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NORMAL SCHOOL OPENED TUESDAY

Enrollment of 130 on Opening Day With 209 Enrolled in Model School.

The Minot Normal school re-opened Tuesday for the year's work with an enrollment of 130. This is a fair enrollment, when one considers the fact that in practically all of the state institutions, the enrollment is only about 75 per cent average.

The enrollment at the Model school is 209, with but few pupils outside of the Harrison school district. The senior class today numbers fifty, which is considered quite large. The tempting wages offered in the one room schools of the northwest and the consolidated schools has had a tendency to reduce the attendance of the undergraduates.

The following comprise the faculty: Dr. A. G. Steele, Acting President. Dr. Steele comes from the department of education of the University of West Virginia and takes the place of President A. G. Crane, who is spending a year at Columbia University.

Wm. F. Clarke, A. M., Ph. D.—Supervisor of Practice, Pedagogy and School Management. Eleanor C. Bryson, B. S., Home Economics. Harland W. Corzine, B. S., Manual Training.

Herbert C. Fish, B. L., History. Bessie Johnson, B. A., Science and Arithmetic. Helen J. Hoyer, El Paso, Tex., Physical Education and assistant in dormitory.

Julia G. McDonough, B. A., History. Mrs. Florence C. Perrett, B. A., Psychology. Mrs. Amy Simpson, Music and Drawing. Huldah L. Winsted, A. M., Geography and Librarian.

Mary G. Rud, Ph. B., Principal of Model School. Lena Stiles, Hutchinson, Minn., Critic, Grammar. Miss Dexter, Elgin, Ill., from Kent State Normal, Ohio, Critic, Lower Intermediate.

SOLDIERS WILL LEAVE THIS WEEK

This is the Word That Has Been Passed Around Among Minot's Companies—Men Are Ready.

Preparations are being made by both Co. D and Co. A of this city to leave for Greenville, S. C., some time this week. Nothing definite as to the time of departure is known, but the companies have been notified to be in readiness to leave just as soon as the Great Northern can provide the necessary trains. They may be called at any minute.

Geo. Von Neida, president of the Association of Commerce, has made arrangements to give the soldiers a fitting send-off upon their departure. Whistles will be blown just as soon as the boys are ready to leave for the station and a big parade will be given in which hundreds of our citizens will participate.

The Independent has endeavored to learn from the officers of the companies what they know about leaving. One of them replied in answer to our question: "You know as much about our going as we do. We expect to leave this week, but we do not know for certain. We are making a guess from observation."

PRES. TOWNLEY DEMANDS EDITORIAL RETRACTION

St. Paul, Minn., Sept. 26.—The St. Paul Dispatch and Pioneer Press were served today with a notice that A. C. Townley, president of the Nonpartisan league, demanded retraction of statements made in editorials. The Dispatch today on its front page declared it would not retract. The editorials reflected on the loyalty of Mr. Townley, following his part in the recent "Producers and Consumers" meeting held in St. Paul under the auspices of the league.

HAIL INSURANCE LIGHT

The state hail insurance did a light business this year, the total amount of premiums not exceeding \$12,000. In 1916 the premiums amounted to \$30,000.

"Farmers put off insuring their crops until they were certain that they would have something to insure; hail storms early in the season were few, and farmers saw no need for protection and the drought insurance companies, writing about \$5,000 worth of business in the state, cut in on us," said Commissioner Olesness in explaining the falling off.

Hail losses were unusually light during the growing and harvest season, but old-line hail insurance companies did little business and had no opportunity to recoup extremely heavy losses of 1916.

CITY WELL HAS CAPACITY OF 800 GALLONS

New Well in Oak Park is Remarkable—City Engineer Conducting Second Test Which Lasts All Week.

City Engineer E. J. Thomas is conducting a second test of the new city well which is located at the east entrance of Oak Park. A centrifugal pump has been installed and water at the rate of 880 gallons a minute is being pumped from this remarkable well.

BROODING OVER WAR, FARMER A SUICIDE

Returns Home From Patriotic Meeting and Shoots Self in the Temple.

Williston, Sept. 22.—Paul Balliet, a prominent farmer three miles from Watford City, killed himself because of fear that the government would call him to the trenches and conscript his property, according to Coroner Hinman of McKenzie county.

The deed was done just after he had returned from a demonstration given by departing drafted men. He was found by his wife and beside him was a small revolver. A bullet hole in his temple told the rest of the story.

SNOW IN MONTANA

A snowfall amounting to three or four inches was reported from Havre, Mont., Tuesday. A light snow fell at Williston and a little snow was reported at Portal.

ICE FORMED TUESDAY

A cold spell struck this region on Tuesday and during the night a thin coating of ice formed on the sloughs in this vicinity. The weather has moderated and we may expect a month of fairly good weather yet.

ELEVATOR MAN WAS POUNDED TO DEATH

E. F. Davis of Wabek Caught in Elevator Machinery and Both Arms Were Torn Off.

E. F. Davis met with a horrible death in the Farmers' elevator at Wabek on the Berthold reservation early last week. He had gone up into the cupola to oil the machinery when his coat sleeve caught on a bolt of the collar of a sprocket wheel. An arm was torn off, a horrible gash torn in his neck, and the other arm was hanging by a shred. No one excepting himself was in the elevator at the time, but shortly after a farmer who drove to the elevator with a load of grain, saw blood dripping down from above and investigating, found the man dead.

PROMINENT MINOT COUPLE ARE WEDDED IN MONTANA

Fred Anderson, Minot's postmaster, and Miss Hazel Christopherson, the charming daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Christopherson, of Eastwood Park, this city, are receiving the congratulations and best wishes of their many friends on their marriage which occurred at Plentywood, Mont., last week.

The ceremony was performed at the home of Mrs. Fishbeck, sister of the bride. The happy couple returned to Minot the latter part of the week and are now cozily located in apartments in the new Smart block.

No Wonder He Fainted

One of our male clerks had a fainting spell one day last week. It seems that a charming lass stepped into the dry goods section and with her sweetest blandishment focused on him, inquired if he had any of those elastic bands capable of being elongated and adjusted at pleasure, and used by the feminine portion of mankind for putting around the lower extremities of their locomotive members to keep in proper position and at the required altitude, habiliments of their tibias.

Will Go South for His Health

J. S. Reilly of Norwich will hold a farm sale Oct. 1. Mr. Reilly has been bothered with articular rheumatism since February and he has been a great sufferer. His family will spend the winter in Norwich and Mr. Reilly will go to New Mexico where his brother lives, in hopes that his health will improve. Many friends trust that he will soon be on the road to recovery.

Three Hundred More for Examination

Three hundred more young men from Ward county appeared before the Ward county examining board today in answer to a new call issued by County Auditor Kennard. These began their examination today and the board believes that the examinations can all be made during the day.

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