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POULTRY CARS FOR FARMERS

NORTHERN PRODUCE CO. SENT THREE CARS UP THE BRANCHES AND SECURED 16,000—PLAN A SUCCESS.

Believing that results would warrant the experiment, the Northern Produce Co., of this city, sent poultry cars up the Maxbass, the Antler and the Granville branches of the Great Northern railroad recently to buy up the poultry offered for sale at the towns along and tributary to those lines. Advance notices had been sent out giving the time the cars would reach the various towns and as a consequence farmers with wagon loads of turkeys, chickens and ducks were lined up at every stopping point and the cars filled in record breaking time, despite the fact that this method of marketing poultry is something of an innovation in North Dakota—this being the first instance, so far as can be learned, of the use of poultry cars in this state. At some places the loads of poultry were lined up awaiting the arrival of the car, presenting a scene similar to the spectacle of rows of loaded grain tanks waiting their turn at the elevators.

Poultry cars are so arranged that provision is made for eight tiers or decks for storing the fowls, giving each car a capacity of 5500 head. Hereafter poultry cars will be sent out earlier in the season as soft food must be supplied the fowls to prevent shrinking, and also for the reasons that severe weather results in considerable loss.

The full co-operation of the farmer is essential to the success of this method of marketing poultry, but as soon as the producers become more accustomed to this method of marketing poultry the many advantages of this system over the old methods will be more evident.

W. M. JOHNSON ACQUITTED.

W. M. Johnson, proprietor of a restaurant on North Main street, charged with receiving stolen property, was found not guilty in district court Monday. Johnson was defended by E. R. Sinkler. Several hundred dollars worth of goods stolen from a store in Burke county were sold to Mr. Johnson, the thieves telling the officials where the merchandise could be found. Johnson had paid something like a hundred dollars for the outfit but claimed that he did not know he was buying stolen goods.

Negro Charged With Entering Home.

Dressel Hanekin, colored, was arrested charged with breaking into the home of Hattie Hayes, a dusky damsel, in the western part of the city Friday night. The woman claims that when she left home, she locked the door and upon her return found Hanekin in the house, the door locked from the inside.

BANKERS CHARGED WITH EMBEZZLEMENT

FORMER PRESIDENT AND CASHIER OF FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF CASSETON FACE SERIOUS CHARGE—BANK CLOSED.

R. C. Kittel, a former president, and W. F. Kittel, cashier of the First National Bank of Casselton, have been placed under arrest by United States Marshal Doyle, charged with embezzlement of the funds of the above named institution. Both waived examination in the preliminary hearing before United States Commissioner Cuper of Fargo and are now out on bail in sums of \$15,000 and \$5,000 respectively. Both made emphatic denial of any indiscretion on their part and have returned to Casselton to assist the bank examiners in straightening out the affairs of the First National.

The report is current that the Kittels, who are interested in the Northern Trading company of Casselton and Fargo, had been instrumental in making loans to this concern in sums aggregating more than the legal limit. This report however has been denied by the Kittels, who state that the Northern Trading company had merely a nominal account on the books of the defunct institution.

R. C. Kittel recently disposed of his interests in the First National for \$45,000, the remaining directors of the bank being the purchasers. The bank is capitalized at \$50,000 and the last statement shows deposits of \$300,000. Much excitement prevails at Casselton and many farmers and laboring men stand to lose heavily in consequence of the bank's closing. It will be some time at least before the bank can possibly be reorganized, altho the directors state that depositors will be paid 100 cents on the dollar.

NORMAL FACULTY AND STUDENTS DELIGHTFUL HOSTS.

Everyone had a splendid time at the party given by the Normal faculty last Friday evening. The guests of the evening were the teachers of the Public school system, the board of

education, the library board, the librarians of the Public library, the county superintendent and deputies and Dr. and Mrs. Carr.

The first part of the evening was spent on the skating rink near the Model school. Those who could not indulge in this sport gathered in an informal reception in the parlors at the dormitory. The party all gathered together soon after nine and partook of a delicious two-course lunch in the dining room. The Seniors served the lunch and looked after the pleasure of the guests while they were in the dining room.

As soon as the party returned to the parlor, gifts were given to each one with the reservation that if they were not satisfied they could exchange them. The best trader of the party was Miss Phillips of the high school. The good times ended with two delightful songs by Mrs. Simpson and the singing of old familiar songs by all. Everyone went home with the hope that this would be the beginning of a closer and a firmer friendship between the educational forces of the city. The greatest unifying agency in our city is our school system and the hearty co-operation of this working together will make a bigger and a better community.

WHAT GOVERNS THE PRICE OF WHEAT?

Logan, N. D., Nov. 30.

Dear Editor: I do not know exactly what governs the price of wheat, but I do know that if we had better roads the farmers would make more money, and have more to spend with the Minot merchants, and less with mail order houses. When I drew grain to Minot this fall I was so shook up so many times that my ribs got sore, and I know it played hob with the horses and the outfit, and if that didn't cost my boss some money, I am a wood-chuck. Good roads will save both the farmer and the store-keeper money, and those near Minot are fierce.

HIRED MAN.

Editor's Note: There is no doubt but what good roads are of utmost importance to both farmers and business men. Bad roads lose money for both. The Independent intends, towards spring, starting a campaign for good roads to Minot.

Will Soon Decide Better Farming Case.

It is expected that the Supreme court will render its decision in the Better Farming case, sent up from Ward county. It will be remembered that the board of county commissioners refused to provide for the levy for Better Farming purposes, on the grounds that the had no right to do so. A number of farmers brot an action to compel them to do so, Judge Leighton deciding in their favor. Some years ago, a sufficient number of residents of the county signed petitions according to law, making it possible for the commissioners to make this levy. The point for the supreme court to decide is whether a petition has to be filed every year thereafter or not.

JACOB MARKE DIES AWAY FROM HOME AND FRIENDS.

Jacob Markie, 30 years old and single, passed away at St. Joseph's hospital after a short illness from pneumonia. The funeral was held from St. Leo's Catholic church Tuesday, the remains being interred in this city.

The young man had been working as a farm laborer during the fall. He was working on the Smith farm near Minot, sleeping with the other men in the barn, when he became ill. He was hurried to the hospital, where he passed away.

Three brothers reside at Cleveland, O. They were notified of the death and wired to spare no expense for the funeral, and send the bill to them.

J. M. Smucker, proprietor of the Surrey Hotel, was in the city Wednesday. Surrey is fortunate in having a citizen of Mr. Smucker's calibre who is conducting a first class place for the public.

SURREY MAY HAVE ELECTRIC LIGHT

BUSY LITTLE CITY WOULD CONNECT WITH CONSUMERS POWER COMPANY—135 LIGHTS ARE PROMISED.

Surrey hopes to have electric lights soon. The businessmen and the Consumers Power Co. are considering the proposition. One hundred thirty-five lights have already been pledged. Surrey is located seven miles east of Minot and several farm homes enroute would become electrified. The Burlington experiment has worked out satisfactorily and it is believed that Surrey has a good chance of getting the lights next spring.

Dentist Loses New Dodge by Fire.

Dr. Hunter, the dentist, was driving toward the city from a trip to Surrey Monday evening his car backedfire, and the gasoline in the carburetor ignited. Within a moment's time the auto was a mass of flames, the occupants barely escaping in time to save their lives. The car was a new Dodge and fortunately was fully insured.

HOLBEIN WILL ARRIVE DEC. 21

NEW SECRETARY OF ASSOCIATION OF COMMERCE IS SPENDING WEEK WITH MOTHER IN OHIO—WILL STOP IN CITIES ENROUTE TO MINOT.

Will E. Holbein, who was recently elected secretary of the Minot Association of Commerce, has arrived in Chicago after spending a week with his mother in Ohio, will start for Minot, arriving Dec. 21. Mr. Holbein will stop in St. Paul and Minneapolis enroute to take up several propositions with railway officials for the good of Minot.

Mr. Holbein, who has had charge of the North Dakota building at the Panama exposition during the past year, has wound up the business of the state in the west and is now in a position to devote his entire attention to Minot.

BUSINESS CONDITIONS ON COAST IMPROVING.

George C. Hubbs, Asst. General Sales Manager of Dodge Bros., Was in the City Several Days.

George C. Hubbs of Detroit was the guest of F. N. Fuller of the Northwest Motor Co. several days last week. Mr. Hubbs was an old schoolmate of Fuller's back east and the two spent their time recounting the incidents of their boyhood days. A representative of the Independent enjoyed a pleasant chat with Mr. Hubbs, and herewith gives our readers the benefit of his interesting observations while on a recent trip to the Pacific coast:

"No slump in business conditions is anticipated on the coast with the closing of the fairs at San Francisco and San Diego.

"The motor car business has enjoyed continued prosperity this year and there is every indication that this condition is to maintain. Business generally is picking up. San Francisco will hardly be affected at all by the closing of the fair. The fair is really but an incident to the city.

"Farther south in California the people are certain that the San Diego fair is going to result in many people moving to that section. The San Diego fair, as you know, is almost an entire local. It was conceived with the idea of bringing to the attention of the public the possibilities of Southern California and this it has done in a wonderful manner. The ground on which it stands was only sage-brush land when the fair was laid out, but today it blooms like a tropical garden.

"Things in the Pacific Northwest have not been as prosperous as farther down the coast because of the falling off of the lumber export business owing to the war. But everyone is looking forward to the great boom that will come with the end of the conflict in Europe.

"In the west generally, matters are in better shape than they have been and this is true also of the south, altho I was in but a few points in that section. One thing that impressed me in the Gulf country was the marvelous spirit shown by the people of Galveston and Houston. Undaunted by the second flood, the cities are going ahead repairing millions of dollars of damage and are building for the future with a spirit and a confidence that is magnificent."

WINTER CARE OF STORAGE BATTERY IS IMPORTANT.

Many car owners are ignorant of the fact that a storage battery needs special attention in winter, even tho he goes thru the unpleasant experience of having his motor by hand on a cold morn'g because his self-starter won't work.

The storage battery manufacturers realize that ignorance on the part of the motoring public is responsible for neglect of batteries in winter and one of them—The Willard Storage Battery Company, whose batteries are used on over 700,000 motor cars—has given general instructions to all of its branches and service stations to explain the importance of winter care of batteries to their customers.

If a man stores his car in the winter, either on account of the extreme cold or on account of bad roads, he cannot leave the battery without attention all winter. It should be kept fully charged and full of distilled water just as thought in use. This protects the battery against freezing in cold climates and insures its coming out in the spring in first class condition.

Many owners prefer not to bother with this themselves, but simply take the battery to a good service station and have it cared for during the winter at a nominal charge.

If the owner runs his car during the winter, the question of winter care is equally important and, in addition to keeping the battery fully charged and filled with water, it is a very good plan to have it inspected at a good storage battery service station at regular intervals.

Carpio Child Dies in Hospital. The seven-days-old child of Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Rostad of Carpio, passed away at St. Joseph's hospital Tuesday. The remains were taken to Carpio for burial Wednesday.

7,000 FARMERS ATTENDED EQUITY CONVENTION

NO SUCH CONVENTION EVER SEEN IN TWIN CITIES—MINOT SPECIAL CARRIED HUNDREDS OF BOOSTERS—MINOT WORKING FOR PACKING PLANT.

Special to The Independent:

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 8.—Seven thousand northwestern farmers were in attendance when the Equity Grain Growers' convention opened Tuesday morning in the St. Paul Auditorium. No such gathering has ever before been seen in the Twin Cities. St. Paul gave the visitors a royal welcome, and the guests in turn gave three rousing cheers for St. Paul. The city, officially, had endorsed the convention, Mayor Powers having issued proclamations urging the people to show their appreciation of the farmers' friendliness. The Commercial club threw its arms open to the visitors. Business houses everywhere were decorated. Citizens wore a badge and red ribbon in token of their interest in the Equity movement. The police and fire departments turned out to assist in the parade, which was held when sod was turned for the new terminal elevator on the Mississippi levee. The headquarters of the Equity in St. Paul were thronged with farmers all day and there was no lack of enthusiasm on the part of the visitors who pledged anew their loyalty to the great co-operative movement which has already resulted in making St. Paul a formidable competitor of long-established grain markets.

With an important program on hand, the farmers got down to business in a hurry Tuesday. The big auditorium building was well filled when Chairman C. J. Lee called the convention to order. Governor Hammond extended an enthusiastic welcome to the delegates in an eloquent speech in which he said that the farmers had found that happy middle ground between conservatism and radicalism which is known as co-operation. L. C. Hodgson, secretary to Mayor Powers, welcomed the delegates on behalf of the City.

A. M. Baker of Fargo responded to Governor Hammond's address, and predicted that the farmers' great fight would conquer all opposition. Mr. Art Freie of Berlin, N. D., responded to Mr. Hodgson's welcome and expressed the farmers' appreciation of St. Paul's friendship. He called on the delegates to rise and give three cheers for St. Paul, which was done with great vim and enthusiasm.

Chairman Lee declared "Our fight is won." He said the enemies of the Equity movement had done their worst and had been unable to defeat the cause, and from now on the Equity would sail on to complete victory.

President J. M. Anderson in his annual address said that St. Paul bankers had saved the Equity when they came to the front and advanced the money needed to prevent the success of the Chamber of Commerce attack last summer. He illustrated the tactics of the Chamber of Commerce as works with bankers and elevator men to prevent a fair deal to the farmer. He predicted that the Equity will handle 20,000,000 bushels of grain the current crop year. He said "You cannot go to the Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce and sell a bushel of wheat. They trade in wind in the pit and deal in millions of bushels of wheat that are never produced." A. D. Stillman of Kalispell, Montana, in an address on "Long and Short Time Farm Loans," declared that the farmers can easily solve their loan problems by organizing and owning and controlling their own banks. "We must have the easy use of money if we hope to succeed in co-operation, and the only way out is to control the rate of interest through our control of the bank."

E. Kelley, Pierre, S. D., E. G. Quamme, Finley, N. D., L. L. Stair, Newburg, N. D., L. A. Cadieux, Adrian, N. D. also spoke, and there was a vigorous flaying of the Chamber of Commerce methods by the speakers.

At the evening session the feature was an eloquent address by former Congressman James Manahan, who warned the farmers not to think their fight was over. He said the forces of monopoly would never give in as long as they were able to put obstacles in the way of the Equity. As to the charge that the Equity defrauded its patrons, Manahan said, "Every fraud must have a victim. Where is the victim of the Equity? Why does he not step forth to complain?"

"The Chamber of Commerce knows that once the co-operative method of marketing grain succeeds monopoly is ended in this country—that is why it is fighting us." Mr. Manahan pleaded with the farmers to stand together loyally. "In co-operation lies the ultimate solution of the problems of our state and the grievous burdens under which the human race has struggled its weary way upward toward its present condition."

At Wednesday morning's session H. L. Locks of Watertown, S. D., spoke of "Rural Credits" and there were addresses by R. T. Cookingham, Malta, Mont., and by Benjamin Drake of Minneapolis.

The convention was thrown into enthusiastic cheering by an announcement that Senator LaFollette would

arrive in time to speak Wednesday evening.

The Lisbon, N. D., delegation of 40 Equity boosters is attracting considerable attention at the convention.

Cards are being distributed with the compliments of the Equity delegates bearing this parody on "It's a long, long way to Tipperary."

"It's a long way thru the Chamber of Commerce,

Where my grain used to go.

It's a long way thru the Chamber of Commerce,

And the crookedest way I know;

Farewell, speculation! Farewell, cut-throats all,

It's a long way thru the Chamber of Commerce."

So MY heart's with St. Paul."

The Lisbon delegation came to St. Paul on a special train and brought along a goat draped with a banner reading: "We've got Gov. Hanna's goat." Gov. Hanna is now with Henry Ford on his peace ship going to Europe, and the Lisbon delegates say they will send him a wireless to "come and get his goat."

Convention Notes.

The special which left Minot Monday afternoon at 5 o'clock, arrived in St. Paul early the following morning. Several hundred boarded the train in this city, the crowd comprising many farmers and their wives, and nearly seventy-five citizens from Minot. The train was one of the finest ever run over the Soo, comprising coaches, Pullman and tourist cars, dining and buffet cars. The crowd was in the best of spirits. Stops were made at Velva, Harvey and a number of other towns enroute where passengers were taken on. Those on the train wore red badges labeled, "Minot for Equity Packing Plant."

Forty rooms were reserved at Hotel Sherman for members of the Minot delegation. The Minot boosters have been doing excellent work in working up sentiment for locating the plant in "The City of Realization," but the Equity will not finally determine the proposition until the time of the Grain Growers Convention in Fargo in January. Valley City is also working hard for the plant and can be said to be Minot's strongest competitor.

A number of the Minot businessmen and farmers from this section of the state, who attended the Equity convention in St. Paul, returned this afternoon.

Twenty-eight businessmen from Minot attended the convention, while there were over 300 on the special train. The businessmen, all of whom spent their own money in making the trip, deserve considerable credit. They did excellent boosting for the packing plant, creating a great deal of sentiment for its installation in this city.

Among the businessmen from Minot attending were C. C. Wyson, Halvor I. Halvorson, D. A. Dinnie, H. E. Wheeler, J. F. McGuire, W. R. Bond, O. M. Pierce, A. J. McCannel, A. F. McLane, Geo. A. State, C. F. Truax, Thorwald Mostad, Staale Hendrickson, John J. Lee, Geo. Reishus, G. S. Youmans, John Wallin and T. N. Wold.

Valley City delegates arrived on two special trains. Valley City at once became a strong factor in the fight for the packing plant. Minot realizes that she has a hard fight on her hands. All that Minot asks is that the proposition be decided strictly on its merits.

North Dakota had the largest number of delegates at the convention. Looks like the Equity is here to stay. Other states represented were South Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Montana, and there were visitors from Canada.

Minnesota delegates started a boom for Manahan for governor. He was formerly congressman from Minnesota.

A big delegation called on Geo. S. Loftus at Eitel hospital, Minneapolis, who is there receiving treatment for cancer. A complete report of the proceedings was taken to his bedside daily.

A collection was taken up Tuesday evening for Mr. Loftus, \$656 being gathered in a few minutes. The main business was raising a fund of \$800 to pay up some old political debts, running back to the days of Buchanan, one time candidate for governor.

SENTIMENT STRONG FOR BORAH

PROGRESSIVE REPUBLICANS OF STATE HELD MEETING IN MINOT—DID NOT ENDORSE ANY CANDIDATES.

A number of progressive republicans of the state held a meeting in Minot Monday. The main business transacted was raising a fund of \$800 to pay up some old political debts, running back to the days of Buchanan, one time candidate for governor. The progressives decided not to endorse any set of candidates. The matter of the candidates for president was considered, Borah of Idaho appearing to be the favorite. LaFollette and Cummins were also considered favorably.

Among those attending the conference were two candidates for governor, U. L. Burdick of Williston and Geo. J. Smith of Plaza. Tucker of Courtenay, Dan Brennan of Devils Lake, B. A. Dickinson of Ryder and J. W. Smith of Surrey and others were present.

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HIGHER JUDGE WILL SENTENCE JACK O'NIEL

YOUTH CHARGED WITH HIGHWAY ROBBERY PASSED AWAY AT ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL—SENT MESSAGE TO DEAR OLD MOTHER.

"Jack O'Niel," who was convicted of highway robbery, passed away at St. Joseph's hospital Tuesday after a short illness from pneumonia. Sentence had not yet been passed upon him but he has gone before a higher Tribunal.

"Jack O'Niel" was not his real name. He was a mere youth and he strayed away from home and dear old mother. He came from an excellent family living in Los Angeles, but he was a wanderer on the face of the earth, never communicating with his mother for three years. Night after night that dear old woman prayed that the Almighty would guide her boy's footsteps in the paths of righteousness. Hearing a step outside her door she'd wonder if her dear one had returned. Every Christmas she'd watch for him in vain. Not a day passed but that she would look for the postman, expecting to receive a letter from the little lad that left home so long ago.

"Jack O'Niel" was not really a bad youth, but he fell in with evil companions. He was adventurous and chose for his companion a man better schooled in crime than himself. He was an apt pupil and for the want of something useful to do, assisted in holding up half a dozen fellows on a train at Kenmare. There was no question as to his guilt and he was soon languishing behind prison bars. But he was not destined to suffer prison punishment long, for he soon became ill and when the doctor saw that his days were numbered, the youth was so informed. And then as he realized that the tide of life was fast ebbing away, his thoughts returned to home and dear old mother, the best friend that he had ever had.

He gave the nurse his true name, but for the sake of that little woman down in California, the Independent is not going to print it. "Tell her that Howard is going to die," he said. "Tell her that I send my love and that I regret the life that I have led. I wish that I could see my mother before I die." The message was hurried over that great expanse separating mother and son. The little woman received it and sent one in return to her boy, but before it had arrived, the All Wise Ruler of the Universe had called the spirit hence.

"Jack O'Niel" was given a very decent burial in this city, altho thousands of miles away from home and friends.

COMMISSION CONSIDERS TELEPHONE MATTERS

THREE CASES HEARD BY RAILWAY COMMISSION IN MINOT—WILL MAKE DECISIONS IN JANUARY.

The board of railroad commissioners, comprising W. H. Stutsman, W. H. Mann and O. P. N. Anderson, together with J. A. Little, rate expert and C. H. Olson, official stenographer, held an important meeting in Minot Monday and Tuesday.

Three telephone matters were considered. The Berthold Farmers' Elevator Co., who have been trying for years to make physical connection with the Northern Telephone Co.'s line, have appealed to the commission. The matter will be taken up finally in January.

The Queen City Telephone Co. of Ryder, which has eight phones installed at Makoti, and a farmers' line, with 32 phones installed at the same place, seek to get permission from the commission to establish a central office. But one of them will be given this privilege. Another action is that brot to compel the Northern Telephone Co. to use the Farmers' line from Flaxton to Crosby for a relay, instead of transmitting its messages thru Portal. No decision has been rendered in any of these cases.

Nelberg Hammer Weds Clara Aasen. Nelberg Hammer was united in marriage to Miss Clara Aasen, a charming young woman, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Einar Muus Wednesday evening at 6:30 o'clock. Rev. N. Nilsen performing the ceremony. The couple were attended by Paul Hiltrud and Miss Clara Haugen. The ceremony was witnessed by a few of the close friends after which the party sat down to a delightful wedding dinner.

Mr. Hammer is one of the trusted employes of the Minot Dairy Co., having charge of the cheese factory. He is a young man of excellent habits and both Mr. and Mrs. Hammer have a host of friends who wish them happiness. They are living in a cozy cottage on Hiawatha street.