwestern Educational Association of North Dakota in this city on Thursday and Friday of last week was the most successful meeting, both from the standpoint of attendance and talent that the association has ever held. The sessions were held in the Auditorium and Assembly room of the Normal school, where every facility was placed at the disposal of the assembled educators and the exceptional attendance at every session showed that the visitors appreciated the opportunities afforded.

The attendance was a record breaker and the registration far exceeded the most sanguine expectations. The enrollment was in excess of 300, the largest previous enrollment being but 186.

J. H. Colton, superintendent of Townner schools, president of the association, presided at the general sessions and kept the immense gathering in hand in a creditable manner. At the business session on Friday the following officers were chosen for the ensuing year:

President—Miss Anna Peterson, superintendent of Williams County schools.

1st Vice Pres.—Wm. F. Clarke of the Minot Normal.

2nd Vice Pres.—A. C. Berg, superintendent of McHenry county schools.

Secretary—Miss Blanche Dalager, principal of the Central school, Minot. This is Miss Dalager's eleventh consecutive term in office.

Treasurer—Supt. Rockne, of Renville county.

As a gathering of educators the Northwestern Educational Association has attained a prominence that is scarcely secondary to the state association. The gathering this year had an unusually large attendance and the array of speakers of both local and national reputation has never before been equalled in this section.

Judge Marcus Kavanaugh, of the Superior Court of Cook county, Ill., addressed the association on Thursday afternoon and evening. His subject Thursday evening, "Traitors to Justice," was a scathing arraignment of the present system of court procedure.

On Friday Miss Maria Sanford, Professor Emeritus of the University of Minnesota, addressed the Association, taking for her subject "Growth, the Teacher's Duty." Her address was full of inspiration and the mastery manner in which she presented her subject made a profound impression upon the assembly.

Miss Danford is a famous educator, and while well past the allotted age, her voice is clear and has a ring so true that it carried conviction to every heart present.

Mrs. Jean McNaughton Stevens, of Tower, full of enthusiasm and good cheer, was present and delivered a splendid address on "Opportunity," before the Rural section.

Mrs. Anna M. Peterson, of Williston, captivated her auditors by an impromptu address on "A Better Type of Consolidation."

Would that our limited space permitted a more extended notice of the many unusually fine papers read before the association.

It is to be hoped that in the future some provision may be made for the publication of the papers that would appeal to the general public as well as to the teachers themselves.

The N. W. E. A. of North Dakota is an organization of the highest class and Minot is proud of the honor of entertaining this great assemblage of educators.

### Surrey Farmers' Plowing Bee.

On Monday morning a number of the members of the Mouse River Loop Grange No. 21, and other farmers, not members of the order, met at the J. W. Pearson farm near Surrey and put in a long day's work in the fields. Fifteen plows, three drills and two harrows, pulled by more than 100 horses, were going steadily all day and when six o'clock came that evening more than 90 acres had been plowed and a goodly portion of it had been seeded.

Mrs. Pearson, assisted by Mrs. Margaret Perry, had a king's dinner ready for the visitors, and it, alone, was worth the day's work.

The following farmers were either present or represented by teams and men:

Foreman H. C. Hasmussen; Arthur Wetmore, Alvin Rasmussen, C. F. Wood, J. F. White, Sam Peters, Claude Haines, D. Laughridge, J. W. Smith, Earl McAllister, John Bradley, Tom Zook, Paul Burns, Jesse Withers, Alfred Charnstrom, A. L. Bank, Chas. Fox, Albert Rasmussen, A. Schrader, Geo. Bradley.

### DEATH OF MRS. JESSE D. TOWNS OF SAWYER.

On Saturday, May 1st, at St. Joseph's Hospital, Minot, Mrs. Jesse D. Towns died of heart failure, after having sustained hopefully an operation the previous day. Mrs. Towns' maiden name was Neva A. Hays. She was born in Knox Co., Ill., April

18th, 1866, and was married to Jesse D. Towns July 13th, 1887, and removed to North Dakota in the spring of 1888. She confessed Christ and was baptized in December, 1896, and united with the church at Fairview, Iowa.

She leaves a husband, three children, one brother, R. H. Hays of Minot, and three sisters, Mrs. Keiver of Perry, Ia.; Mrs. Clark, of Penora, Ia.; Mrs. Sexton, Adell, Ia.; and Mrs. Doughan of McHenry, N. D.

The funeral services were conducted at Sawyer in the Baptist church on Tuesday at 2 p. m., by Rev. F. B. Sapp, of Minot.

A large number of friends and neighbors were present and many floral tributes were offered.

Mrs. Towns was a consecrated wife and mother and was loved by all who knew her. She will be greatly missed by all.

The influence of her good life still remains as an inspiration to all who desire to live a noble and useful life.

### LOFTUS IN THE LIMELIGHT.

George S. Loftus and the Equity Exchange will soon be in the limelight. The investigation will be searching, as it should be, and the Independent feels certain that the members of the Equity Exchange will not be satisfied unless the proposition is gone in to in a thoro manner. The public

strictly on its merits and no packed decks should be used. The Independent will be sorry, indeed, should the trial result disastrously for the Equity Exchange, for we honestly believe that the principles of the organization are right. We have reason to believe that the farmers have not received the right treatment at the hands of the Chamber of Commerce and we ought

to have an Equity Exchange or some other effective organization backed up by honest men, to compel that organization to give honest weights, honest grades and honest prices. The government could do nothing better than to step in, take a hand in the matter and give us a taste of federal inspection. The North Dakota farmers have been "sucking the hind teat" long enough.

We hope that Loftus will have an opportunity to tell at the trial just half of the crooked things he knows about certain concerns connected with the Chamber of Commerce.

### Why Not Build a Barn.

There is no better investment on a North Dakota farm than a well built, warm, commodious barn. If you have been worrying along with one of those primitive, small structures for years, why not take a tip from us and after the spring seeding is done, build a barn as an investment. We have just car loads of splendid material in our yard and will be glad to talk the proposition over with you. Rogers Lumber Co., H. S. Johnson, Manager.

### Twenty-one Outfits Work in One Field.

Twenty-one of the neighbors of Mrs. J. W. Pearson and family gathered at the farm near Surrey Monday and plowed, harrowed and seeded 95 acres of crop. Mr. Pearson died recently, following a long illness, and one of the sons was ill, hence no farm work was done until that time. The good hearted people of the Surrey district took the matter into their hands and did a most commendable job in a remarkably short time. It was an unusual sight to see 21 farming outfits at work in one field.

### Hannah Lagerwall a Bride.

Joseph Hicks and Miss Hannah Lagerwall were united in marriage in this city by Judge Wm. Murray, Monday, April 26. The event came as quite a surprise to their many friends, who hasten to offer best wishes.

The groom is a steady young man who has made his home south of Minot. The bride is well known here, having had charge of the offices of Dr. Sweet and Dr. A. D. McCannel for years. She recently made final proof on a valuable homestead on the reservation. At present, she is visiting at the home of her sister at Graceville, Minn.

### Minot Jumpers for Big Stakes.

Emmett Hileman, who recently returned from New York with two promising running colts bought by Henry Phillips from August Belmont, is training the jumpers at the Minot track. He will race these colts at Denver, Colo., Reno, Nev., and San Francisco this season. Mr. Hileman is an old time jockey and has been very successful in the work. The horses cost Phillips \$1600.

### New Manager for Lyceum.

J. H. Gardner, who has had charge of the Saxon theatre at Great Falls, Mont., arrived to take charge of the Lyceum, filling the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Richardson.

Mr. Gardner has had much experience in the management of theatres, having been in charge of the Empire Theatre at Butte and the Synograph at Spokane. He contemplates making some extensive improvements at the Lyceum.

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## MRS. JOSEPH KINNS DIED AT SURREY

### WELL KNOWN WOMAN PASSED AWAY MONDAY NIGHT FROM HEART FAILURE — REMAINS INTERRED AT SURREY.

Mrs. Joseph Kinns passed away at her home at Surrey, Monday night at 11:30 o'clock, following a long illness from heart trouble. Although ailing all winter, she had been seriously ill but three weeks.

The funeral was held from the Nazarine church at Surrey Wednesday afternoon, the sermon being preached by Rev. Lyman Brouh, her pastor. The remains were interred at Surrey.

The deceased is survived by her husband, a daughter, Miss Lottie Kinns, and a son, C. E. Platt, of Powell, Wyoming, the latter being unable to attend the funeral. The husband suffered a paralytic stroke a short time ago and is now an invalid.

Mrs. Kinns was born at Dayton, O., and was 57 years, 6 months and 12 days old at the time of death. She had resided in the Surrey district for the past eight years. She was a member of the Nazarine church and was considered one of the hardest, most conscientious workers for the cause. She was a most excellent woman and the surviving relatives have the sympathy of all.

### WARD COUNTY SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

To all Organized Classes in Ward County Sunday Schools; Greetings: The North Dakota Sunday School Association offers first and second premium ribbons to the two counties of the state having the best exhibit of organized Class Activities at the State Convention held in Minot, June 15, 16, 17. The president of Ward County Sunday School Association, Mr. J. H. Burkhardt of Bethold, has asked the Count-On-Me club of Minot to take charge of this part of the exhibit. In order to have an exhibit worth something that will be of interest to the hundreds of Sunday School workers from all over the state who will attend the Convention, something that will be an incentive to other classes, it will be necessary for each class in the county to do its little part. What has your class been doing? Please send an exhibit to show North Dakota just what you have done.

Organized Class Activities are many and varied, running through the phases physical, social, mental and spiritual. An exhibit should include photographs, posters, write-ups, handwork of all kinds, including drawn and relief maps of the Holy Land, Paul's Journeys, Mission Fields, books of original design containing illustrated hymns and Bible stories, memory texts, missionary stories, graded work books, placards showing work done—in fact anything and everything in the Organized Class line. From work done in class Sunday to throughout-the-week activities.

Perhaps you have not done as much as you planned, but what you have done may be just what is needed as an incentive to some other class. Will you ask your secretary to drop me a card saying "Our class will help in the Organized Class exhibit of Ward county for the State Convention?" Then plan your exhibit and send it by express prepaid to Mrs. George Barry, Minot, N. D., to reach her not later than June 12th (unless you plan to send exhibit by delegates, in which case please let me know). Have exhibit plainly marked with name of class, name of school and town, and also "Ward County Organized Class Exhibit."

Other exhibits your Sunday school may be able to help Ward county with are (a) Best Cradle Roll Exhibit; (b) Best Hand Work Exhibit. Will you, as a class, call the attention of your Sunday school to the above. If there is an Organized Class in your Sunday school that does not know about the exhibit planned please share this message with them, for Ward county wishes to have every class in the county interested and represented.

Yours sincerely,  
GLADYS MONTGOMERY,  
Chairman Exhibit Committee, Count-On-Me Club.

### IMPORTANT

When thinking of Sunday school work do not overlook the fact that in order to keep up the standard of Sunday schools in Ward county it requires money. We have a pledge to the state association this year of \$125.00, which must be paid this month if Ward county is to receive credit. A number of the schools making pledges at Donnybrook last summer at the County Convention have not been paid and these should be paid at once. Also those interested in Sunday school work should also help by sending a small contribution. Will you not all help? This is an important part of the work when you consider the state convention is coming to Minot this year. Ward county should report its pledge paid in full. Let us do it. We can if all help. Please be prompt in sending whatever you feel like sending to the treasurer this month by the 20th if possible.

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## "UNCLE CHARLIE" JONES DIED AT SAWYER

### ONE OF THE COUNTY'S EARLIEST SETTLERS DIED LAST NIGHT AT THE AGE OF NINETY—FUNERAL IN MINOT.

"Uncle Charlie" Jones, aged 90 years, who came to Ward county thirty-two years ago, died at his home in Sawyer at 8 o'clock Wednesday evening, from old age. He had been quite hale until a few days before his death, when he failed rapidly. Although he possessed a very rugged constitution, he was unable longer to battle with Father Time. He remained conscious until the day before his death.

The funeral will be held from the Presbyterian church Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock and the remains will be interred at Rose Hill cemetery. The relatives, accompanied by the body, arrived this afternoon.

The funeral services will be preached by Rev. W. C. Hunter and Rev. P. W. Erickson.

The deceased was born in the state of New York and during his earlier years Mr. Jones was a miller. He came to Ward county from Medford, Minn., shipping his effects to Bemarck and hauling them across country to the Mouse river, a short distance west of where Sawyer is now located. He was accompanied on his first trip by Justice C. C. Willis, of this city. They arrived at Mouse river May 20, 1883. Mr. Jones proceeded to build the old log house that the Jones family occupied for a number of years. He continued to occupy the land, on which he "squatted," for many years, moving to Sawyer a few years ago. In those days, land could not be homesteaded, as it had not yet been surveyed. Mr. Jones found only a few settlers located along the river, most of the older settlers of the county coming later that year and the following year. He found Frank and Ed Booth, who had squatted on land near Sawyer, but the number of settlers along the river could have been counted on one's fingers.

Mr. Jones is survived by his wife, who is past eighty years of age. Two children who were born to them, preceded them, the first wife of R. W. Davidson passing to the Beyond several years ago, and a son, Clarence, died a few years ago. Four grandchildren survive, Ernest Davidson, of Portal; Mrs. Montgomery of Harvey, Mrs. Florence Hayes and Mrs. Asa Benton, who reside in the west.

"Uncle Charlie" never needed the services of a physician or surgeon until two years ago when he fell on an icy sidewalk and fractured his hip. It looked at the time as though he could not survive, but his wonderful constitution pulled him thru and he got up and around again. He never used tobacco nor strong liquor, spent the greater portion of his life out of doors, never worried over things, and lived such a life that his conscience never troubled him. He often said that these were the reasons for his long life.

He was a fine type of a citizen, being regarded as scrupulously honest. He took great interest in politics and read the newspapers carefully until a few days before his death. He retained his faculties in a remarkable manner.

He was 90 years old in February and many of his old friends gathered to celebrate the occasion. He was unusually jovial that day and appeared good for several more years.

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### Light Fall of Snow.

A light snow fell over the north-west Tuesday night, but by noon the following day it had disappeared. Just ten years ago to the day, there was a five inch fall of snow here and twelve years ago on June 6, a snow fell which drifted in places to a depth of several feet. Tuesday night's snow was welcome, but we could have used a foot or two more of it to good advantage.

### Champion Strong Boy.

Barney Varberg, a prosperous farmer living southwest of the city, has a couple of husky lads. One of them shouldered a hundred pound sack of flour and carried it to the house, when he was not yet ten years old. Barney considers that he has the champion strong boy of Ward county.

### NON-RESIDENTS MUST HELP.

Never before has there been such a concerted action in gopher destroying in Ward county as there is this spring. Poisoning is the most effective way of getting rid of the pests. It has been determined that very little good is accomplished from giving a bounty on gophers. North Dakota paid out last year \$59,000 in gopher bounty in the various counties. Naturally this means that many gophers were destroyed but they are such prolific breeders that those that were killed were hardly missed. It doesn't do a great deal of good for one farmer to kill the gophers on his farm when perhaps just across the road there is a farm held by some speculator who doesn't believe in investing in a dollar's worth of gopher poison. The legislature very wisely passed a law to overcome this difficulty. Ten resident land holders of any township may petition the township board to destroy the gophers on all vacant land and the work may be done at not to exceed ten dollars a quarter per annum. It is believed that the work can be done well for six dollars a quarter and it is worth this to any land holder. W. A. Peck, county agricultural agent, has been touring the county with Mr. Yerrington, an official gopher executioner, giving demonstrations in gopher poisoning, with such excellent results that no less than eight of the townships will employ men to destroy the gophers under the state law, and others are coming in rapidly. Farmers who are interested in this should write Mr. Peck at once.

### Former Citizen May Lose Leg.

Louis Beckwith, a former employe of the C. N. in Minot, and who was connected with the local Salvation Army Corps, submitted to an operation for cancer of the leg at St. Barnabas hospital, Minneapolis, Monday. His leg may have to be amputated. He recently graduated from the Salvation Army training school, Chicago. He bears the distinction of being the only Montegrin engaged in Salvation Army work in the United States.

### Benno Drug Store Opens Saturday.

The Benno Drug Store will open Saturday in the White Front block, south Main street. George Benno, who has been engaged in the drug business at Bowbells for several years, is the manager. The fixtures and stock are being installed and Mr. Benno will give Minot one of the very best stores of the kind we have ever had. He is a thoro merchant and he is certain to get his share of the business. His store will present a very attractive appearance.

### Christian Church Services.

Sunday school at Labor Hall 10:30 a. m. Preaching at 11:45 by F. B. Sapp. This will be the State and National Mothers' Day and the music and sermon will all be appropriate to the occasion. No preaching at night as Mr. Sapp will speak at Williston on Sunday evening. All are welcome.

### Making Ice Cream.

The Minot Dairy Company has its ice cream manufacturing department in full operation and is turning out a fine quality of goods. An expert ice cream maker, connected with Lathrop's, in Minneapolis, for years, has arrived. The very latest and best machinery has been installed and the company is certain to do a nice business.

### Minot Will Have Band.

Life Platen is working on the organization of a twenty-five piece band that will give a series of concerts in the park during the summer. Minot has many capable musicians and this town surely needs a good band.

## TO INSTITUTE K. C. COUNCIL AT WILLISTON

### SPECIAL TRAIN LEAVES MINOT SUNDAY MORNING AT 6:30—J. A. ROELL, DISTRICT DEPUTY, HAS CHARGE OF CEREMONIES.

A Knights of Columbus Council will be instituted at Williston Sunday. A special train will leave Minot Sunday morning at 6:30 o'clock, many from this city leaving for the City of Opportunity. The train will pick up passengers enroute and arrive at Williston at 10:15.

No less than 300 Knights will gather at Williston that day. It is estimated that fully 75 from Minot will attend.

The new Council will have a membership of a hundred and a class of 75 will be given the degrees. J. A. Roell of this city, district deputy, will have complete charge of the ceremonies. One of the features will be a big banquet at the armory in the evening. Prominent Knights from over the Northwest will attend, among them being members from the Supreme Council, State Deputy Thacker of Grand Forks, Grand Knight Trainor of Devils Lake and Francis J. Murphy, Asst. Attorney General.

### Eight Wards for Minot.

Pres. Shaw introduced an ordinance Monday night, to redistrict the city of Minot, providing for eight wards instead of six. All wards excepting the third are to remain practically the same, the third ward, which lies on the North side, and which is the largest, to be divided into three. The matter will be taken up next Monday night.

### Minot May Install Septic Tank.

L. V. Parker, of the public health laboratory, and E. J. Thomas, city engineer, made a report to the city commission on the experiments they have been conducting for the purification of the waters of the Mouse river. They recommend an Imhoff septic tank. A sample of the sewage, after it had passed thru the test, shows up as clear as crystal. Our friends down at Logan may well have visions of soon dipping up aqua pura right out of the murmuring Mouse as clear as and crystal-spring—visions, mind you.

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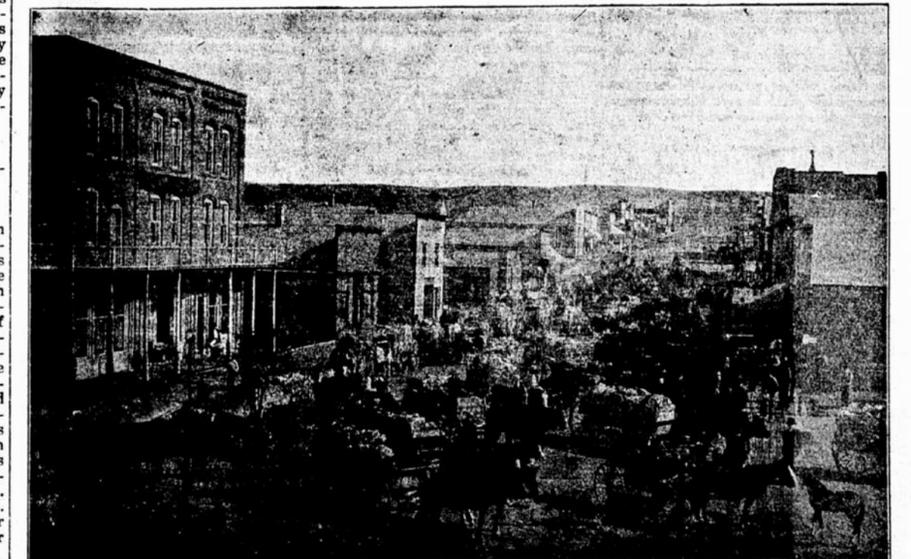
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## MAIN STREET, MINOT, N. D., IN THE EARLY DAYS



The wagons seen were filled with buffalo bones, the residents making considerable money picking them up on the prairies. Whole train loads were shipped out. One of the early settlers seen in the picture is Hon. James Johnson driving in his buggy. "Jim" now drives a Buick, he having developed into one of our speediest "go-devil" enthusiasts. You will note that not an auto is to be seen in the above picture, this scene being taken long before these machines were in use.