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## PROMINENT MEN VISIT MINOT

President and Other Officials of the World's Largest Manufacturers of Threshers and Tractors Visit City

On Friday of last week, Secretary Holbein of the Association of Commerce, Major Person of the Union National Bank, the Hon. F. B. Lambert, and other representative citizens had the honor of entertaining a party of distinguished guests from Racine, Wis., who were in the city for a few hours of sight-seeing. The guests were Warren Davis, president of the J. I. Case Threshing Machine Co., of Racine, E. J. Gittins, vice president and general manager and Fred Robinson, one of the principal stockholders of the same corporation. The J. I. Case Threshing Machine Co. is the largest manufacturer of threshing machines and gas tractors in the manufacturing world. As they were taken for a spin about the city frequent expressions of surprise were made on every hand. A run out thru the country district opened the eyes of the visitors to the possibilities that lie in the full development of the agricultural resources of North Dakota. It is to be regretted that the time of the visitors was too limited to permit them to make a longer stay. They left over the Soo Line for Canada and from there they will continue their travels to the coast.

## NEW TRACTOR AND AUTO CONCERN

Palda-Morse Motors (Inc.) Organized to Manufacture and Job Tractors—Will Handle Autos.

A new company, the Palda-Morse Motors (Inc.), has been organized in this city for the manufacture and job-

bing of Plow Boy gas tractors. The company will distribute the Briscoe and Jeffries automobiles from this point.

The company is already doing business with temporary headquarters in the Zuzulin garage block. L. J. Palda, Jr., a prominent local attorney, is one of the incorporators. Another, Mr. Morse, has been at the head of the collection department of the Rumely company for North Dakota for years. Mr. Bachman, another former Rumely employe, is connected with the company.

Plans are being made to erect quite a plant, further announcements to be made later. The men behind the project are capable businessmen and success is assured.

## GEORGE S. LOFTUS.

Fargo Forum: No man will be more sincerely mourned in this northwest country than George S. Loftus, the fighting leader of the Equity organization. The success which this organization has attained was due very largely to the fight put up by Loftus at a time when it seemed that it was doomed to failure through sheer lack of interest.

Loftus realized that the only way to save the organization was to arouse the farmers and he did it. He got them so thoroughly stirred up that they placed the organization squarely on its feet, and are solidly back of it today.

One of the finest attributes of the man was his devotion to his wife and home. Those who knew him intimately have nothing but praise for this side of his character.

A movement has been started since his death to raise a fund that will make Mrs. Loftus independent for life. Loftus has been accused of using the funds of the organization for his own personal ends. This charge has been thoroughly disproved. He died a poor man and the Forum believes the generous-hearted farmers who feel so kindly towards Loftus will see that the wife he left so unexpectedly in mid-career will not lack in her declining years.

## FORMER GRANVILLEITE DIED IN THE WEST

Charles Taliaferro Passed Away at His Home Near Wolf Point, Mont., After Long Illness.

Mrs. Lee Miller of Granville arrived in Minot Wednesday on her way home from Wolf Point, Mont., where she was called by the death of her brother, Charles Taliaferro, who died July 14, after a long illness. The funeral was held Monday, interment being made at Wolf Point.

Mr. Taliaferro was born in Saline county, Mo., Feb. 22, 1858, and was 58 years, 5 months and 21 days old at the time of his demise. He was united in marriage with Mary Jenkins Feb. 17, 1884, and to this union three children were born, Artie Ola, Eugene Honsten and Mary Susan. He leaves an aged mother at Shickelford, Mo., and five sisters and brothers as follows: Anna Hall, Margaret Smith, Hettie Pritchett, of Saline county, Mo., Minnie Niel of Buffalo, Okla., Bettie Miller and James Taliaferro, of Granville. He had been a member of the Methodist church of Marshall, Mo., since youth and lived a conscientious Christian life. He had been an invalid during the last eleven years of his life, but he was a patient sufferer. He was an affectionate husband, kind and loving father and a faithful friend to all who knew him. He resided in the vicinity of Granville for a number of years, leaving about four years ago to reside on a homestead near Wolf Point, Mont.

## Colonel Wynn is a Colonel Indeed.

Colonel R. C. Wynn, who has had charge of the Sunshine Limited on the Granville-Sherwood branch for many years, has just been appointed by Governor L. B. Hanna as a Colonel on his staff. The many friends of the courtly, handsome, accommodating Colonel will hasten to extend congratulations.

Eck Babe Died.  
Harry B. Eck and wife mourn the loss of their two-days-old son, Helmer, who died July 14.

## DEMOCRATS ARE FOR LEAGUE PROGRAM

Adopt Resolutions Favoring State Hail Insurance, Terminal Elevator and Federal Inspection of Grain.

The County Central Committee of the Democratic party met Wednesday afternoon in the County Court room. There were about forty of the leading Democrats of the county present. The utmost harmony prevailed thruout their deliberations. Chairman Wool-edge presided. H. L. Halvorson was the unanimous choice of the delegates for chairman and Fred Anderson was re-elected secretary. H. L. Halvorson being out of the city, Chairman Wool-edge was chosen temporary chairman of the meeting. John Ehr was elected treasurer. Several of the delegates were called upon for speeches and their remarks elicited the heartiest applause, particularly the speech of Geo. T. Murray, in which he called attention to the strenuous efforts republicans are making to get into the band wagon of the Non-partisan league, now that that organization has shown such strength. He showed from the records that for years the democratic party has been in favor of the same identical legislation that the League is now struggling to have enacted by the coming legislature. Dorr Carroll, who happened into the room, was called upon to explain the whereabouts of the Bull Moose aptry. He related a few pertinent stories that the delegates are still relating to their friends. E. H. Stenvick from the 29th legislative district and Godfrey Engdahl from the 2nd district were chosen as members of the State Central Committee.

An executive committee was then chosen, consisting of the following members: John Ehr, Minot; Ted Kahlelek, Kenmare; Jim Fitzpatrick, Sawyer; Charles Stevenson, Berthold; Jake Frost, south of Minot; Mort Tonsley, Ryder; Chart Barton, Lone Tree; Joe Johnson, Donnybrook; Joe Mueller, Douglas. The chairman and secretary are ex-officio members of the committee. A committee on resolu-

tions consisting of Geo. T. Murray, O. L. Toftner and Henry Ackerman reported the following resolutions and the convention pledged their support to them:

1. The administration and election of President Woodrow Wilson—the Peace, Progress and Prosperity President.
2. The election of Honest John Burke to the United States Senate—the Champion of Low Rates of Interests to the Farmers.
3. The Non-partisanship of all county and legislative offices.
4. State hail insurance, state terminal elevators and federal inspection of grain.
5. The co-operatively constructed and operated by the farmers of flour mills, cold storages and packing houses.

We also commend and endorse E. H. Stenvick for chairman of the State Central Committee, and we instruct our committeemen from this county to work for his election.

—George T. Murray,  
—Olaf L. Toftner,  
—Henry Ackerman,  
Committee on Resolutions.  
Minot, North Dakota, July 19th, 1916.

## Dedicated Bethania Lutheran Church.

The Bethania Lutheran church, a magnificent structure that was recently completed, was dedicated with fitting ceremonies last Sunday morning. The main address was given by Rev. Olaf Gulseth of Minneapolis, secretary of the Mission. Other ministers who took part were Rev. Mr. Lonne, pastor of the Bethania church, Rev. Melhn of Harvey, Rev. Holm, Ryder; Rev. Sjelsgaard from the Reservation; Rev. O. T. Nilson, of Stanley; Rev. Rygver, of Minot, and Rev. Stockdal, of Makoti. The church was erected thru the untiring efforts of the pastor, Rev. Mr. Lonne, and the members of his congregation, who have established an enviable reputation as builders.

## JOHN J. LEE IS RE- PUBLICAN CHAIRMAN

Many Attended Meeting of Republican Central Committee Wednesday—State Committeemen Elected.

The meeting of the Ward county republican central committee was held at the Public Library in this city Wednesday afternoon. John J. Lee was elected chairman for the ensuing year, defeating L. J. Palda 26 to 25. J. A. Carlson was elected secretary and Iver Walstad of Kenmare, treasurer.

The following were elected state committeemen: Gunder S. Reishus, 29th Legislative District, and V. A. Corbett, 2nd District. Chairman Lee will appoint five members of the executive committee soon.

The following delegates were present:

P. W. Glovich, L. J. Larsen, J. E. Erb, Joe Strong, Roy Brede, E. R. Walker, John Lunden, Earle Stredwick, A. S. Johnson, E. E. Oskins, John A. Borud, W. S. Young, B. J. Anderson, M. D. Graham, T. L. Simmons, J. F. Bailey, A. J. Beaudry, K. K. Hall, O. C. Johnson, James Johnson, Geo. Mitchell, E. Donnelly, Frank Dollahan, F. W. Nelson, W. E. Krick, C. K. Christianson, Henry Johnson, E. D. Skinner, Frank Hoffine, Iver Walstad, A. B. Crary, B. E. Stewart, E. B. McCutcheon, Wm. Mackenroth, Eldon White, Bert Plowman, John Nelson, J. J. Coyle, V. A. Corbett, R. A. Nestos, L. J. Palda, L. J. Thompson, Geo. Von Neida, John J. Lee, G. S. Youmans, G. S. Reishus, Dorr Carroll, John Carlson and Knute T. Hagen.

Regiment Delayed Two Weeks.  
The North Dakota regiment is still at Fort Lincoln and can entrain at an hour's notice. The regiment will probably not go south for two weeks.

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## MINOT GETS NEXT SUNDAY SCHOOL MEET

Large Church Filled With Delegates at Tenth Annual Ward County S. Convention at Berthold.

The tenth annual convention of the Ward County Sunday School association was held in Berthold, the president, Dorr H. Carroll of Minot, presiding at all sessions. The convention was held in the Brethren church, and notwithstanding the heavy downpour of rain the attendance was all that could be desired. The church building could not have accommodated more.

There were delegates from the Minot M. E., Presbyterian, Baptist and Salvation Army; Rolling Green M. E.; Des Lacs M. E.; Kenmare M. E.; Donnybrook M. E.; Lonetree Baptist; Surrey Brethren; Aurelia Moravian; Foxholm Union; Burlington Presbyterian; Berthold Brethren; Congregational and Lutheran.

The general theme of the entire program was "Preparedness." This, in reference to the points of the International Sunday school standard. F. B. Lambert presented an invitation to the association to hold the eleventh annual convention at Minot. The invitation was unanimously accepted.

The newly elected officers and department superintendents are as follows:

President—Dorr H. Carroll, Minot. Vice President—E. S. Petry, Berthold.

Secretary—Leon M. Ellithorpe, Minot.

Treasurer—Roy J. Horton, Aurelia. Executive Committee—F. B. Lambert, Minot; Charles Ouradnik, Douglas; Rev. W. E. Speaker, Kenmare; J. H. Burkhardt, Berthold.

Superintendents of Departments—Elementary; Miss Kathryne Waldron, Donnybrook; secondary, Mrs. Kara A. Dickinson, Minot; adult, H. D. Davy, Des Lacs; home; Miss Florence Slusser, Minot; teacher training, Fred Groninger, Burlington; missionary, Rev. G. W. Hilton, Surrey; temperance, Max Johnson, Carpio; evangelism, Rev. Thomas Hiner, Berthold; purity, Rev. A. L. Shute, Minot.

The committee on awards announced the following distribution of prize ribbons:

Largest percentage of its enrollment on the cradle roll—Rolling Green M. E., first; Donnybrook M. E., second.

Largest percentage of its enrollment in teacher training classes—Rolling Green M. E., first; Minot Presbyterian, second.

Largest percentage of its enrollment in registered organized classes—Minot Presbyterian, first; Berthold Congregational, second.

Largest percentage of its enrollment in home department—Donnybrook M. E., first; Kenmare M. E., second.

Largest percentage uniting with church—Berthold Congregational, first; Minot Baptist, second.

Largest percentage temperance signers—Minot Baptist, first; Rolling Green M. E., second.

Largest per capita gift to missions—Rolling Green M. E., first; Surrey Brethren, second.

Largest per capita gift to county and state work—Berthold Brethren, first; Minot Baptist, second.

Live Wire subscribers—Minot Presbyterian, first; Donnybrook M. E., second.

Greatest mileage—Donnybrook M. E., first; Rolling Green M. E., second.

Best exhibit, graded work—Berthold Brethren, first; Minot Presbyterian, second.

Best organized class exhibit—Count-on-Me club, Minot; Willing Workers, Presbyterian, Minot, second.

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business manager of the Optic-Reporter for years. Mr. Lowe is in possession of the store and will give up his position at the Optic-Reporter within a few days.

Edward and Albert Bettin and Henry Marshall formed a partnership eight years ago, engaging in the general mercantile business. The young men have worked hard and built up a fine business by honest business methods. They have accumulated considerable money which has been invested in land, in houses and lots and their own store building and are now in a position to take life a little easier. They will remain in the city looking after their interests.

Mr. Lowe is a mighty fine young man, a hard worker, and ought to make a success of his new venture.

## "The Three Winners" Will Be a Winner.

N. Klein announces in this week's Independent the opening of his Three Winners Clothing House in the new Parker block, east Central avenue, Tuesday, July 25.

The store will handle three clothing specials and will offer some unusually good bargains in shoes, hats, and other furnishings. Mr. Klein is installing some very beautiful fixtures and will have one of the neatest clothing stores in the west. He has had many years' experience in the business and has an enviable reputation as a businessman.

E. H. Boyer and family attended the celebration at Ryder Wednesday.

## BLOOD POISONING KILLS PARSHALL BOY

Alfred Waller, the 15-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Waller, who live south of Parshall, died at a local hospital from septicemia, caused by picking a small pimple which developed on the nose a couple of weeks ago. Shortly afterward blood poisoning developed and the face became swollen and discolored. He was brot to this city for treatment but the disease had already so poisoned the system that relief was impossible and death ended the young man's sufferings.

Mrs. Gust Larson, who underwent an operation at a local hospital on the 9th of this month, is reported in a very critical condition and grave fears are entertained for her recovery.

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