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LIVELY DEBATE AT EQUITY CONVENTION

MANAHAN AND KELLEY WILL SETTLE SINGLE TAX QUESTION—LARGE CROWD TO ATTEND ANNUAL GATHERING IN MINOT NEXT WEEK.

Plans are practically completed for the big Equity state convention which will be held in this city beginning Wednesday, Feb. 16.

No regular program has been prepared, but many prominent speakers will be present to talk on the subjects of vital interest to the farmers of the northwest. Marketing, Farm Finances, Live Stock and General Farm Products will be among the subjects taken up.

M. P. Johnson, president of the Equity Exchange, James Manahan, of St. Paul, the Equity attorney, A. M. Baker of Fargo, editor of the Co-operative Herald, and J. E. Kelley, a prominent Equity man from Pierre, S. D., will give addresses.

A. G. Crane, president of the Minot Normal school, will be one of the principal speakers. He will extend an invitation to the members of the Equity and other visitors to visit the Normal school in a body.

One of the interesting features of the convention will be a debate between James Manahan and J. E. Kelley on the subject of Single Taxation, the former being a disciple of Henry George.

There will be many visitors from Montana, South Dakota, Minnesota and Wisconsin, besides hundreds from our own state. The gathering will undoubtedly be the largest of the kind ever held in the state.

Minot will extend a warm welcome to the Equity visitors. The Association of Commerce furnishes the Armory, where the sessions will all be held.

The packing plant question will be settled during this convention. The committee on the site, comprising J. Lee of Valley City, Anthony Walton of Minot and Mr. Casey of Lisbon will be here to consider the propositions offered by the various cities in

the race and to report their findings to the convention, where the matter will be definitely settled. Minot is after the plant. Our closest competitor will be Valley City. The businessmen and farmers are subscribing liberally for shares of stock, as may be seen by another column. This will, of course, figure very largely in the results and everyone should do his part. By all means our farmer friends should attend this convention next week. It will not only furnish some excellent entertainment for you, but you will return home feeling that you have spent a very profitable week. The annual election of officers will take place at this meeting.

Progressive Republican League Will Meet in Minot.

The Progressive Republican League of North Dakota will hold a meeting in Minot Feb. 16 and 17. Walter Bond, who has charge of the entertainment arrangements, has secured two rooms at the Leland, where a meeting will be called Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock. Houser, the LaFollette campaign manager, Tucker of Courtenay, Wm. Langer, the fighting state's attorney from Morton county, and other Progressive republicans, will attend. The matter of selecting delegates for the national convention will be discussed. The League has already endorsed Wm. Lemke of Fargo, a well known Equity lawyer, for national committeeman.

Prizes for Snow White Slogan.

The award of prizes for the best slogan for use in advertising Snow White flour was made this week. The lucky ones are:

- Robert Falda, first prize.
 - Emily Snow, second prize.
 - Helen May Oakes, third prize.
 - T. J. Slattery, fourth prize.
 - Mrs. J. B. Taylor, fifth prize.
 - Mrs. Flora Harrington, sixth prize.
- Considerable interest was manifested in this contest, as it will be a great honor to be the one who conceived the slogan which will advertise this popular brand of flour.

Jubilee Singers at Normal.

The California Jubilee Singers will be at the Normal school auditorium on Tuesday evening. This will be one of the most pleasing entertainments of the course. Lovers of good singing should not fail to hear the California Jubilee Singers.

32 CANDIDATES RECEIVE PAGE RANK

ORIGINAL RATHBONE BIBLE USED BY SUPREME KEEPER OF RECORDS AND SEALS — A LARGE NUMBER ATTEND THE MEETING.

Fully three hundred members of the Knights of Pythias lodges of Minot and vicinity attended the greatest meeting of its kind ever held in this section of North Dakota, when 32 candidates received the rank of Page on the original Judge Henry Rathbone Bible. The degree was conferred by Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal Wheaton, who stated that he had conferred this degree under similar conditions 141 different times and that this time was the first time every candidate elected had been present. This Bible was used when the order was founded in February, 1864. There were 43 charter members, only one being alive today. Mr. Wheaton gave an interesting address during the evening, referring to the prosperity of the lodges thruout the Domain.

Grand Chancellor Dustin and Grand Keeper of Records and Seal E. M. Thompson of Bismarck were present, each giving an address.

C. B. Bach was appointed Prelate of the local lodge by the Grand Chancellor to fill the vacancy caused by the death of J. L. Fahey.

After the ceremony a fine lunch was served and a good social time enjoyed. The Minot lodge is one of the very best in the northwest, there being more than 300 members.

Anniversary Services at Zion Lutheran Church.

The sixth anniversary of the dedication of the Zion Lutheran church will be celebrated with special service Sunday, Feb. 20. The church is free from debt. The beautiful structure, with its lot, is worth \$25,000 easily. The members of the congregation and other friends will be given a cordial invitation to gather that day. Rev. N. Nilsen has been the pastor of this congregation for fifteen years or more and his popularity is growing.

FRENZIED MAN COM-MITS NAMELESS CRIME

JENS BRAEDAHL, TAGUS FARMER, SLASHED HIMSELF WITH RAZOR NEAR G. N. DEPOT IN MINOT—DIED SHORTLY AFTERWARDS.

Jens Braedahl, aged 40 years and single, died from self inflicted wounds, at St. Joseph's hospital Tuesday evening.

Only a man in a sadly demented condition could have committed such an offense against himself, the occurrence being too abhorrent for description.

Braedahl, in the presence of fully thirty men, performed a nameless operation upon himself on the Great Northern platform, near the lunch room, using a razor. He did the act so quickly that the bystanders were powerless to prevent him from doing so. Leaving the evidences of his crime on the platform, he ran fifteen rods up the south hill and when near the Ed Colvert barn, he slashed his throat from ear to ear with the razor.

The police were notified and they rushed to the scene, but were prevented from getting to the man quickly on account of the deep snow. As Chief Dougherty and his men rushed towards the man, Braedahl slashed himself across the abdomen, cutting a deep gash and before the officers could get to him, he had reached into the wound, pulling out his intestines, cutting off pieces of them which he threw upon the snow. He then fell back exhausted. The police placed him in the auto and rushed with him to the hospital, realizing however, that the man could not possibly survive. The Chief placed a handkerchief over the wound in his throat. Braedahl talked in an insane manner, stating that he would have been burned the following day had he not committed the offense against himself. At the hospital he seemed to grow more rational and shortly before he died, asked the Sisters to pray for him. He died in an hour and fifty-five minutes after committing the acts.

Braedahl was a brother-in-law of

Wm. West, a G. N. engineer. He had lived on his farm near Tagus for a number of years. In his pocket was found a note for \$200 given by a brother, over which he had been brooding because it had not been paid.

A Jolly Lot of Visitors.

A jolly lot of farmers visited the Independent office in a body this morning and when the editor saw them swooping down upon him, he was inclined to take to the tall timber. There were just six of them and they all paid their subscriptions before leaving, (we locked the door on them) and would not leave until we had promised to pay each one of them a visit the coming summer. (Here is where the high cost of living will be reduced). They are all prosperous farmers and they told us that they have been fairly sleeping on money this winter. The party comprised A. C. Bjorn, A. J. Anderson, C. E. Torgrimson, L. M. Larson, M. O. Ofsthum and Andrew Eggeberg. Larson raised 300 acres of wheat last season that averaged 32 bushels per acre and he declares that Torgrimson, who did the threshing, did such a clean job that his cattle are all growing fat eating straw. A. J. Anderson reported that he and his friends had just visited the office of the state's attorney, where they offered their services gratis, any time he wanted any of the confiscated amber fluid destroyed for the county. Anderson declares he has 5 wagons and three sleighs, and he will gladly save the county drayage charges. They are all good scouts and our lathstring will always hang on the outside for them.

Granville Wins Loving Cup for Best Corn.

Granville won the beautiful silver loving cup offered by the Winters Jewelry Co. for the best display of corn at the Mid-winter Fair. The Bottineau exhibit lost out by a very narrow margin. Both exhibits were truly wonderful, the corn exhibits being shown in large show cases. The corn was raised in 1914. Bottineau county lies along the Canadian boundary line and some wonderful results have been attained in growing corn right up to the very border.

O. T. Gronback, from south of the city, is in town today. He is marketing his wheat, which averaged 30 bushels. He is an old timer, having lived in the state 32 years.

GUERNSEY BREEDERS IN SESSION

25 ENTHUSIASTIC DAIRYMEN MEET AND PERFECT ORGANIZATION—PICNIC IN SUMMER—BIG EXHIBIT FOR JULY STOCK SHOW.

A meeting of the Ward County Guernsey Breeders' association was held this morning, twenty-five enthusiastic Guernsey fanciers attending. A board of directors was elected as follows: E. S. Person, O. K. Spires, E. E. Miller, B. B. Mouck and Jos. Johnson.

The following officers were chosen: E. S. Person, president; O. K. Spires, vice president; B. B. Mouck, treasurer; Jos. Johnson, Donnybrook, secretary.

Plans were made to hold a big picnic at Major Person's Elmwood farm next summer.

No formal addresses were given, but each one present had something to say concerning the work, the discussions taking the form of a round table talk. It was learned that 13 registered sires and 5 registered females of the Guernsey family were brot to Ward county last year, besides many grades. Plans are being made to bring in a large number of Guernseys to the stock show to be held in Minot in July.

Garnsey Builds Fine Home.

Irvin Garnsey, a prosperous farmer, has just completed one of the finest country homes in Ward county at his 240 acre farm seven miles south of Minot. The house is 28 feet square, with 14-foot posts and has a full basement nine feet deep, equipped with a hot air heating plant. The house is provided with bath, the plumbing to be put in later. The house cost \$3500. It has a fine 8-foot porch on the east side and is provided with a sleeping porch. Wallace & Whipple of Bismarck did the work.

E. O. Anderson from the south prairie visited this office Wednesday. He raised 8,000 bushels of grain last season and hauled in a load that day.

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MOTHER AND BABE BURNED TO DEATH

MRS. J. A. UNDERWOOD OF SENTINEL BUTTE FATALLY BURNED WHEN TRYING TO SAVE HER CHILDREN FROM BURNING HOME.

A sad tragedy occurred at Sentinel Butte, N. D., Tuesday morning of last week, when Mrs. J. A. Underwood and her four-months-old baby were fatally burned. The home had caught fire and Mr. Underwood had taken his wife out of the house. He went back to rescue the six children and would have been successful in saving them all, had not his wife rushed back in an attempt to assist him. She fainted and fell across the bed, directly in the path of the flames.

Mr. Underwood managed to get her out, but she was so badly burned that she died later. He then rushed back into the house and saved five of the children, but was unable to reach the babe, which was in bed upstairs. The father was fearfully burned, but will recover.

United Lutheran District Meeting. A district meeting of the United Lutheran church will be held at the Minot church from Feb. 24 to 27, inclusive. Meetings will be held forenoon, afternoon and evening of each day. A Young People's society for the district will be organized. Rev. H. C. Holm, of Kanawa, Ia., will address the gathering Sunday, Feb. 27.

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MINOT MAN SAW 65 MEXICANS EXECUTED

EMMETT HILEMAN, WHO RODE IN RACES IN MEXICAN CITY ALL WINTER HAS RETURNED.

Emmett Hileman has returned from Mexico, where he spent the winter "riding the ponies" at the races. During the past season he won 78 races. Mr. Hileman has for years been prominent in racing circles and is known as one of the best jockeys in the country.

He rode in the races in a Mexican city just across the line from El Paso, leaving there two weeks ago. While there he witnessed the execution of 65 Mexicans who had pillaged a Mexican city, and who were captured by the Carranza troops. Their execution did not create much of a stir, the papers of that city saying nothing about it for some reason.

Minot Implement Co. Will Handle the Avery Line.

N. E. Odland, representing the Avery line of machinery, with headquarters at Grand Forks, is attending the fair and meeting a large number of farmers.

The year 1915 was the most prosperous in the history of the Avery Co. The business has grown so rapidly that the Avery company recently purchased the plant of the Kingman Plov Co., adjoining their own at Peoria, Ill.

Realizing that the demand for tractors will be great during the present year thruout the Northwest, the Avery Co. has made arrangements with Mr. Swanson of the Minot Implement Co., to handle their line of machinery. Sample tractors will be on display

at the warehouse of the Minot Implement Co., and in view of the fact that the Avery Co. manufacture six different sizes of farm tractors, they are in a position to furnish any size tractor adapted to any size farm. Their line of threshers and steam engines is too well known to need special mention. Anyone interested in their lines can obtain full particulars at the Minot Implement Co.

Old Settlers Are in Session.

This is Ward County Old Settlers' week in Minot. Ed Skinner, John Ehr, Ed Kelley, L. D. Colton and a host of other early pioneers are meeting at Kelleys' office, where an unusually good time is being enjoyed. The national game, Norwegian whist, is played with keen interest and Kelley is serving better lunches than ever which are washed down with generous quantities of Soap Lake water.

Lewis Peterson of Foxholm is enjoying the festivities. One familiar face, that of Frank Kirkelle of Domybrook, is missed, and the absence of Jim Johnson, who has not yet returned from Honolulu, is noticeable as well.

Portal Wiped Minot's Eye. The Portal curlers paid Minot a welcome visit Tuesday. They came down with blood in their eye and won six out of the eight games played. When those lads get their Scotch up, you want to look out. Minot curlers will go to Portal next Thursday.

Congressman Helgesen is making it very uncomfortable for Rear Admiral Peary, the explorer. The North Dakota congressman has been investigating Peary's claims and finds that several things the explorer claimed to have found in the northland do not exist at all.

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