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GEORGE T. MURRAY ANSWERS VANDENOEVER

SAYS THE STAND-PATTERNS HAVE AGREED TO TALK MILLING IN ORDER TO GET THE ATTENTION OF THE FARMERS FROM THE TERMINAL ELEVATOR.

To the Independent:— Since you gave space to Mr. Vandenoever to show his uncharity to facts, and to inject his political scheme, in replying to my article in another paper, kindly permit me an equal opportunity to reply.

I give a synopsis of his letter viz: To the Independent:

I wish to reply to an article by Geo. T. Murray, in the Ryder News of Aug. 26, 1915. He takes a part of my article only and then declares that I am inconsistent in my argument. I will say it was not my intention to say anything outside of the truth in the matter. I don't think any farmer would kick if a little public money was used for his benefit on better farming.

I have read many articles written by our friend Murray which were well prepared and points well taken. I am in favor of better farming and better methods of disposing of our farmers' products. Now in Mr. Murray's article he made some startling figures. He says let figures show the result. He shows freight 14 cents, commission 1 cent on a bushel of wheat to the market.

Now, I do not call this inconsistency. For it is only lack of knowledge. For the freight—say from Minot to the Twin Cities on wheat is only 9 6-10c, and the commission is only 1-2c. He is out of his line of business, like better farming and the shipping of our products. His figures would be in my favor. For I say the freight, commission and dockage is about 11c.

Now, Mr. Murray, don't talk any more, and let us do all we can for our farmers and the people of our state and try and build up the state. Don't talk shipping wheat to terminal elevators in Minnesota.

Respectfully yours,
P. VANDENOEVER.

Analysis of His Letter. (1) That I evaded a part of his article, is his charge. The milling part.

Certainly I did. And I still do so, because, first—it is no part of the subject. Second—The "Stand-Pat" element of N. D. have an understanding to talk "Milling in N. D." to get the attention of the farmers away from the terminal elevator proposition and Equity patronage. Third—I refuse to be side-tracked.

(2) Consistency. He confuses "consistency" with "truthfulness." I did not question his veracity. I said that he advocates the use of taxes to "better" a farmer by the use of a county agent, but opposes the use of taxes to "better" the farmers by a co-operative milling company. (The Stand-Pat substitute for Terminal elevators.)

(3) The "little bit of taxes" to support the county agency scheme. The "littleness" of the money required justifies NOTHING. If it did it would justify every trust in the world. Just a "little" penny from every individual in the U. S. would produce just a "little" million dollars. Just the little "2" between 10 and 12 as applied to the rate of interest speaks by the thousands of dollars to the N. D. farmers.

(4) The freight rates to the terminals, etc.

Let candid facts be submitted by giving the quotation to which he made reply, as follows:

Example: Admitting for argument sake that better farming will double the yield, and that doubling the yield will only reduce the price by two-fifths, then let figures show the result: Taking 1000 bushels before the B. F. application.

1,000 bushels at \$1.00, \$1,000.
Freight at 14 cents per bushel, \$140.
Thresh bill at 10c, \$100.
C. of C. Com. at 1c, \$10.
Total expense, \$250.
Less expense, net, \$750.
2,000 bushels at 60 cents, \$1,200.
Freight at 14c, \$280.
Thresh bill at 10c, \$200.
C. of C. Com. at 1c, \$20.
Total expense, \$500.
Less expense, net, \$700.

The shocking, hauling grain to bin, and hauling grain to market will require double the time and expense for 2,000 bushels as for 1,000 bushels, and which we have not figured, still these figures show that to "make two blades of grass grow where before only one grew" does not leave the farmer in a BETTERED condition. To me these figures prove that the PRICE and who CONTROLS the selling price is the first important question.

If you will notice the figures which show how much the railroads and commission men get under the different yields, regardless of the prices paid to the farmers, it will be plainly seen why the commission men and railroad companies and their allies started this so-called "Better Farm" Association.

The point of contention is this: In doubling the yield (a) the R. R. and

C. of C. are doubly benefitted, (b) are farmers doubly benefitted?

Mr. V. pretends YES. I say NO.

It is a principle of economics that when different classes handling the same thing under similar conditions, but benefitted in different ratios, that those receiving the larger shares absorb values which belong to the other class. Hence if he cannot show that farmers are EQUALLY BENEFITTED with other classes then his argument fails, regardless of the freight rates figures he may assume.

If I am in error on the freight rates then I have been misinformed by a line elevator man. However, I shall make inquiry of the R. R. and publish it that farmers may know just what the marginal difference should be.

Now, if Mr. Vandenoever is sincere, let him answer the following questions, viz:

(1) Is the object of the tariff law to look after the PRICE or PRODUCTION?

(2) In fighting the reduction of the rate of interest, did the bankers and you have an object to keep up the price (rate of interest) or to increase the number of dollars?

(3) Is it not the prime object of trusts and monopolies to increase the PRICE or the PRODUCTION?

(4) Do manufacturers shut down to affect the PRICE, or increase the PRODUCTION?

(5) Did the R. R. companies in their appeal to the I. C. C. ask for a consideration or increase of PRICE or PRODUCTION (hauling)?

(6) Do you consider the labor unions should ask for more wages (price) or more production (work)?

(7) Does not the reduction of 40 cents per bushel on wheat during the past three weeks demonstrate to you that farmers ought to FIRST look to the PRICE for betterment?

(8) Do you deny that the "cost of production and expense plus a reasonable profit" should be the price of wheat? Or do you claim that farmers always get that?

(9) Do you consider that the man who produces an article knows more about the COST TO PRODUCE it than the man who buys it?

(10) If you favor the BUYER putting the price on an article as is done for farmers, then do you believe that the price of goods, groceries, implements, lumber, rates of interest, etc., should be made by the buyers instead of by the sellers?

All these questions are germane to the CONTROL of the price of an article, and pertain to the PRICE compared to the PRODUCTION of the articles, hence belong to the issue of contention between us.

Very respectfully,
GEO. T. MURRAY,
Temporarily at Plaza, but permanently at Berthold, N. D.
September 6, 1915.

DIED DURING VISIT TO HIS SON

C. J. REIGHART OF SHELDON, ILL., PASSED AWAY SATURDAY AT THE HOME OF HIS SON, W. H. REIGHART.

C. J. Reighart, of Sheldon, Ill., who arrived about three weeks ago to visit at the home of his son, W. H. Reighart in this city, passed away Saturday at noon after a short illness. The remains, accompanied by the wife of the deceased and Mr. and Mrs. Reighart were shipped back to the old home in Illinois that night for interment.

The death of the venerable gentleman is particularly sad. He had visited in Minot once or twice before, and had looked forward to the time when he could again be with his son. Although he was 75 years of age, he appeared very rugged and the first two weeks he was here proved to be one of the happiest periods of his long life. He became ill but a few days before the end came and although physicians and nurses labored faithfully, it was learned that there were no hopes. The other children were notified by wire of the condition of their father, but owing to the long distance away, it became known that they would find it impossible to reach his bedside ahead of the Grim Reaper.

Short funeral services were held at the Reighart residence Saturday evening, Rev. P. W. Erickson, pastor of the Presbyterian church, preaching a short, comforting sermon. The remains were accompanied to the depot by a number of Masons, of which lodge the deceased had been a member for many years.

Mr. Reighart was born in Germany, and when a lad of 15, came to America, living in Ohio during his earlier years. At the first call to arms during the civil war, he volunteered his services and served with credit throughout the conflict.

Mr. Reighart was a splendid type of a citizen. During his short visit in this city, he had endeared himself to many who sincerely sympathize with those who have been so sorely bereaved.

Figuring all expenses there is a running charge of at least \$150 per day against the modern threshing machine and crew. Unless one can see that average amount on the books at night he's a has-been by heck! he's a has-been.

ORDERS NEW SCHOOL HOUSE TO BE BUILT

JUDGE LEIGHTON ISSUED WRIT OF MANDAMUS ORDERING DIRECTORS OF BELL DISTRICT TO CONSTRUCT NEW BUILDING.

A writ of preceptory mandamus was issued out of Judge Leighton's court ordering the school board of Bell school district No. 10 to build a school house in the northwestern section of the district to accommodate approximately twenty-two school children. Claims were made that the children of that section of the district were isolated, making it exceedingly hard for them to attend school. The school board consists of Thorwald Mostad, D. J. Mahoney and Oliver Saugstad. Mr. Mahoney, it is understood, favored the building of the school.

W. H. Sibbald appeared for the petitioners and Halvor L. Halvorson for the respondents. The voters of the district had rejected the proposition to move one of the school buildings and to build a new one, yet the court has the power to step in, in certain cases, and order a building constructed.

Carload of Bull Tractors. The Roell Hardware Co. has received another carload of Bull tractors. A number of these have been sold in this vicinity and they are giving the best of satisfaction.

HUNTERS AND CHICKENS SCARCE

HUNDREDS WERE OUT ON THE OPENING DAY—NO ACCIDENTS IN THIS VICINITY.

Everyone who owned a gun or who could borrow or rent one of the shooting irons, journeyed to the fields on Tuesday, the opening day of the hunting season. Hundreds journeyed out from the city the day before, and others rode half the night in order to be on the ground at the break of day. Every automobile in the city was commandeered by the army of hunters and throughout the prairies and in the hills, the sound of the guns could be heard from daylight until dark.

While practically everybody brought back some game, all agree that chickens are far from plentiful, in fact they are very scarce. Hundreds of hunters, after tramping the fields for hours in vain, drove to the lakes, where they contented themselves with bagging ducks. Even ducks are growing more scarce every year, and if we are to have any hunting in this vicinity within the next ten years, greater restrictions will have to be made.

There were no serious hunting accidents in this vicinity. Everybody had a good time.

Died Away from Home and Friends.

Jesse Worth, aged 25 years, passed away at St. Joseph's hospital. The remains were shipped to the old home, Spring Arbor, Mich. The young man was a party of four lads who came to North Dakota in an auto for an outing and to make their expenses working in the harvest fields. The young man had worked near Anamoose four days when he became ill with throat trouble. He was of an excellent family and his death, occurring away from home and friends, is particularly sad.

Potatoes Half a Crop.

The Independent learns that there will be but about half of the usual potato crop this year. We know of a number of farmers who will have to buy potatoes. In some localities the yield is fair but some of the fields were badly damaged. Potatoes will be high the coming winter. They are worth fifty to sixty cents a bushel now and will be worth fully a dollar a bushel later. A year ago, they were selling for 25 and 30 cents and reached sixty cents during last winter.

Iowa Bee King Visits Lansford Farm.

C. A. Fairbanks, of Anamosa, Ia., arrived for his annual inspection of his Lansford farm. Mr. Fairbanks has numerous friends in Minot, who are always glad to see him. He owns a fine farm near Anamosa. He reports much Iowa and Minnesota corn killed by frost, and the smaller grains hay damaged by excessive rains. Iowa saw a frost every month during the present year.

Mr. Fairbanks is in charge of a 9,000 acre game preserve, where ring neck and Hungarian pheasants and quail abound. He is a prominent bee man, having 200 hives. This is a poor year for bees, yet he took off a ton of choice honey, bringing a case with him to present to his friends.

Tuberculosis is a dirty air disease. Tuberculosis is a country disease. Why dirty air in a country? Learn how to sleep with open windows and keep up the habit next winter. No danger of freezing.

BABE LEFT ON ROY PIERCE'S PORCH

FOUR WEEKS' OLD BOY FOUND BY GREAT NORTHERN ENGINEER — STRANGER ASKED PIERCE WHOSE CHILD WAS CRYING.

Wrapped in an old overcoat, a fine, healthy baby boy of three or four weeks of age, was found on the front porch at the home of Roy Pierce, a Great Northern engineer, at 209 4th street N. W., at about five o'clock this morning.

Mr. Pierce had just been called by the call boy to go out on No. 4 and a few moments later, a young man, whose identity is not known, appeared at the Pierce home and rapping on the door, asked Mr. Pierce if he knew there was a baby on his front porch. He said he had heard the child crying. Mr. Pierce was somewhat startled, but took the child into the house, where it was made comfortable.

The child was well dressed, was covered with a pretty little blanket, and was provided with a nipple and bottle containing some sweetened water. The little babe is said to be a beautiful child and will undoubtedly find a good home. The child will be under the supervision of juvenile court officer John E. Burke. An effort will be made to learn the identity of the babe.

Mr. Pierce left the city on No. 4 for his regular run.

MAD CRITTER GOES ON A RAMPAGE

HOLSTEIN OF THE MALE PERSUASION RAISED RUMPUS AT ELLSBERRY FARM—BILLY EHR TROD AND J. A. SORENSON PROVED HIMSELF A HERO.

J. E. Ellsberry, breeder of registered Holstein, owns an animal of the male persuasion and thereby hangs a tale. Mr. and Mrs. Ellsberry left the Riverside Dairy Farm Sunday evening for an auto ride, leaving their daughters to "run the ranch." It became pitch dark, and the girls hearing a terrific noise in the barn yard, concluded that they were about to receive a visit from burglars. Becoming greatly alarmed, they telephoned for assistance to the Ehr farm, and Wm. Ehr was routed out of bed, making a record run to the Ellsberry farm. "Billy" was prepared for burglars, but he didn't expect them to bellow nor to wear horns, and when he sensed the hot breath from the maddened creature on the bosom of his best Sunday trousers, he ran pell mell to the house. The girls thinking "Billy" had the burglar on the run, met him at the door with the shot gun. There wasn't much choice between the weapon and what was pursuing him, so he kept right on going and landed safely within doors. The animal proceeded to tear up the porch and the occupants of the house took refuge up stairs. They ventured down later and telephoned to Major Persons' Elmwood Farm, where the delicate and gentle Guernseys are bred, for J. A.

NORTHERN PRODUCE CREAMERY BURNED

SATURDAY'S FIRE DID \$4,000 DAMAGE TO LOCAL PLANT — WILL BE REBUILT AT ONCE.

Fire Saturday last at the old Henningsen Creamery, now owned and operated by the Northern Produce Company, practically destroyed the main building and damaged the equipment to such an extent that the entire plant will have to be rebuilt.

Two employees were at work in the receiving rooms of the creamery at the time and the first intimation they had of the fire was when a passerby ran into the room and informed the men that the roof of the engine room was all ablaze. One of the men groped his way to the telephone and sent in the call for the fire department.

They responded promptly and within a short time after their arrival the fire was under control, but the rapid combustion of a place of this character had been such as to practically destroy all the more valuable machinery and equipment before the fire was brought under control.

Manager W. H. Hendrix informs the Independent that steps will be taken at once to rebuild and as soon as it can be determined whether it will be worth while to repair the old building or build a new, they will proceed at once to the erection of a plant that will be a credit to the city and a model and up-to-date plant in every respect. He says that shippers may continue their shipments as usual as they have made arrangements to care for all produce that may be consigned to them, whether it be cream, butter or eggs. The creamery being located some distance from their warehouse, they are in no wise discommoded in regard to products shipped in from outside points.

Mr. Hendrix estimates the loss in Saturday's fire in excess of \$4,000. The Northern Produce Co. is one of the growing concerns of the city, doing an enormous business in their line at all seasons of the year. One day last week their receipts of eggs alone were three car-loads. A force of candlers are busily engaged in examining and grading the eggs, both night and day. Butter shipped to the Boston exchange is rated first class and graded No. 1.

KICK OF HORSE MAY BE FATAL.

Wildrose, N. D., Sept. 6.—While in the act of harnessing up a team of horses, Jack Robinson, in the employ of the Scherer Livery, was kicked and rendered unconscious by one of the horses. Mr. Robinson had just recently entered the employ of Mr. Scherer and was not accustomed to the dispositions of the animals, and in placing a collar over the head of this one, caused it to rear and strike him about the head and shoulders, knocking him to the stall floor unconscious.

BOY IS HURT IN MOTORCYCLE SPILL.

Souris, N. D., Sept. 6.—Carl Iverson, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Ole Iverson, living 5 miles east of town, fell off a motorcycle. He was picked up and brought to town by Martin Magnuson and Gus Berg in a state of unconsciousness. His mind cleared up, however, during the night so he was able to go home. Outside of this he received no serious injuries, excepting a bruised arm and shoulder.

C. A. Grow Buys Stock.

Chas. A. Grow of the Grow Clothing Co., has returned from Chicago, where he spent several days buying fall and winter stock for the store. Mr. Grow anticipates a very heavy fall trade and consequently he stocked up better than ever. The Grow Clothing store is one of the best in the West, always carrying a large stock of the most dependable merchandise.

Receive Car of Jackson Fours.

Todd & Emerson, who have had a very good season's business with the Grant Sixes, have just received a car load of Jackson Fours, both light and big. The Jackson is a car for luxury, and while it costs a little more than some, it is worth all that it costs. An announcement appears in this issue.

The grand jury, after searching diligently (?) for two days, reported that it could not find evidence to warrant the arrest of anyone for the lynching of Leo Frank. Thus the incident is closed and the fair name of Georgia forever besmirched.

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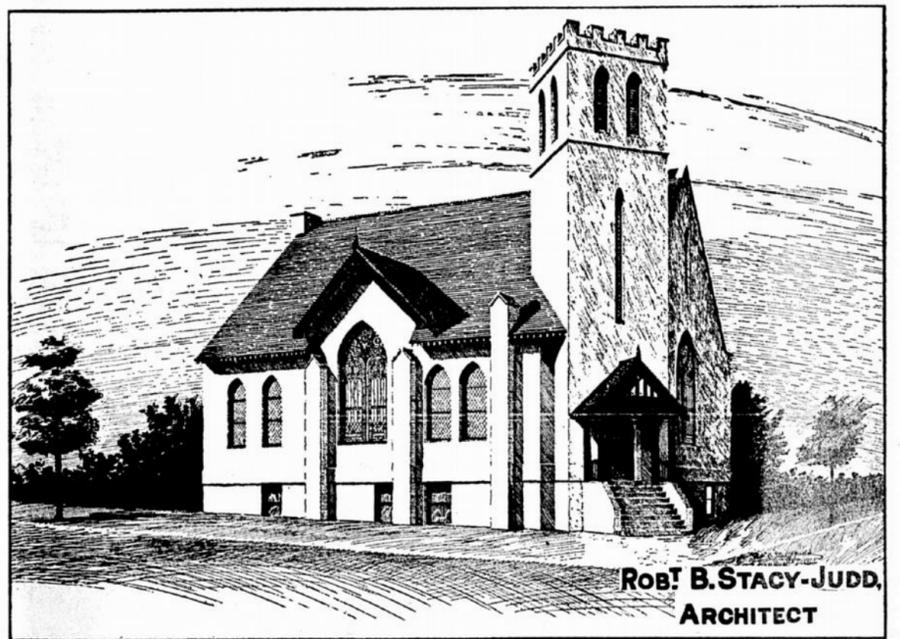
Ellis Sells Much Water.

Lewis Ellis of the Granite Springs Water Co., is preparing to install a large new pump and electric motor at his spring, which furnishes hundreds in this city with their pure drinking water. Mr. Ellis keeps three men busy distributing the product, and while he receives but a nickel a bottle, the gross receipts during the month run up well over \$700. Mr. Ellis is making quite a success from the water business.

Says Rye Beats Wheat.

C. Aurland threshed his crop of winter rye near the city recently and he has already disposed of the crop at 86 cents a bushel. He has always maintained that there is more money in rye than in wheat, figuring the low expense of putting in the crop. While rye does not usually yield excessively heavy, his average was fair, eighteen bushels per acre.

Editor Lano of the Mohall Tribune was a pleasant caller at the Independent office Tuesday.



ROBT. B. STACY-JUDD, ARCHITECT

NEW BETHANIA LUTHERAN CHURCH.

The above is a picture of the magnificent new Bethania Lutheran church recently completed in this city. It is a \$15,000 edifice and is the first reinforced concrete building completed in Minot. Architect Robert Stacy-Judd is proud of his work and well he may be. The church appears in pure white and has a rough cast finish covered with marble dust. Rev. J. Lonnie is the pastor, and both he and his wife have worked untiringly in the building of the new house of worship.