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BIG EQUITY CONVENTION WILL BE HELD IN MINOT

FARMERS DECIDE TO COME TO MINOT FOR BIG GATHERING INSTEAD OF FARGO—SELECTION MATTER OF LOCATION AND SENTIMENT.

The state convention of the Society of Equity will be held in Minot some time in February, dates to be announced later.

The Society has always held its state wide meetings at Fargo, but because Minot is more advantageously situated, this point has been selected.

Minot is pleased that the farmers have decided on coming to Minot. This city will show the visitors a good time and besides, the organization knows that it will get a square deal at every turn of the road.

There will be between two and three thousand farmers here during the convention, which will be the largest in the history of the state.

At this meeting, the location of the Equity packing plant will be selected.

A CHRISTMAS APPEAL.

We wonder if many of our readers know that there is in Fargo a statewide charity—the only place of its kind in a radius of hundreds of miles—where unfortunate and delinquent girls are cared for, and not only cared for but restored to their place in the world, to help in its work and take care of themselves?

The Florence Crittenden Home ranks first in the chain of eighty homes scattered throughout the United States, with five in foreign countries. During the past year the Home has cared for 104 girls, whose average age is sixteen years, and has also cared for 71 children during the year. There are at the present time 31 girls and 21 children, 13 of whom are less than six months of age. Our girls come to us mostly without friends or money, and with the exception of three thousand dollars from the State of North Dakota, the sixteen thousand dollars which it takes to run the institution annually is free will offerings of the charitable people of the state.

The Home needs provisions, clothing for girls and children, but most of all money. Make all checks payable to Mr. H. W. Gearey, Fargo, N. D., address all packages, etc., to the Florence Crittenden Home, Fargo, N. D.

We are just completing a new cottage for our school girls. It needs furnishings—curtains, bedding, rugs, furniture, and all things that go to make a house a home. Cannot you help?

We trust that all who read this appeal will try to do something to brighten the lives of these unfortunate and oftimes unhappy girls in our midst, remembering that as oft as ye give to one of the least of these, ye give unto the Master.

Yours in loving service,
MRS. R. M. POLLOCK,
President.
LILLIAN GRACE TOPPING,
Superintendent.

24TH ANNUAL FIREMEN'S BALL

MINOT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT WILL HOLD ENJOYABLE FUNCTION AT THE ARMORY NEW YEAR'S EVE.

The Minot Volunteer Fire Departmeit will hold its 24th annual ball at the Armory, New Year's Eve, Dec. 31. Hovind's seven-piece orchestra will furnish the music and dancing will begin at 9 o'clock. Tickets $1.00.

A very large crowd is certain to attend. The affair is in the hands of capable committees and nothing will be left undone to give the crowd a good time.

The members of the fire department are among our best young men and we should all be liberal in buying tickets for this enjoyable affair.

SENDS HIS CHILDREN ON ERRAND; SUICIDES.

Mandan, N. D., Dec. 13.—Bert Gilmore, age 44, a wealthy farmer of the Leith district, became despondent over continued ill health, and sending his children from the house on an errand, discharged a shot gun into his heart.

Mrs. Burnett, one of the patients at St. Joseph's hospital, came a distance of 400 miles in order to obtain the services of her old family surgeon for an operation.

RAILWAY SITES ARE TAXABLE

WARD COUNTY ENRICHED TO THE EXTENT OF $18,685.03 BY DECISION OF SUPREME COURT

The supreme court has decided that the law taxing elevator sites and other sites along the right-of-way of the various railway companies of the state is constitutional. The coffers of the state will be enriched to the extent of more than half a million dollars, to say nothing of the amount that will be poured into the various county treasuries in the years to come.

This decision enriches Ward county to the extent of $18,685.03. There are 172 sites in Ward county, the taxes on some of them not having been paid for years. In 1914, the matter was dug up by the state tax commission. Those occupying these sites declared that the law is unconstitutional on the ground that the railway companies have already been taxed for their right of way, thus making a double taxation.

QUARTER CENTURY ASSAULT PENALTY.

Glendive Court Sentences Man Who Pleaded Guilty of Crime.

Glendive, Mont., Dec. 13.—Twenty-five years in the Montana penitentiary was the sentence imposed today on "Pete" Doe, right name unknown, who confessed to the assault of the 10-year-old daughter of a Glendive, Mont., mail clerk.

A peculiar pair of dice found on the scene of the crime were identified by various parties as carried by Pete.

It was the only evidence offered in the Glendive court this morning.

The girl is in such condition she could not recognize the man.

A WAYWARD TONGUE.

The chairman of the committee was addressing a meeting at a teachers' institute:

"My friends, the school-work is the bul-house of civilization—I mean—ah—"

He began to be frightened.

"The bul-house is the school-work of civ—"

The smile could be felt.

"The work-house is the bul-school of—"

He was evidently twisted.

"The school-bul is the house-work—"

An audible snigger spread over the audience.

"The bul-school—"

He was getting wild. So were his hearers. He mopped his perspiration, gritted his teeth and made a fresh start.

"The school-house, my friends—"

A sigh of relief went up. Hamlet was himself again.

He gazed serenely around. The light of triumphant self-confidence was enthroned upon his brow.

"Is the wool-bark—"

And that is when he lost consciousness.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bitter are visiting relatives at Ottawa, Ill. They left the first of the week and will remain until after the holidays.

A COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE

MAGNIFICENT SPECTACLE AT THE INTERSECTION OF MAIN STREET AND THIRD AVENUE —CHRISTMAS CAROLS TO BE SUNG DURING THE WEEK.

A community Christmas tree will be erected at the corner of Main street and Third Ave. South, to be maintained for one week, beginning on Christmas eve. The tree will be set up at the intersection of the streets and will be lighted with hundreds of electric lamps, the lighting a contribution from the Consumers Power Co. The city commission has granted permission to the Y. W. C. A. for the installation of the tree. No presents will be hung on the tree but it will present a beautiful sight with its many lights. At the top will appear a large star. E. L. Rowan is chairman of the committee on decorations. The Camp Fire girls are now busy stringing pop corn and cranberries for the tree. This is strictly a Minot Christmas tree.

Each night Christmas carols will be sung, beginning with Christmas eve and lasting until New Year's eve. The various church choirs will co-operate. One night a boys' chorus of thirty voices will sing and another night the girls' chorus will sing.

The Y. W. C. A. is being assisted by the women's clubs of the city.

Too busy to write an advertisement, but if you want

MONEY

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TASKER.

Tasker, N. Dak. Where is that? Well, it's on the main line of the Soo, fourteen miles west of Minot, situated in the very rich and fertile valley of the Des Lacs river. It is surrounded by a rich and prosperous farming community. We are somewhat like Rip Van Winkle but our dog still knows us, nevertheless, and we are waking up. We have a nice little trading point, general store, blacksmith shop, coal mine, school, grain market, and hotel. At any rate, you will find a jolly, sociable, good-natured bunch to get acquainted with. Our latch-strings are always on the outside of the door.

Chas. Scribner is busy now days. He just moved a house for the Smith-McClure Grain Co., to be used by them as a warehouse this winter.

Miss Carrie Verzatt, who has been visiting relatives in Tasker, left for Malta, Mont., Monday.

Mr. Denny doesn't want much for Xmas. He says, "Dear Old Santa, bring me a threshing machine and crew, as I want very much to get threshed this year."

Carl Herzig just finished threshing a large crop of grain and is busy marketing it now. Carl certainly knows how to get the most out of old Mother Earth, and he finds Tasker a good place to market his wheat as it is A. No.-1 and clean.

Mrs. T. B. Waldron was called to Berthold to attend a sick aunt. Now Tommy whirls the prying pan and takes the jackets off the spuds.

Ole is general superintendent of the pastry department. It would whet up the appetite of a grindstone to see the nice stuff Ole can set before the guests.

Floyd Griffin was a caller in our burg Monday.

Mrs. Kandolf called in Burlington between trains Monday.

The children of the Tasker school are preparing a Xmas program and tree which will be held in the boarding house Xmas eve. Everybody invited.

W. J. Verzatt was a business caller in Minot.

Anybody wishing to know any particulars about tobogganing ask Joe Palace.

Mr. Arnold, the Foxholm butcher, called between trains Monday.

BUSH & LANE PIANOS
—and—
CECILIAN PLAYERS

The makers of the Bush & Lane Piano have constantly one purpose in mind—to make a piano of the highest artistic excellence.

Designing and building an artistic piano requires the highest mechanical and artistic ability.

It is safe to say that the method of scaling employed in the Bush & Lane Piano gives the greatest evenness of intervals and chords, and employs the dissonance to advantage, to a degree not found in any other instrument.

In the Bush & Lane Piano a fullness and glory of rich tone has been achieved that is a delight to the musician.

In a word, the Bush & Lane Piano represents the highest ideals of the modern piano makers' art.

The Bush & Lane Cecilian Player Piano is one of the marvels of the Twentieth Century and its possibilities for entertainment and instruction are unlimited.

Why contemplate the purchase of a cheap and inferior instrument—one that after a few months use you would be willing to discard at almost any figure—when you can become the owner of a Bush & Lane at a reasonable price?

We now have a large stock on hand and the cases and veneers are the most beautiful ever seen in Minot.

Sold for cash or on easy payments.

S. J. ROGNLIE, Minot, N. D.
124 Flatiron Building.

LOGAN MURMURS.

The Latter Day Aid held a most gratifying sale of work at the High school on Friday evening. A chicken pie supper preceded the sale, sumptous and satisfying. Mr. H. C. Kuchenbecker secured satisfactory prices for the many articles submitted and we understand that nearly $100 was added to the credit of this live organization.

Owing to unfavorable weather conditions, the shingling bee for Logan's new hall did not take place on Wednesday last. Tom Hecker, Russell Oard and Elmer Cook have been busy during the past week, despite the cold spell, and notice will be afforded all who are interested in the date of the bee.

Forest Ross has many willing workers busily engaged on the building in course of erection on Main street and if the present rate of progress is maintained, he should be ready for business by Xmas.

Miss Winnie Bean, our popular postmistress, is enjoying a brief vacation Velva ways.

In the morning, oh, so early, such a sweet 10 lb. cherubim arrived to gladden the lives of Mr. and Mrs. Horning of Hecker.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Teets are anticipating a visit to Iowa during the holiday season.

On Thursday next a dance will be given in the new building erected by Forest Ross. Good music and a good time is assured.

Next week's issue will mark yet another milestone on our journey thru the trials and tribulations of this wicked world, and your scribe would appreciate any item of news you may care to contribute. We desire to emphasize Logan's existence at this season.

The county commissioners have compiled an instructive and interesting pamphlet descriptive of the many advantages Ward county affords those of our Eastern friends who seek fresh fields for effort. Local readers who have wish to secure copies can secure them either direct from the commissioners, or from J. Shaw, of Logan.

The Samaritan Ladies Aid will be entertained by Mrs. Oliver Saugstad at her residence on Riverside avenue on Thursday, January 6.

Mrs. J. I. Brady is visiting with friends and relatives near Casselton.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Larson and son, who live at Surrey, returned last week from a three months' visit in Iowa and Minnesota. Mr. Larson is a member of the firm who are opening a new store at Surrey. Mrs. Larson was in the city Tuesday and called at the Independent office. She says "We have seen considerable of the east during our visit and we are convinced that there is no place like North Dakota."

• F. H. Moeller has built a complete set of new farm buildings, consisting of house, barn and granary, at his place south of the city. John Schmidtz, the hustling young bachelor, has farmed the place successfully for several years. Rumor has it that John will soon dispense with baking his own Aunt Jemima pancakes.

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