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MINOT TO HAVE CO-OPERATIVE ELEVATOR

WILL BE READY FOR THE PURCHASE OF GRAIN IN ABOUT SIX WEEKS—WILL BE 40,000 BU. CAPACITY—CAPITAL STOCK \$20,000; SHARES \$10 AT PAR.

During the past two weeks several meetings of farmers have been held in this city for the purpose of starting a Farmers' Co-operative elevator, one that will pay patronage dividends to the farmers. As a result of these meetings application will be made to the secretary of state immediately for a charter for a farmers' co-operative elevator, to be known as the Farmers' Co-operative Elevator company of Minot. The company will have an authorized capital stock of \$20,000 with the shares at \$10 each. Eight per cent dividends will be paid to the stockholders first; then after caring for the expenses, the balance of the earnings will be distributed to the farmers who haul grain to the elevator on the patronage basis. Every farmer will receive dividends in proportion to the amount of grain sold to the elevator. Among the men interested in the new co-operative elevator are prominent grain growing farmers like Anton J. Johnson, Frank Linha, A. C. Erb, John E. Christensen, Reinhold Reinke and many others of similar standing in the community. These men are Equity advocates and argue patronage dividend elevators, strictly co-operative, should be established all over the state and country, so that the actual producer can receive as much as conditions will permit of the products and earning power of their toil on the farm.

The elevator will be of 40,000 bushel capacity, possibly larger, and will be located either on the Soo or Great Northern track. The papers for the charter and all other preliminary work in connection with the elevator; the supervision of construction and the financing and auditing of the books will be handled by the officers of the Farmers' Rural Credit association. It is contemplated to have the site selected and elevator completed and the buying of grain commenced in about six weeks time or less.

MOTOR TRIP TO YELLOWSTONE PARK

MR. AND MRS. NORMAN J. ELLISON BACK FROM LONG JOURNEY THROUGH MONTANA—ENJOYED SPLENDID OUTING.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman J. Ellison returned Saturday night from an auto trip of several thousand miles through Montana. They visited Yellowstone Park. The distance from Minot to the park is 682 miles and this journey can be made by auto easily in three or four days. The roads were not always in the best of condition owing to rains throughout the state of Montana. They spent four days at Lewistown, Mont., at the home of Mrs. Ellison's aunt, Mrs. Cull, making several side trips where they enjoyed some fine mountain trout fishing. On their return they visited Great Falls and other cities along the Great Northern. From Williston to Minot they found the worst roads on the trip, owing in a large degree to heavy rains. They found excellent roads along the Yellowstone trail. The highways in Montana are generally speaking better built roads than in our own state. Much of the work is done by road graders, a nice smooth grade being finished.

"North Dakota looks better to me than ever," Mr. Ellison said to an Independent representative. "Montana is away behind us in the way of development. You find no such cities as Minot with the hundreds of fine towns throughout the surrounding country. The farm houses are scattered and the agricultural development is away behind that of North Dakota."

Mr. and Mrs. Ellison spent six days in Yellowstone park, traveling by stage. In August, it is understood, that autos will be allowed in the park. They enjoyed camp life at night, bungalow tents with all conveniences being provided and the very best of meals served. They would be routed out bright and early in the morning to begin their journey of from thirty to fifty miles.

The geysers are as wonderful as they were ages ago, although the course of evolution some of them have changed. There are immense holes where geysers spouted in former years. Old Faithful, of course, is the greatest of all and every seventy minutes this gey-

ser gets into action with a terrific roar. Mr. Ellison entered the park the day after the bandit held up fifteen stage coaches, getting in the neighborhood of \$1,500 in cash and booty. He did a very nice job and has not been captured. He'd get through with one coach in time to order it on before another would drive up. After the hold-up, travelers carried very little money and valuables with them. The government does not allow one to "pack" a gun, consequently there is little chance for one to defend himself.

RATS INFEST THIS LOCALITY

We are facing a grave situation at the present time from the growing number of rats that are infesting this section of the state. Within the past two years the number has increased from an occasional specimen found usually near the railroads until the present time when it is the exception for a single firm to be without a few of these rapacious pests. Steps should be taken at once to rid the country of rats, and every effort made to head them off before it is too late. Let us go after them right, offer a substantial bounty for their carcasses, or in some way bring about their extermination before it is too late, otherwise we will soon be faced by the same problem that confronts the farmers of Illinois and Iowa. Judge Wallace of Burlington reports the capture of eleven of the pests within the past two weeks, and from all points we hear reports of the depredations of this voracious rodent. In addition to the damage they do they are a constant menace from the fact that they are liable to communicate that dread disease, bubonic plague. It may take an outbreak of the plague to awaken us to the necessity for exterminating the rat, but we trust that the better judgment of our officials will dictate a course of extermination before it becomes so serious.

DUROC JERSEY HOGS FOR SALE

Twenty-five registered young sows and boars four months old, Duroc Jersey breed. These are among the very finest to be found in the country and they will be sold reasonably. Can furnish papers if desired. Will sell two fine large boned sows; brood sows that have had one litter each. Here is a fine chance to get into the full blooded class at a reasonable price. Will ship to any point. After September 1, the price will be advanced. Crystal Springs Ranch, Paul Evans, prop. Dray, N. D.

A Beautiful Drug Store

New fixtures of exquisite design were installed this week by the Benzo Drug company, among them is an up to date mohogany cigar case, in reality a humidor, which will keep the cigars in perfect condition. The store now presents one of the most beautiful appearances of any in the state.

Grabbed Woman's Purse at Bowbells

A young transient at Bowbells is alleged to have snatched a hand bag from a woman in the hotel at Bowbells one day last week. The bag is said to have contained money and valuables to the value of \$90. The young fellow made no effort to escape and handed the lady her hand bag as he was placed under arrest. He was taken to the county jail at Minot for safe keeping and will be tried at the next term of district court.

Minot's Manufactures

420,000 pounds of butter valued at \$117,600 and 300,000 barrels of flour worth \$1,575,000 were manufactured in the city of Minot during the current fiscal year closing June 30. In addition to this there was a total of \$115,000 worth of other products manufactured here, which brings the total up to the imposing figure of \$1,807,600.

FORKS GIRL IN NARROW ESCAPE

MISS ALICE KEESE AT LAST MOMENT DECIDE NOT TO SAIL ON THE ILL-FATED EASTLAND FROM CHICAGO.

Grand Forks, July 28.—Alice Keese daughter of Mrs. Frances Keese of this city, at the last moment decided that the hour of sailing of the steamer Eastland at Chicago was too early for convenience and that she would take a later boat. Miss Keese had planned to sail for South Haven from Chicago in the ill-fated vessel, having notified her mother of her intention. Mrs. Keese's sister was to have gone with her. Miss Keese sent a telegram immediately following the Eastland disaster to her mother in this city stating that she was safe.

KENMARE COUPLE ELOPED TO WILLISTON

NINETEEN YEAR OLD ARCHIE TOOLE AND FIFTEEN YEAR OLD RUBY HARKNESS BROT TO MINOT WHERE THEY WERE MARRIED.

The course of true love never did run smoothly, but after a very stormy pre-nuptial voyage, Archie Toole, aged 19 and Miss Ruby Harkness, aged 15, both from Kenmare, were joined in the holy bonds of matrimony by Judge Wm. Murray in this city Monday afternoon. Archie is not of age, but he is a hard working youth who has been making his own way alone in the world. He met the beautiful daughter of Wm. Harkness, a prosperous farmer of Kenmare, not long ago and little Dan Cupid was not long in getting in his work. Owing to the girl's extreme youth, she was afraid to ask her parents if she could marry, so the couple eloped. They made their way across to the Berthold branch and traveled on the main line of the Great Northern as far as Williston. Minot officials were notified and thru the efforts of Chief of Police Dougherty, they were located and returned to Minot. Here they were met by the heartbroken parents, who gave their consent to the marriage. As the young man is not yet of age, Judge Palda was named as his guardian. The couple visited Valke's green house, invested in a gorgeous bouquet of flowers, saw the sights of the city and accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Harkness to their Kenmare home where the Independent hopes they will live long and be happy.

BURLINGTON MAN WINS SIX RIBBONS

CHESTER PHIFER'S EXHIBIT OF DUROC-JERSEYS AT STATE FAIR IN THE MONEY SIX TIMES—A FINE SHOWING.

Chester Phifer, the Burlington Duroc man, returned Monday from the state fair at Grand Forks, where he exhibited a dozen of his registered porkers. Mr. Phifer won six premiums and made a remarkably fine showing. He has without a doubt, one of the best lots of Duroc Jersey hogs in the state. He won the following premiums:

First—Boar pig, under six months.
Second—Senior yearling sow.
Third—Junior yearling boar.
Third—young herd.
Fourth—Aged sow.
Third—Duroc National Duroc-Jersey Society—young herd.

Mr. Phifer was in some mighty fast company. His boar pig, under six months of age, which took first premium, was pitted against a pig from the herd of Mr. Vanderhede, from West Concord, Minn., who has won the silver trophy in this class at the Minnesota state fair for a number of years.

Mr. Phifer is well pleased with the way the breeders were treated. Don V. Moore, the secretary, Mr. Colter, manager of the live stock department and assistant, Mr. Goodman, did all that they could for the convenience of the exhibitors.

There were around 500 hogs of various breeds on exhibition. There were more Durocs than all other breeds combined.

The cattle and horse exhibit in the parade, which was two miles long, were valued at a million dollars. In the exhibit there were two Poland China boars weighing 1,000 pounds each. One of them, the grand champion, is owned by E. J. Cowles from West Concord, Minn.

Bartelson Gets Moore Contract

Carl Bartelson has been awarded the contract to build the new garage for Chas. W. Moore, on West Central avenue, which will cost about \$12,000, exclusive of the excavation and the heating and the plumbing. The excavation is being rushed to completion by D. A. Dinnie.

Tame Coyote Meets Sad End

A tame coyote which has been kept at the Dorman park met an untimely end last Thursday evening as he was helping himself to some of Assessor Wheeler's spring fries, which he was guarding with jealous care against a big feed later on. Hearing a noise in the chicken coop and suspecting some Kumaceus denizen was foraging a supply of broilers, he grabbed up his trusty firearm and when the prowler put in an appearance at the door of the coop H. E. shut both eyes, pulled both triggers, and when he picked himself up and viewed the remains, he discovered that he had in cold blood put an end to one of the most important attractions of the park zoo.

SENATOR LAFOLLETTE AND GEO. S. LOFTUS

WILL SPEAK IN MINOT AUG. 5, AFTERNOON AND EVENING—CHALLENGE ANY PERSON IN THE NORTHWEST TO A DEBATE ON THE OPEN MARKET QUESTION.

Hon. Robert M. LaFollette, United States senator from Wisconsin, and George S. Loftus, Equity advocate from St. Paul will speak in Minot on the afternoon and evening of August 5. These men will discuss the open market question and challenge any person in the northwest to debate on the terminal elevator proposition. Mr. LaFollette is on the inside concerning the manipulations of some of the firms who have been doing business in the chamber of commerce and he will deliver a fearless address that will be worth coming a good many miles to hear. Senator LaFollette is unusually popular in North Dakota. The farmers have regarded him as their champion for years. George Loftus can count more friends among the farmers than ever before. These two speakers make a team that is hard to beat. A mammoth crowd will undoubtedly be in the city that day to attend this meeting.

ALBERTA VOTED DRY

By an overwhelming vote Alberta has declared in favor of the abolition of the saloons and after July 1st, 1916, Alberta will become as dry as the desert wastes of Australia, so far as a glass of the amber fluid or a nip of "Old Scotch" is concerned. Next year the Province of Manitoba will vote upon a similar proposition. Three hundred bars were voted out of business by Friday's election.

FOXHOLM MARKET DAY BIG SUCCESS

LARGE CROWD FROM ALL SURROUNDING POINTS—BALL GAMES, ATHLETIC CONTESTS AND PROGRAM—ADDRESSES BY NESTOS AND WILSON.

Under the fairest of skies and with conditions in every way auspicious, Foxholm on Tuesday held their Market Day festivities. T. L. Simmons, as chairman of the day, opened the exercises with a happy and felicitous address in which he welcomed the visitors to Foxholm's Market Day and introduced Hon. R. A. Nestos of Minot, State's Attorney for Ward county, the orator of the day. Mr. Nestos' address was replete with ideas pertaining to diversified farming, good roads and other facts which shows the State's Attorney has advanced ideas regarding the current and leading movements of the day.

This address was followed by W. D. Wilson, manager of the Minot Dairy Co., who gave an interesting address on dairying and allied industries.

In the afternoon the immense crowd, numbering at a conservative estimate 1800 people, proceeded to the ball park where the sports and contests took place.

A contest between the Carpio and Foxholm ball teams opened the tournament with a game which, although somewhat one-sided, was nevertheless interesting to watch. The Carpio team was laid low by a score standing 10 to 3.

A series of races was then pulled off including the sack-race, won by Milton King of Donnybrook and the boys' sack race. The latter event was hotly contested and was an amusing feature. Alys Goebel secured first prize, Walter Johnson second, and Miles Scribner of Tasker third.

The tug of war between the North Prairie and South Prairie residents attracted the most attention of any event on the program.

The way the heavy-weights struggled and wheezed and dug their heels into the turf and heaved, was a sight fit for the gods, but despite the utmost efforts of the South Prairie contestants they were obliged to give way to the North side team, made up largely of Germans of ample girth and genial temperament.

This was followed by a lively little contest between the juvenile Burlington and Foxholm nines. Although obliged to close their game in the sixth inning, these little fellows put up a classy game and held the close interest of the spectators pending the arrival of the Burlington team for the closing event.

The Des Lacs team had been engaged for this event, but unforeseen difficulties prevented their coming—and at the last moment the Burlington manager was wired to bring his team up at once. Manager April rounded up his players and in record breaking time had his cohorts massed in battle array upon the arena. The game was of that variety known as a humdinger and closed with Burlington one score in the lead.

The batteries were as follows:

Burlington—Neff and Wallace. Foxholm—Glennon and Gaylor. Umpires—Parrish and Fink. Score, 5 to 4.

Foxholm certainly made good in her initial Market Day celebration.

An excellent band of fourteen pieces discoursed a pleasing variety of popular and classical selections throughout the day and contributed much to the success of the gathering.

In the evening young and old repaired to a dancing platform that had been erected upon the public square and here to the strains of lively two-steps and waltzes rendered by the Lindhaus orchestra of Minot, the merry-makers danced the whole long evening and never left for home until the first faint rays of the morning sun warmed them of the approach of another day.

NOTES

Foxholm, with her three fine new elevators, new depot, a half score of new residences and general business enterprise, and the thrift which has always characterized the town, is on the high road to the prestige so long deserved.

The Foxholm Coal Co. had a huge lump of lignite placed in a conspicuous place on Main street Market Day and the one guessing nearest to its exact weight would be entitled to a ton of coal free.

J. B. Cashman is erecting a fine residence nearly opposite the Hotel Cashman and will now take life easy, devoting himself exclusively to the land business, with possibly a side line of automobiles.

T. L. Simmons is now occupying his beautiful residence, a fine property—modern, with electric lighting from the private plant which Mr. Simmons maintains to light his store and elevator.

Herman Linnertz is constructing three handsome cottages which he is erecting to meet the growing demand for houses.

Mrs. Amanda Johnson of Fargo has purchased the hotel property of J. B. Cashman and is still maintaining the old time prestige of this popular hostelry. Mrs. Johnson has had eighteen years experience in the hotel business and the Hotel Cashman is in the hands of a capable woman in the person of the present landlady. The Hotel Cashman has a capacity of fifteen rooms, modern, with steam heat and every convenience.

A NORMAL GREETING

"Where are you going," my pretty maid?

"I'm going to Minot, sir," she said. And on she hurried and tossed her head.

"What will you do there, my pretty maid?"

"Attend the Summer School, sir," she said.

And learn to teach and earn my bread."

"May I go with you, my pretty maid?"

"Yes, if you please, fair sir," she said.

"If you mean to work just see the Head,

President Crane, whose manly tread In the paths of righteousness has led us all.

Then note the hall That our new northwest, is doing its best,

Has built in beauty and stateliness. Now meet the staff—people of worth

With a growing spirit of helpfulness. So North Dakota will bring its quota.

Of men and women, well worth while Who will do their share."

J. McN. S.

BIG DAMAGES AGAINST DOCTOR

Damages in the sum of \$5,000 were found against the defendant in a recent case before the district court of Wells county. This was the suit of Wilhelmina Hagis, by her next friend, vs. Dr. W. E. Clark for damages arising from negligence alleged to have been sustained in an operation for the removal of a peanut from the bronchial tube of the plaintiff, who is a child of but four years of age.

CIRCUS EMPLOYEE ARRESTED AT SAWYER

FRANK CLARK BROT TO MINOT CHARGED WITH BEATING FELLOW EMPLOYEE WITH GAS PIPE AND THROWING HIM FROM TRAIN.

Sheriff Nedreloe and Deputy Vandenoever went to Sawyer and arrested Frank Clark, an employe of the Ershman circus, who is charged with beating up another employe of the circus with a piece of gas pipe. He was held to district court. Two of the employes claim that the company failed to pay them their wages. They got on the circus train, demanding their wages, when they say Clark and a negro started to beat them. One of the employes jumped off at a point between Drake and Velva, but the other was beat in a fearful manner, and thrown off the train while it was running at a high speed. He managed to get to Velva where his wounds were attended by Dr. Aaker.

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THE VICTORY OF PEACE

FINE ATTRACTION TO BE STAGED AT THE NORMAL SCHOOL GYMNASIUM, FRIDAY EVENING, AUGUST 6.

It has been the custom for a good many years for the pupils of the Northwestern summer school to present toward the close of each term a public entertainment. This year it has been decided that a "Peace Pageant" will be presented, something more extensive and spectacular than has ever before been attempted by the school. "The Victory of Peace" will be staged in the normal gymnasium, Friday evening, August 6. It will consist of three acts, the first containing a number of scenes representing the countries at war. While Germany is shown in her spirit of militarism, England with her paralyzed industries, France with her battle field hospitals, Belgium with her grief and desolation, and Austria-Hungary with sad home life, back of it all will be shown thru allegorical figures, Death, Pestilence, Disease, Famine and a final group representing Barbarism.

Act two of the pageant will present a decided contrast to the first act. In this will be shown the countries that are the "Followers of Peace" and the features of their life. Half of the time of this act will be given to various scenes of United States life—sports, industries, home life and other features. France, Holland and the Orient will be represented thru drills and folk dances. Just as the first act was a background of terrible allegorical figures, so this act will emphasize, in a similar way, Industry, Education, Prosperity and Plenty with a final group representing Civilization.

The third and final act is a sort of a postlude and will include a group of representative Minot citizens seated around a table. In this act "Arbitration" will be obtained thru a "Peace League" and the motto or sentiment will be: "Of one blood all nations." The normal pupils will unite in a song of peace and president Crane will read the Recessional. The management would be pleased to invite the public to enjoy this pageant "without money and without price," but in view of the fact that costumes, a special stage and other equipment will make considerable expense, a small admission fee will be charged. The students and faculty committees are working hard to make this first pageant worthy of the subject and the general reputation of the summer school and we believe that the Independent readers will greatly enjoy "The Victory of Peace."

WILL SELL HERD OF DAIRY CATTLE

J. E. ELSBERRY OF RIVERSIDE DAIRY FARM ADVERTISES AN AUCTION SALE OF 70 HIGH GRADE HOLSTEIN AND GURNESEY COWS.

J. E. Elsberry, proprietor of the Riverside Dairy farm, announces the sale of 70 head of very high grade Holstein and Gurnsey cows, heifers and calves and several registered bulls of both breeds, which will take place at his home, two miles west of the city Thursday, August 12. Full particulars are given elsewhere in this issue.

Mr. Elsberry has a very large herd of the best dairy cows in the state. He has not room to house them and as he will retain only his registered cows, he will sell without reserve all of his herd of grades. They comprise some of the very best milk cows in the state. They are the result of his breeding and the culling of about 1,000 head of cattle during the past six years. This is an unusual opportunity.

This sale is certain to attract wide attention. Mr. Elsberry is known far and wide as one of the most prominent breeders in the west. There will be buyers from several other states, but it will be a shame if many of these cattle leave this section of the state. If you are in need of choice dairy cattle, plan by all means, to attend this sale. His is an opportunity that is not offered very often.

WHY HOMESTEAD

When you can secure land in the Mussel Shell Valley, Montana, on your own terms? From 20 to 30 feet of chocolate soil, with 17 inches rainfall yearly; 80 to 90 per cent plow; ideal for hog and alfalfa raising. We don't want you to buy until we take you over the ground. Excursions weekly. For further particulars write W. G. Thompson, Leland hotel, Minot, N. D. 7-29-t1*

The new fire engine at Noonan was tested with a big pile of lumber that had been soaked with gasoline before being set on fire. The engine did the work.