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PREMIUM LIST WILL SOON BE READY

That the Northwestern Mid-winter Fair to be held at Minot during the week of February 14-19, will be a gigantic success seems apparent from the first survey made of the situation by the Association of Commerce committee that has the matter of arrangements in charge. Although the announcement of the rental of booth space has been out only a few days, the secretary of the Association of Commerce has had many calls for this space, and when the Fair opens it is safe to say that every available inch will be utilized by exhibitors.

It is the earnest wish of the Committee that the booths provided by exhibitors at this Fair be of a substantial character, but of a knock-down kind, so that the waste of former years in this particular be eliminated as far as possible. It has been suggested that they be built out of Beaver or Compo Board or some other light material that lends itself well to tasteful arrangement and decoration, thus doing away with the bunting of former years.

These booths can be so built that they can be easily taken down and crated and stored away for the next occasion. Several of the exhibitors have already signified their intention of following the committee's suggestion.

The Armory will have a much different arrangement of the floor space than in former years. A room 40x60 feet will be partitioned off in the rear of the building for a lecture room. This room will also contain the farm exhibits, tastefully arranged. Upstairs in the room back of the gallery, the ladies visiting the Fair will have the opportunity of listening to lectures by prominent women in the field of domestic science, dairying, etc. In fact the gallery and the upstairs portion of the Armory will be devoted

entirely to the ladies' uses. The basement will be used for the live stock, poultry and farm implement exhibits, and already a number of reservations have been received for space in the basement. Among the reservations is one for W. A. Christianson, of Granville, who will bring the Shorthorn bull sent to Granville by James Hill a year or so ago. This animal is a beauty and will attract a great deal of attention among the farmers who like fine, pure-bred stock.

The committee having the Fair in charge is composed of busy men, but they are doing wonders to whip matters in shape early so that all the Northwestern part of the state will know that this Fair is not a local affair, but one to be participated in by all the people of this part of the state.

The premium list will soon be ready for distribution, and from advance information received by the Independent the list will be of great interest to all the farmers of the Northwestern part of North Dakota. It is hoped that the preliminary list will be published in next week's Minot newspapers. This list will be supplemented later on.

The Independent cannot urge it too strongly upon the farmers to get ready for this Fair, both in the matter of making exhibits and attending the Fair. There will be something of special interest every day of the week, and in order to get all the good things it will be necessary to attend every day.

Herbert C. Lander Weds Leeds Young Woman.

Herbert C. Lander, manager of the E. J. Lander Co., of this city, was married today at Leeds to Miss Bessie Lyons, a charming young woman of that city. Mr. Lander has resided in Minot for several years and is highly regarded by all. After taking a short trip, the couple will return to this city to make their home.

Dr. E. J. Walsh, the veterinarian, left Wednesday for Toronto, Can., where he will eat New Year's dinner with his aged parents. His father has been in poor health for months.

GOV. HANNA QUILTS FORD PEACE PARTY

Henry Ford quit his Peace Party at Christiania without giving the delegates notice until after he had stepped aboard the liner bound for New York. It is said that Ford is ill and that he hastened home to consult a doctor. He says he may return later to join the party at The Hague.

Gaston Plaintiff, Ford's New York manager, was left in complete charge of the party. Others who are taking hold of the work are Rev. Chas. F. Aked of San Francisco, Judge Ben Lindsey of Denver and others. Nothing is said in the dispatch about Sam Clark, who went as a special representative of a New York paper.

All has not been going well with the Ford party. Mrs. Inez Millholland Boissevain of New York withdrew from the party, saying that a few were running it.

GOVERNOR HANNA IS VERY ILL IN COPENHAGEN HOSPITAL.

Copenhagen, Dec. 27.—Governor L. E. Hanna of North Dakota, a member of the Ford peace party, arrived today suffering from what may develop into typhus. He is a very, very sick man.

The governor was admitted to St. Joseph's hospital in this city. The American legation is caring for him. The American minister, Dr. Maurice Egan, Mrs. Egan, and many others have visited the governor or sent flowers.

GOV. HAMMOND OF MINN. DIED SUDDENLY.

Governor W. S. Hammond of Minnesota, died suddenly at Clinton, Ia., today from apoplexy. He had gone to Clinton to inspect some farm land which he owned. Lieut. Gov. J. A. A. Burnquist becomes governor.

Miss Martha Arnestad, who has been employed at the McCoy Department store, was united in marriage to Sven Larson, the ceremony being performed by Rev. N. Nilson.

FOOD DISTRIBUTED BY SALVATION ARMY

The Salvation Army was instrumental in gladdening the hearts of several hundred of our citizens during the Christmas festivities, which took place at the local Barracks. Capt. and Mrs. Gerringer worked very hard getting ready for the functions. Mrs. Gerringer solicited most of the food and clothing which were given away. On Christmas morning, thirty-five bushel baskets full of food were distributed among the city's needy. Each basket contained a chicken, potatoes, corn, tomatoes, canned fruit of all kinds, a cranberry pie, bread, 1-2 pound of good dairy butter, 1 lb. of coffee, 8 lbs. of flour, canned milk and squash — enough to furnish several meals fit for a number of kings. There are five baskets left to be distributed.

At the Barracks Monday night, the Christmas exercises were held. There were instrumental and vocal selections, recitations by the little folks, and a Christmas tree with a real live Santa who came out of the fireplace. The tree was lighted beautifully with electric lights. Each person received some gift. Clothing, toys, and pound boxes of candy and nuts were given away.

SAUNDERS-BEAL NUPTIALS.

The following account of the marriage of C. H. Saunders, manager of the Taylor Drug Co., and Miss Minerva M. Beal, taken from the Valley City Times-Record, will be of considerable interest to the many friends of the couple:

Sunday morning, at 10 o'clock, occurred the wedding of Miss Minerva M. Beal to Captain Henry Saunders, the ceremony taking place at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Beal, on Fifth street. Rev. Willard Crosby Lyon of the First Congregational church officiating, in the

presence of the immediate relatives of the bridal pair, the ring service being used. The bride wore a gown of white silk crepe de chine and georgette lace, and she carried a bouquet of bridal roses. The bridesmaid was Miss Sadie, a sister of the bride, who wore a dress of blue challis trimmed in blue silk. The groom was attended by the bride's brother, Earl. The home was decorated with Christmas decorations, simply arranged but artistic. A wedding dinner was served at noon, and the happy pair departed on No. 4 for Chicago for a short trip, after which they will be at home in Minot.

The bride is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Beal and always has made her home in this community, where she has won many friends by her kind and cheerful disposition, and her many good qualities. The groom is a druggist in Minot, and comes to the city well recommended. The friends of both families wish them a happy married life in which good wish the Times-Record joins.

Marriage Licenses.

Chris Ones, Renville county, 28, and Edith C. Swenson, Ward county, 24. William Wolf, Ward county, 47, Anna Partz, Ward county, 25. Olaf Shurson, Ward county, 27, and Clara M. Christianson, Ward county, 23. Carl Beckett, Ward county, 27, and Anna Washness, Ward county, 18. Mike Hubsby, McLean county, 22, and Clara Foyda, Ward county, 18. Henry Suiter, Ward county, 25, and Maggie Mittleider, Ward county, 18. Walter Hutchins, Kansas City, 32, and Carrie Edgar, Ward county, 25. Bernhard Nelson, Renville county, 27, and Merle C. Sanders, Ward county, 21.

300 Children Entertained at Elks Home.

Eight hundred children of the city were entertained at the Elks Home Wednesday afternoon. A beautiful Christmas tree had been decorated in an exquisite manner by E. L. Rowan, custodian of the Home. Arrangements had been made to entertain about 600 children and when the youngsters began to arrive in droves, Mr. Rowan and his committee had their hands full. The children were given liberal quantities of candy and nuts. They were entertained by Santa Claus and Charley Chaplin who there also to add to the merriment. Presents were given to all and not one went away disappointed. It was a great day for Minot's little folks.

PREDICT HIGH PRICES FOR MAY OATS

Myers & Co., the well known grain commission men, have made a phenomenal record in forecasting market conditions. The Independent has watched with considerable interest their predictions, and in not one instance have they been wrong.

In a statement issued elsewhere in this number of the Independent, they predict a marked increase in the price of May oats. Last year May oats sold for 54 cents per bushel and it would not be surprising if the price equalled that of last year.

LEAVE FOR STONE-ORDEAN-WELLS CONVENTION

Ira D. Wight, manager of the Stone-Ordean-Wells Co., left Sunday for Duluth, where he is attending the annual meeting of managers and salesmen of that up-to-date concern. The meeting is always largely attended. Business of an important nature is transacted and the meeting closes with a big banquet. Mr. Jewett, F. C. Taft, Mr. Neelands and Paul Fichtelmann, all connected with the local concern, are also attending the convention.

The Stone-Ordean-Wells Co. has enjoyed the biggest year in its history and they are planning on doing bigger things than ever in Minot and surrounding territory.

F. L. Toftner left for Cyrus, Minn., today to visit his aged mother and other relatives.

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MINOT, NORTH DAKOTA

VERNON E. STENERSEN WEDS MINNESOTA GIRL

Vernon E. Stenersen, a prominent Minot attorney, was united in marriage Wednesday evening to Miss Selma H. Vikker, of Minneapolis. The marriage took place at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Vikker, at Halstad, Minn., in the presence of the immediate members of the families. Mrs. J. R. Pence, sister of the groom, left Minot early in the week to be present at the ceremony.

The bride is a graduate of the University of Minnesota, with the B. A. degree, later taking up the study of law, graduating with Mr. Stenersen in the class of 1913. She was admitted to practice before the supreme court of that state at the same time her husband was. Since that time she has been actively engaged in the practice of law for herself in Minneapolis and at other times has been in the employ of the well known firms of Henderson, Wunderlick & Patten and of the Wells, Dickey Co., of Minneapolis. During her residence in Minneapolis she has been identified with the work of the Associated Charities.

Mr. Stenersen is the son of Mrs. Abbie Stenersen of this city and he has made his home in Minot for the past eleven years. He graduated from the Minot high school in 1906 and attended Macalester college for a number of years. He graduated from the law department of the University of Minnesota. For nearly two years he was assistant state's attorney of Burke county, later opening law offices in this city, where he has been very successful. Mr. Stenersen is one of Minot's very young men and the woman of his choice will find a warm welcome in our city.

DAKOTA MOTOR CO. LOCATES IN MINOT

C. H. Withers is Manager—Haynes Auto Will be Featured—Demonstration Cars on Hand.

C. H. Withers, who has been engaged in the implement business and in farming at Farwell during the past year, has engaged in the automobile business in Minot. His concern will be known as the Dakota Motor Co., with headquarters

in the Auslander block. The Haynes car will be handled. This is one of the earliest cars manufactured and the quality has always been the very best. The Haynes Six sells for \$1385 and is a beauty. Demonstration cars may be seen at the Auslander building.

Minot Needs a New School Building.

The Minot schools will open Monday after a vacation of two weeks. With five large public school buildings in the city, the quarters are so crowded that it is exceedingly hard to accommodate the 1300 or 1400 pupils enrolled. Another building is needed badly. The district is already bonded for \$99,000 and it is possible to bond it for \$30,000 more, providing the voters authorize the school board to do this. If the tax levy be increased to the limit, it would be possible to bond the district for \$80,000 for building purposes.

Wheat Sells for \$1.10 Today.

Wheat in Minot is selling for \$1.10 today and no one knows just where the price will go. The price advanced three cents in a day. Flax is worth \$2.01 per bushel.

Mrs. W. J. Norbeck is convalescing nicely from her recent severe illness.

A. W. Gray, the Kenmare attorney, was in the city Thursday.

Grant S. Youmans went to Crosby on business Wednesday.

Dr. C. C. Nugent and family spent Christmas with the doctor's brother at Harvey.

Mrs. Harold Lamming and daughter, of Grand Forks, are visiting at the home of Mrs. Lamming's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hunker.

Postmaster Stenvick has succeeded in getting an elevator service established at the new federal building. The job pays \$860 a year.

Miss Lois Farr, principal of the Aurelia schools, is in the city, enroute back from a visit to her old home, Grinnell, Ia.

Paul and Adolph Klipple of Willis township were in the city the first of the week on business connected with the schools of that township.

The fire department was called out during the night on account of the explosion of a coffee urn at the Savoy Cafe. Little damage was done.

Mrs. John Geist left for St. Paul, where she will meet her son Charles, who has been receiving instruction at an optical school in Chicago.

The Community Christmas tree on South Main street is one of the prettiest sights ever seen in the city. The tree will be allowed to remain the week out. Christmas carols were sung on Christmas eve.

Paul Shorb of Surrey, who is attending the state university, is back for the holiday vacation. Mr. Shorb is editor of The Student, the bright university publication, and as such he is making an enviable record.

E. Galchouse, a prominent Donnybrook merchant, received word that his father, aged 83 years, had died suddenly at Los Angeles. The remains were

brought back to the home at Carrington for burial.

Dr. G. Roy Ringo has practically completed his four-story concrete block on South Main street. The doctor occupies significant quarters in the block and the other rooms will soon be in shape for occupancy.

About fifty newboys and their friends were guests of Henry Phillips, proprietor of the P. & L. Cafeteria, at a fine turkey dinner on Christmas day. The

boys voted Mr. Phillips a royal host.

Miss Pearl Roell, who is teaching in the public schools of Noonan, is spending her holiday vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Roell. Miss Roell is making a fine record in her work.

Sheriff Nedreloe served a big turkey dinner Christmas to the sixteen prisoners in the county jail. They had as good a time as could be expected under the circumstances and enjoyed their big feed immensely.

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