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SIXTEEN CO. D. BOYS RETURN FROM BISMARCK

Several Turned Down Owing to Underweight—Members Tell Interesting Camp Life Stories

Sixteen of the members of Co. D, who failed to pass the physical examination, mainly because they were underweight, have returned to Minot. When the guardsmen were mustered in as regulars on July 1, they were given a rigid examination. Their lungs, hearing and sight were tested and their feet and teeth examined. Three of the boys who were rejected were later allowed to re-enlist. Among those who have returned are Frank Falvey, Joe Selberg, W. H. Hall and "Whitey" Calkins.

Mr. Hall, who is engaged with City Engineer Thomas, kindly gave the Independent an interesting story of his life in camp at Fort Lincoln. He spoke highly of the Minot boys in Co. D and says that while they are a little below standard in drill work, they have the right kind of fighting stuff in them and if they ever get into action, they will give a good account of themselves. The boys who returned home were very much disappointed as they very much desired to go to the front.

The Co. D boys who came back were not mustered out until Saturday noon after all of the others had been mustered out, consequently they had to remain in Bismarck until Monday morning. They were provided with tickets back home.

Although an order went into effect that all married men should be discharged, only three from Co. D are in the lot. They are George Hodge, Paul White and Mr. Rochelle. They had to sign an application for discharge on the grounds that one or more members of their family were dependent upon them for support. They will not be able to get away for about 60 days and in the meantime are on their way south with their company.

Seven of the Co. D boys at first refused to sign the muster list and were placed in the guard house for two or three days. They did not understand the new ruling thoroughly and as soon as they did so they signed freely.

Mr. Hall says that Co. D, which is a part of the third battalion, expected to entrain for the south Wednesday. They are among the last to leave. There has been a delay that has proven quite discouraging to the boys.

The camp discipline is very strict. On the Fourth the regiment was taken into Bismarck in box cars and the soldiers marched about town. They were brought back in box cars. That night many of the boys went to Bismarck again and spent the evening marching about the city, singing and celebrating generally. This was followed by an order from the colonel that no one should leave camp without a permit. A number who sneaked away to go swimming, etc., did time in the guard house.

Mr. Hall talked of the fight which some of the members of Co. D are said to have engaged in with other members of the regiment. It was the result of some busybody carrying tales back and forth, saying that Co. D had it in for a certain company and that the company had it in for Company D. The result was that there were a few black eyes on all sides. Hall says this will make soldiers of them quicker than anything.

When the rations arrived for the journey south, they were piled up outside the tents. A rain came up and the boys had a fierce time getting them under cover. Some of the stuff got wet. The boys chipped in "four bits" apiece to buy extras for their trip south.

The soldiers have been under very strict discipline. This is considered necessary and the boys believe that after they have learned their lessons well, they will be given more privileges. They are called at 5:20 in the morning, fall in for roll call, undergo the setting up examination, police the grounds and fall in for breakfast. They eat bacon, spuds, bread and coffee and do not get butter oftener than once a day. They drill from 7:30 till 10:30 and dine at 12. They drill again from 2:30 to 4:30 and eat supper at 6. After supper they are on dress parade or have inspection of arms or quarters. At 5:30 they have guard mount. Co. D boys were on guard two nights. The regimental band gives a concert each evening. Taps blow at 10:30. The boys do not have much recreation.

The camp is kept sanitary. Each company has a corporal and five men for kitchen police duty, who do not have to drill the day they are on duty. They keep the fires burning, rustle the wood, help cook, etc. One fire is kept burning all the time. They used cord wood and railroad ties. Each soldier washes his own dishes. All refuse is burned in the camp fire. The boys wash their own clothes and take a shower bath once a day.

Verne Miller, a member of Co. D, is a professional hypnotist, having appeared in entertainments in Minot. He gives occasional performances in the art and says he will try it on the greasers if he ever gets to them. George Hodge and "Tub" Carroll are also good entertainers. None of the boys have been very sick but some have had sore feet from poorly fitting shoes. Many of the boys shaved their

heads. Swede Christianson shaved his head all around, blistered it in the sun and took cold. His head was swollen badly for several days. Some of the boys shaved all the hair off their heads except a little which formed the letters "Co. D." The Colonel has issued orders for none of them to do any more head shaving.

POLITICAL COMMENT

Dorothybrook Courier: The complete success of the Nonpartisan league people in nominating their men at the primary elections is something that will go down in the history of the state as a most remarkable event. It is also something that will put North Dakota before the eyes of the whole country as a state where a farmer movement has been carried through to a finish without a hitch. The farmers of this state have found out their strength and they have demonstrated their strength to those who may have been inclined to think that farmers cannot act together. There will be no more fun poked at anything the farmers start in this state. And, why should this not be so? This is a purely agricultural state. Anything that benefits the farmer should benefit the rest of the people of the state. We hear it said that the state is going socialist and is going to the dogs. After a while it will be realized that it makes no difference whether you call people socialists, republicans or democrats. It is the same people. They are no better and no worse for the name. There are dangerous individuals in all parties, but the majority in all parties is made up of good, everyday citizens. Besides, there were never enough socialists in North Dakota to make much of a showing at the polls. They may have joined in the nonpartisan movement to some extent but the great bulk of the nonpartisan vote came from the ranks of the two old parties. Next fall the nonpartisan vote will be bigger because at that time the democrats who stuck to their party ticket in the primaries will be at liberty to vote for the men they choose and it is certain that a large number of them will cast their votes for the nonpartisan candidates. This they could not do at the primaries because nearly all the nonpartisan candidates were on the republican ticket.

Parshall Leader: It will be interesting to note the attitude of the daily papers which have so strenuously opposed the League and Frazier. Will they stick by their party nominee? Had Burdick won they would have virtually poured out their insides in appeals to the farmers to stick to their republicanism, and now the situation is on the other foot it is up to them to show they are "good republicans."

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STRONG INSURANCE COMPANY

Berthold N. D., July 7.—The Grant Farmers' Mutual Fire and Lightning Insurance company held its annual stockholders' meeting here last Friday afternoon. This meeting was not as largely attended as former meetings, probably owing to a belief in the business ability of the officers of the company—W. N. Suydam, president; H. H. Craig, treasurer; Jos. H. Johnson, secretary, all of whom were re-elected. Wise and judicious management of the company's affairs has placed it among the largest and strongest mutual organizations in the state. It is now carrying a million and a half dollars in risks. During the past fiscal year ending December 31st last, its losses amounted to only \$697.50, making it a very cheap insurance for farmers to carry. The company has been especially fortunate in its losses, in no one year since its organization has the amount been burdensome to its members.

Popular Sawyer Couple Weds

On Tuesday morning, July 11th, at St. Leo's Catholic church, occurred the marriage of Mr. Arthur P. Sillman and Miss Myrna M. Robinson. The couple were attended by Miss Winnie Robinson, sister of the bride, and Mr. James Robinson, a brother of the groom.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cook Robinson of Sawyer and is a most estimable and accomplished young lady, and one of Ward county's most prominent teachers. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Sillman, one of our most highly respected and prosperous families. Arthur is a successful and energetic young man who will make good in his chosen profession and has a host of friends who wish for him and his young bride a pleasant and prosperous journey along life's pathway.

The happy couple left immediately for western points. Upon their return they will start housekeeping at once in a cozy home prepared by the groom at Sawyer, N. D.

HEAVY FIRE LOSS

Shortly after the noon hour on Wednesday of last week, in the midst of an electrical storm, lightning struck the store of Bogan Brothers at Ardloch, the bolt striking on the east end, or rather the rear end of the store. It tore a large hole in the roof, came down through the floor and hit the gasoline tank of the lighting plant, which exploded. Frank Bogan was alone in the store at the time and was dazed by the shock. The explosion of the tank caused the fire to spread with frightful rapidity and he had only enough time to escape to the front of the building and get out when another explosion caused by gases blew the front out of the store. The fire department was on the job and had the streams playing on the building but the flames had gained such headway that it was seen that their efforts were of no avail and they confined the fight to saving the Windsor hotel.

FARMERS AID LOFTUS FAMILY

Endowment Fund Proposed for Benefit of Man Who Has Fought the Farmers' Battles

St. Paul, July 13.—A movement is under way among the farmers of the Northwest to raise an endowment fund and to invest it in farm mortgages for the benefit of George S. Loftus and his family.

The movement has been started by the Equity members, but it is stated the funds are to be raised by popular subscription among all farmers.

The funds are to be turned over to the Equity Rural Credit association at Fargo.

It is said that Mr. Loftus was never a man of large means, and that although his salary as sales manager of the Equity Co-operative Exchange has been paid regularly since his illness as before, the family funds have been almost exhausted by the expenses attendant upon his long illness.

The fund is to be raised in recognition of his services to the farmers' organizations of the Northwest.

BABY DIES IN SMALL SLOUGH WHILE AT PLAY

Child, 17 Months Old, Killed in Unusual Accident Near Parents' Home Near Kenmare.

Kenmare, N. D., July 12.—Roma Hanson, the 17-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hanson, living six miles from this city, was drowned in a peculiar manner. The mother of the baby was looking after some household duties, and the baby, who was just beginning to toddle about the house with ease, wandered to the rear of the barn where the father had been using the manure from the barn to fill a slough. This was filled completely, except one place about eight feet in diameter, where there was a depression, at the bottom of which was about a foot of water. The little one toddled to the edge of this depression and fell forward into the water and was drowned before he was discovered by his parents.

Would-be Short Change Artists.

Shortly after noon today a couple of would-be short change artists made the rounds of several of the business places on Central avenue and after making some trifling purchase, would manipulate the changing of the money in such a way that an argument would ensue, and their idea seemed to be that they could talk the proprietor out of their coin. However, after several unsuccessful attempts, the police were put on their trail and they left the city hurriedly in an auto.

BRAKEMAN GROUND TO DEATH IN SANISH YARDS

Peter Jensen, a brakeman on the mixed local train, met a horrible death at Sanish last Thursday night about 10:40 o'clock. The engine of his train had finished some switching and Jensen threw the east switch to let the engine pass to the round house. A work train passed about that time and the supposition is that he tried to board the train in the darkness and fell, the wheels passing over him. The body was dismembered and he lived but a few minutes. Jensen's home was in Kenyon, Minn.

Mrs. Nick Arend Died in St. Paul.

The many friends of Mrs. Nick Arend will be pained to learn of her death which occurred in St. Paul June 20. Mrs. Arend had been ill with tuberculosis for the past six years but by careful treatment, her life was prolonged. Mr. and Mrs. Arend formerly resided in Minot, where Mr. Arend owned the Unique Grocery store.

B. W. Halsey Will Probably Return.

B. W. Halsey and family, who were visitors in the city for the week previous, returned to Great Falls Sunday. Mr. Halsey had some business to transact at that point before leaving on a vacation trip, which will include a visit with a brother at Palmer, Neb., and a lengthy visit in Chicago. While in the Windy City Mr. Halsey intends to acquaint himself with the most modern methods and machinery in the laundrying and dry cleaning business and expects to return to Minot later and re-engage in the tailoring and dry-cleaning business and will also open a thoroughly modern steam laundry. The laundry, dry-cleaning, dyeing and tailoring business work nicely together, with practically the same overhead expense for all three establishments as is necessary in the case of any one of them, if run separately. For this reason Mr. Halsey realizes that one department will help the other in reducing the cost of operation and this is mainly responsible for his decision to enter all three branches of the business. When Mr. Halsey locates here it will be with a plant second to none, and his wide acquaintance in the city will insure him a large patronage.

The Halsey family have a multitude of friends in Minot who will be delighted to know that they are to again make their home here. Mr. Halsey's ability as a band director has long been recognized and his efforts are largely responsible for the enviable reputation that the Minot band has enjoyed in the past. His return will greatly strengthen Minot's musical field.

DETECTIVES SHOOT AT MAN AND WIFE IN AUTO

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Romatke Mistaken for Train Robbers by Two Green G. N. Detectives—Hit Auto

Two Great Northern special detectives, mistaking Joe Romatke and his wife for train robbers, shot at the auto in which they were riding along the Burlington road two miles west of Minot Monday night about ten o'clock. One of the shots struck the car, the other missing the occupants by a narrow margin.

Romatke, who is a machinist employed by the Minot Auto Co., had been in the country with his wife for a drive and was returning home. He struck a bad place in the road and his car fell off. He stopped his car as quickly as possible and went back to look for his car. Not finding it, Mrs. Romatke got out and looked with him. They saw two men with flashlights approaching them from along the track and they were told to stop. Believing that they were about to be robbed, the man and wife ran quickly to the car, jumped in and started down the road when the men began shooting. They proved to be two of the new Pinkerton detectives who were recently hired to take the place of Al Riden's men who resigned. They had ridden out on No. 401, a freight train, as goods have been thrown from the train a number of nights, and they supposed that Romatke and his wife were waiting for the train to come along. Mr. and Mrs. Romatke were in the public highway when they were attacked and they are very indignant over the affair. It is reported that they will institute a civil action against the Great Northern. The affair was reported to the police at once and the detectives were brought up onto the carpet. The police went out with Romatke and found his car.

MIKE BREEN ACQUIESCES

Mike Breen, editor of the Wolford Mirror, comments on the nonpartisan victory in his unique style. Mike fought the league but he is willing to abide by the decision of the majority. He says: "The majority is not always right, but The Mirror is willing to abide by its decision. Vive la Nonpartisan! Which translated into English by our dog, Bruno, means 'Hurrah for Hades! Who's afraid of fire?'"

The Willow City Eagle, who opposed the nonpartisan league, is now running the republican ticket at the head of the editorial column and says the Eagle will support the entire ticket. A large number of the publishers consider that the fight was over when the polls closed on June 28 and will support the ticket complete.

Will Send Unfortunate Woman to Montana.

Mrs. John Brehl of Miles City, Montana, who went by the name of Edna Gray, was arrested by the police at her home on the south hill in the southwestern part of the city Wednesday afternoon, charged with running a disorderly place. An individual from Canada who came to Minot to escape service in the army, was with the woman, and he ran to the weeds, not taking the trouble to dress. He was found and arrested. The woman is in the last stages of tuberculosis. The authorities will send her to Miles City, where her brother lives. She is but 24 years of age and her condition is pitiful.

Ward County Breeders Will Exhibit at State Fair

E. S. Person will ship eleven head of registered Guernseys from his Elmwood farm to the state fair at Fargo the last of the week. Included in the lot is Lura Bettina, the state's champion cow, and other Guernseys the Major exhibited last week at the Minot stock show. He will undoubtedly return with plenty of blue ribbons. J. A. Sorenson, superintendent of the farm, will accompany the cattle and the Major will go to the fair a day later. B. B. Mouch will exhibit his prize Guernsey bull, which was bred at Elmwood farm.

Chester Phifer, the Burlington Duroc hog breeder, will exhibit thirty full blooded porkers and he expects to bring back a number of ribbons.

Officials Detectives to be Arrested

Warrants have been issued from the states attorney's office for the arrest of the two very officious Great Northern detectives, one Stocking and Dan McGillicuddy, who are charged with shooting in an attempt to do bodily harm. The complainant is Mr. Romatke, an employe of the Minot Auto Co. The detectives mistaking Romatke and his wife for box car thieves, shot at them twice the other evening.

SONS OF MARQUIS DE MORES ARE LIVING; REPORTS NOT FOUNDED

Medora, N. D., July 12.—A report has been current around Medora that the sons of the late Marquis de Mores had been either killed or wounded in the army in France, but a cable from the Marquis de Mores yesterday says that they are both safe.

Another Clothing Store for Minot.

N. Klein has secured a lease on a room in the new Leland block and will open the Three Winners Clothing store July 25, specializing on three grades of clothing. He owns a chain of clothing stores in the west.

\$100.00 in Prizes to be Awarded

Vegetable and Floral Exhibit The flower and vegetable exhibit to be held by the City Beautifying League only a few weeks away. August 17 and 18 are the dates decided upon for this event. The director of these contests, Mrs. T. J. Vincent, is now out of the city, but will return in a few days and then announcement will be made as to place of the exhibit, judges, entry cards and other details.

The following division of the \$100.00 set aside by the committee to be used as prizes in the flower and vegetable contests has been made.

Best Garden as a Whole—1st prize, \$5.00; 2d prize, \$3.00; 3d prize, \$2.00.

The gardens will be judged by the judges in the rear yard contest. The remaining prizes listed below will be awarded by the judges of the August exhibit.

The Best Collection of Flowers—1st prize, \$4.00; 2d prize, \$2.00; 3d prize, \$1.00.

Best Display of Single Varieties of Flowers—Fourteen individual first prizes of \$2.00 each, totaling \$28.00; fourteen individual second prizes of 50 cents each, totaling \$7.00.

Best Collection of Dahlias—\$1.50.

Best Collection of Gladioli—\$1.50.

The fourteen varieties of annuals listed for prizes are pansies, phlox, nasturtiums, ornamental sunflowers, snapdragons, sweet peas, asters, calliopsis, petunias, California poppy, annual pinks, portulaca, poppies. No prizes have been offered for perennial flowers this year, but perennial growers are urged to exhibit, not only for the sake of adding beauty and variety to the general display, but to encourage permanent planting in the city.

Best Collection of Vegetables—1st prize, \$4.00; 2d prize, \$2.50; 3d prize, \$1.50.

Best display of single varieties of vegetables, 21 individual first prizes, at \$1.25 each totaling \$26.25; 21 individual second prizes, at 50 cents each, totaling \$10.50.

The 21 varieties of vegetables listed for prizes are stringless beans, bush variety, stringless beans, pole variety, beets, early cabbage, lettuce of heading variety, onions, peas, potatoes, radishes, cucumbers of slicing variety, cucumbers of pickling variety, squash of the summer varieties, turnips, endive for salads, kohlrabi, carrots, cauliflower, pop corn matured, sweet corn, tomatoes and rutabagas.

Either children or adults may enter these contests as exhibitors and either are eligible for prizes in the vegetable contest, but in the flower contest only exhibitors not over 16 years of age may enter for prizes. Older people are urged to exhibit flowers, however. The August exhibit may be participated in whether or not the gardener as a whole has been listed with the secretary of the league. Here is a chance for those boys and girls who did not send in coupons of entry in the garden and rear yard contests to win some of the prize money the league is offering.

Some of the general rules governing these contests follow:

1. All exhibits must be arranged and prepared by the exhibitor.
 2. A certificate on blank furnished by the league must certify that the products were raised personally by exhibitor.
 3. No exhibitor shall be eligible for more than one prize.
 4. No exhibitor shall be eligible for more than one prize, irrespective of the number of entries.
 5. No entry fees will be charged.
- A public meeting will be held probably early in September, when these prizes as well as the rear yard prizes and the loving cup offered by W. E. Holbein for the property showing best in both front and rear yards, will be awarded.

"MINOT PROSPERING" QUOTES THE FORUM

Fargo Forum: W. E. Holbein, secretary of the Minot Association of Commerce, who came to the city yesterday to appear before the Society of Equity committee that is considering the proposal to establish a co-operative packing plant, remained over today to look after other business matters.

Mr. Holbein, since he has located at Minot, has become one of that city's most ardent boosters, and he declares the magic city is growing at a remarkable pace this year.

With many new industries, and with a building campaign that will give Minot excellent new facilities, Mr. Holbein says Minot is enjoying one of its best years.

Tried to Collect Debt of Dollar With Gun.

Rasmus Lesseth, of Carpio, was placed under arrest, brot to Minot and placed under bonds to keep the peace. He tried to collect a dollar from a neighbor, Martin Miller, which he claimed was coming to him. He sent word to Miller to pay the dollar or he would shoot him. Lesseth mounted a hill near the Miller home with a gun and remained there waiting for the dollar or his opportunity to shoot. Miller sent word to the authorities and the arrest followed.

Mrs. Jason's Waterloo.

At a meeting of the Advanced Thought Club the other afternoon, Mrs. Henry Jason arose and said with bated breath: "Sisters, there is a devilish plan afoot against us women. The men have planned to call the next election suddenly and we will have to vote before we have time to consult our pastor. This is abridging our rights, and I, for one, will not stand for it." "Sister Jason," broke in Mrs. Philander, who hates the old panther like poison, "the way to thwart the men is not to vote."—Osborne, (Kan.) Farmer.

HEART FAILED WHILE BATHING

Norma Young Man Meets Death in the Mouse River—Body is Recovered.

Norma, N. D., July 12.—Einar Simonson, aged 22 years, a prominent and popular young business man of this place, met his death while swimming in the Mouse river at the Mouse river park near Tolley. Death was due to heart failure. He, with a number of others, was bathing in the river. He went down and it was thought he had dived, but the failure to reappear aroused the suspicion of the other bathers and they hurried to his assistance. The body could not be located and was in the water an hour and twenty minutes before it was recovered.

When the body was recovered no water was found in the lungs, thus showing that death was due to other causes than drowning.

The deceased was engaged in the garage business at this place with W. B. Johnson. He was a young man well liked in both social and business circles and his untimely death cast a shadow on the whole community. He was unmarried.

ROWLAND GUILTY OF MURDER

Williston, N. D., July 10.—John Rowland, a Mountrail county farmer, was found guilty of murder in the second degree by a jury in the district court here Saturday night. The jury fixed the penalty at twenty years imprisonment in the state penitentiary. The verdict was returned after a deliberation of only two hours.

According to the case built up by the state and accepted by the jury, Rowland killed Harry Walcott, 20-year-old son of a neighboring farmer, as the result of bad blood which has existed between the families for some time. Young Rowland, with a companion, was passing the Rowland home with a load of hay when the latter opened fire upon them with a rifle, one bullet taking effect in the body of the young man and causing his death.

Bankers May Play Ball.

The First International Bank has issued a challenge to the Second National Bank for a base ball game to be played at an early date. The challenging bank employs eight husky ball players and will secure a crack catcher and the Second National has the "makings" of a good team. E. A. Long suggests painting the picture of a dollar on the horsehide sphere and believes that the bankers will not miss many of the flies. A suggestion has been made that bundles of greenbacks be substituted for the ordinary sacks at the bases, which would insure some speedy running.

Sold 173 Lots in Two Hours.

During the lot sale in the Reach addition in the northeastern part of the city, conducted by the N. P. Dodge Co. of Omaha, 173 lots were sold in a couple of hours. The price ranged from \$60 to \$239 per lot and terms of \$1.00 down and 50 cents a week were arranged. The company will put on another sale soon. Scores of people who wanted lots could not be accommodated.

Assessor Loses Harrison Twp. Books.

Edward Tresland, assessor of Harrison township, lost his assessment books July 3, on the way from Baledrud's lunch room to Puritan Springs. He offers a reward for their return to this office. The books are worthless to anyone but the assessor. If he cannot locate them, he will have to assess the entire township again, which will require about two weeks.

Summer Press Meeting Aug. 4 and 5.

The summer meeting of the North Dakota Press Association will be held at Lake Metigoshe Friday and Saturday, Aug. 4 and 5. Secretary Carlson has so notified the members, who are urged to make reservations with O. T. Rishoff, of Bottineau chairman of the local entertainment committee. While fishing tackle and bathing suits will be provided, all who own such paraphernalia are requested to bring it along. A large number expect to make the journey by auto. As there are no Sunday trains on the Bottineau branch, those who go by train will be taken back to Rugby or Towner by auto if they should not desire to wait until Monday.

Will Increase Stock for Packing Plant to \$1,000,000.

According to present plans, the American Society of Equity will increase the capitalization of its proposed packing plant from a half million to a million dollars. A meeting of the committee was held at Fargo this week. P. M. Casey of Lisbon was called home by illness of a member of his family and the matter of deciding on a location was postponed until July 21. Anthony Walton of Minot and C. J. Lee of Valley City are other members of the committee.

Robinson Elevator on Wheels.

The A. A. Robinson elevator is on wheels. The big grain house is being moved to a new site on the Great Northern a short distance south of the Farmers' Elevator. It will be overhauled and remodeled and will be in shape to accept grain on or before Sept. 1. Mr. Robinson is tearing the old Acme elevator down and it will be rebuilt at a siding west of Minot.