

600 Kenmare Farmers Answer Fargo Forum and Grand Forks Herald

WE WILL STICK

Farmers resent falsehoods published by kept press and repudiate resolutions purported to have been passed at Kenmare against Consumers' United Stores Company. General manager meets, opposition speakers.

WE WILL WIN

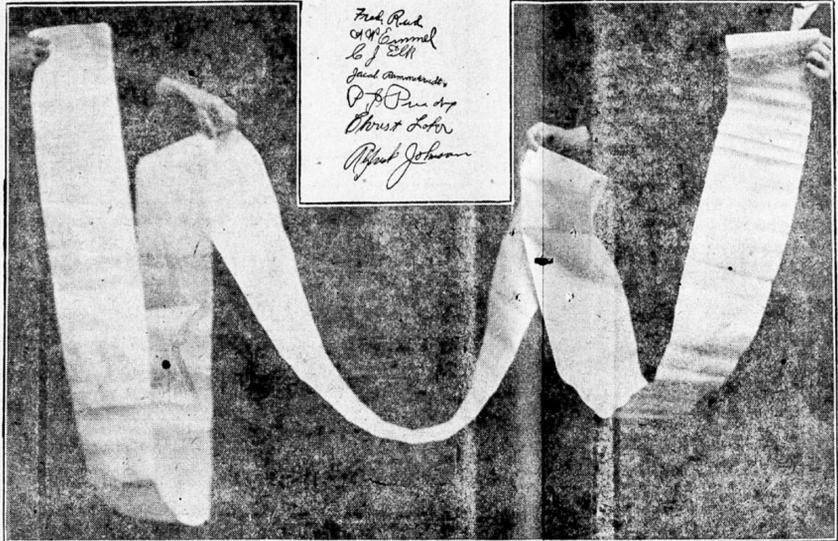
On March 18 a representative of the kept press held a meeting at Kenmare and denounced the farmers' stores company, claiming it was to be a debate and that J. W. Brinton, general manager of the stores company was afraid to meet the kept press' representative. Resolutions were purported to have been passed and the Fargo Forum, Grand Forks Herald and other papers published accounts of the affair similar to those reproduced on this page. On March 25, a week later, Brinton went to Kenmare and challenged the opposition. J. S. Milloy of the Minot Messenger, after his numerous public challenges to meet Brinton, could not refuse and was compelled to face the indignant farmers. It was the greatest meeting in the history of Kenmare. No building in the town could accommodate the crowd. All the store members and their neighbors were out to see the fun. The farmers themselves tell the story below of the meeting. If you have heard anything about the Consumers' United Stores company read every word of the farmers' message from Kenmare to the people of North Dakota:

GRAND FORKS, N. D.

EXCITEMENT RUNNING HIGH AT KENMARE

Hundreds of Store Certificate Holders are Demanding Notes Returned.

Kenmare, N. D., March 25.—Excitement is running high in Kenmare today. Joseph S. Milloy of Minot and D. M. Clark of Kenmare have been invited by J. W. Brinton, general manager of the Consumers' United Stores company, to attend a meeting of the farmers' stores company at Kenmare on Saturday. Several hundred farmers have demanded their store notes returned and leave leaders are here to attend the meeting. C. A. Towler, Howard W. Wiles, Walter Thomsen, Ed Heck, Brinton and others are here to address the meeting. Store members stated this morning that they would insist that the meeting be open to the public, but Brinton says no indications are that his invitation will be accepted.



Grand Forks Herald news? You can judge its truthfulness by the resolution.

A MESSAGE TO THE FARGO FORUM AND GRAND FORKS HERALD WHICH THEY DID NOT PUBLISH. This is a photographic reproduction of the resolutions published here, signed by hundreds of farmers. It was read at the League convention, in the auditorium, and has been referred to as Kenmare's message to the convention. Insert cut shows a close-up view of part of the signatures. The document makes a strip over 20 feet long of farmers' names.

CONDEMN STORE PLAN AS A "GET-RICH SCHEME" OF LEAGUE LEADERS

Kenmare Farmers Denounce Brinton and Sinclair for Not Appearing

Resolutions Discourage Financial Support by State Farmers

Kenmare, N. D., March 25.—The Farmers' United Stores company, headed by J. W. Brinton, general manager, and D. M. Clark, secretary, are being denounced by the farmers of Kenmare as a "get-rich scheme" of league leaders. The farmers of Kenmare have passed resolutions condemning the plan of the Consumers' United Stores company, and have demanded that Brinton and Clark appear at a meeting of the farmers' stores company at Kenmare on Saturday. The resolutions also demand that the Farmers' United Stores company be dissolved, and that the Farmers' League be reorganized on a basis of mutual aid and cooperation.

THE RESOLUTIONS

Kenmare, N. D., March 25, 1918.

Whereas, the Fargo Forum, and other papers in North Dakota, have recently published in their columns what purports to be an account of a "farmers' meeting" held in Kenmare on March 18th, last, at which it was claimed 300 farmers condemned the Consumers' United Stores Company, its members and officers; and

Whereas, the Fargo Forum and the other newspapers of the kept press have published what purports to be a set of resolutions that were passed and endorsed by the farmers of this community numbering over 600; and

Whereas, on March 18th, last, a meeting was held in Kenmare by one J. S. Milloy of the Minot Messenger, at which he, Milloy, denounced and condemned us, our company and our officers, and our state government, but at this meeting there was no representative gathering of farmers, and no resolutions were passed, and no resolutions were passed; and

Whereas, such meeting was attended by strangers outside of the community, commercial travelers, business men opposed to the Nonpartisan league and the state administration, as well as the stores company and, if such reported resolution was passed, it was passed by our enemies, representatives of Big Business, men opposed to the state government, and not farmers; and

Whereas, the said representative of the Minot Messenger and the kept press, had due notice before the meeting, and before he left Minot, that a representative of the Consumers' United Stores company could not be present in Kenmare on March 18th, and that the said Milloy came to Kenmare for the purpose of holding a meeting to misrepresent our company, and to create, if possible, strife, suspicion and distrust in this community, and to engender class feeling between the business men and farmers; and

Whereas, the Fargo Forum, the Grand Forks Herald, the Bismarck Tribune and the other kept press of the state, supported by Big Business, to destroy cooperation among the farmers by misrepresenting our numerous cooperative companies, and by attacking our officers and leaders, and thus trying to create suspicion among the farmers who are trying to cooperate for their and the community's welfare; and

Whereas, the Consumers United Stores company was originally organized in this community, we are members and cooperators, the store here was the first in operation and it has been in operation several months, and it is demonstrating what farmers can do by real and statewide cooperation; it has demonstrated that it is a great community builder and stimulates the farmers' determination to keep North Dakota money in North Dakota and thus build up the state, our respective communities, our towns, and our farm homes; and

Whereas, we have listened to Mr. Milloy, he attended the meeting at the request of Mr. Brinton; he occupied the platform, he asked questions which were answered to our satisfaction by Mr. Brinton, our general manager, who addressed the meeting, Mr. Milloy and a local attorney, Mr. Clark, were asked to address the meeting but refused, asking only the right to ask questions, and all questions asked

by them were answered to our entire satisfaction; and

Whereas, we now hear both sides; we have listened to the opposition; we have read the opposition press which has been sent to us free; we have read and heard the false and malicious attacks against us, and our officers and leaders, and we have heard and read the false and untrue accounts of purported "farmers' meetings" held in Kenmare on March 18th, last; and

Be It Further Resolved, that we, the farmers here assembled numbering between five and six hundred, members of the Consumers' United Stores company, neighbors and friends, do hereby condemn and repudiate the meeting held in Kenmare on March 18; we condemn and repudiate the resolutions which are purported to have been passed, and we repudiate and condemn the Fargo Forum for its false account of the meeting and for publishing the resolutions purported to have been passed by us; we further condemn the Fargo Forum, and the other kept press, for publishing such false and untrue matter as news, and particularly do we condemn and repudiate the Kenmare News and the Minot Messenger; and our editors, who participate in such meetings, and do so further Resolved, that we endorse and approve the Consumers United Stores company and its officers, and its activities, and we want the farmers of the state and the people generally against the false and kept press, headed by such publications as the Fargo Forum, Grand Forks Herald, the Bismarck Tribune and particularly the Minot Messenger, because of its attacks on our state government, our governor and other state officials, and because of its silence about the moral conditions in Minot which made it necessary for our governor and attorney general to go there and enforce the laws, and

Be It Further Resolved, that we wish at this time to express confidence in our great leader, A. C. Townley, and we approve and support him in what he is trying to accomplish for democracy and the common good, and

Be It Further Resolved, that these resolutions be published in the North Dakota Leader, and in such other papers as our directors may desire, and that the same be printed out of the propaganda fund of the Consumers' United Stores company.

Passed unanimously, no opposing vote.

We, the farmers here assembled, as guests of the members of the Consumers' United Stores company, after being the attack on that company by Mr. Milloy of the Minot Messenger and the address by J. W. Brinton, do hereby endorse and approve of the activity of our neighbors and their company, the Consumers' United Stores company, and we do hereby condemn and denounce those who were responsible for the meeting in Kenmare, on March 18, the speakers at said meeting, the resolutions claimed to have been passed, and the papers which published the false account of such meeting.

Passed unanimously, no opposing vote.

We, the undersigned, certify that the foregoing resolutions, were passed at a meeting at Kenmare on March 25, which was attended by 500 to 600 farmers; we certify that they were passed unanimously without an opposing vote, and may vote being called for, and that we are certifying as to what took place at Kenmare during the past two weeks so that others may know our position and know that we stand solidly behind the Consumers' United Stores company and its officers:

Fac-simile reproductions of front page article in the Fargo Forum, March 20th, and other publications.

Albin Broder
Peter P. Waage
H. C. Grote
Mrs. A. Meiland
Chas. A. Pille
Chas. W. Bohm
John Zupor
E. A. Masters
Isaac Lindberg
R. C. Jensen
J. O. Hjaltenrud
Andrew Nelson
N. K. Ritzler
J. O. Hjaltenrud
M. Andrew Grandlund
Gust Linguist
Math Lee
John C. Brynt
John C. Norem
C. M. Ackerman
E. L. R. Nash
E. C. Bryant
H. S. Wilhelm
M. J. W. Fildman
Louis Beischie
Carl Lindquist
Henry Will
Ralph DeGohr
P. R. Wade
AND OTHERS

BURLINGTON

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Johnson of Minot spent Sunday at the H. A. Kluber home.

A Kluber received a letter the first of the week from Rolla Johnson who is in the Engineers' Corps "somewhere in France."

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Jacobson and daughter of Minot were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Castel Sunday.

Burlington "carried on" Monday and went over the top exceeding her quota by over 100 per cent. When we get our new flag to commemorate this grand event just watch it and "Old Glory" as they float side by side from a staff surmounting the hill at the end of Main street.

Mrs. Pat Durbin who has been visiting relatives here for the past few days left for home at Williston Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Smith of Minneapolis, accompanied by their little daughters, were the guests of the Burlington friends last week. Mrs. Smith and the children returned for a few days visit while Lou returned to Minneapolis Thursday.

Mrs. Jurgens Olson and daughters Jean and Valie were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Madson Sunday.

Rev. Melvor of Kenmare, will preach at the Presbyterian church Sunday at 11 o'clock. All are invited to attend.

The public speech of Samuel Pascoe representing the United Mine Workers of the World at the Opera house Saturday evening was largely attended. His address was well received. Mr. Pascoe is a thorough patriot and his remarks on farming and mining and his advice for the local people to invest their surplus in Liberty Bonds elicited much applause. He is in favor of getting the Kaiser's goat with any kind of bait so long as the effort is successful. He urged the mining of coal and the growing of crops to the fullest extent possible. Local President James Murphy presided and his remarks in introducing the speaker and again at the close of the principal address, shows Brother Murphy to be an orator of no mean repute. The Burlington Local presented Mr. Pascoe with a handsome loving cup as a token of the high esteem in which that worthy gentleman is held by the membership of Burlington Local No. 3588. Mr. Murphy made the presentation speech. The day following his address Mr. Pascoe left for a short visit with his family in Illinois before proceeding to the western states.

NORWICH ITEMS.

The Commonweal Club met with Miss Mildred Aakrann Saturday. A large crowd was in attendance. The list of applicants for membership will be published in the commissioners' proceedings later. If these rains keep up, those who secured feed and lease from the county will not only be able to liquidate their indebtedness to Imperial Ward entirely the coming week but invest in some county warrants besides.

Herbert Lenton stayed over night with Eugene O'Brien on Tuesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Buffan were in Minot Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Dickey, who live on the reservation, have been visiting their friends the latter part of the week.

Ed Lenton spent Friday afternoon in Minot, having dental work done.

Miss Gertrude Linerz spent Saturday in Minot.

Mrs. J. S. Reilly is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Skar, of Voltaire this week.

TASKER.

Mrs. Charles Kirkelle spent a few hours in Burlington Saturday.

Mrs. Chas. Scribner of Minot has been visiting at the King home this week.

Miles Sheets, who has been working at Scribner's, left for Havre, Mont, last Monday.

Mrs. Mike King of Doneybrook spent Saturday at the King home. A Sunday school was held in the Tasker school last Sunday. Among those present were Mr. W. Bradley, who is a field missionary, and Miss Bertha Palmer of Fargo. The officers were elected. Mr. Hills will act as superintendent.

The pupils of the Tasker school are sending their spare time knitting wash cloths.

Glady King of Doneybrook motored to Tasker Sunday.

Hazen A. Loun is now employed at the Scribner farm.

Mr. Griffin motored to Burlington last Monday.

Milton King went to Burlington Wednesday to attend to business affairs.

Mr. Simons of Foxholm motored to Tasker Friday evening to attend to some Red Cross work.

Canadian Soldier Joins Family at Ross, N. D.

W. A. Pappa, who enlisted with the Canadian forces from the Prince Albert district two years ago, and who saw some mighty hard fighting in the Argonne, returned to his home in Ross to join his wife and children. Mr. Pappa was injured by a shell while fighting in the Argonne in August and is still a cripple. He received a 15 days' leave from the hospital, but must report there again.

AREOUND THE STATE

One more hour of daylight "Bill," One more hour to work, One more hour to garden, One less hour to shirk.

Marmarth claims the distinction of having the youngest Red Cross kindergarten. Her name is Esther Allison, aged four.

Carrying booze in North Dakota is as easy as carrying a hat.

When Minnesota goes dry the North Dakota imbibers will stand with uncovered heads every time the band plays "How Dry I Am." It will sound so much like a funeral dirge.

Has your town made sure to get the Liberty Bond service flag? These flags go to the towns that over-subscribe their allotment.

"Shall the railroads of North Dakota pay their share of taxes?" is a question of moment asked by the North Dakota Leader. Certainly.

Because of the war, Watford City will not make a fight to have the county seat of McKenzie county removed from Schafer.

In the states that have just gone over to the Home Fires burning, playing occasional "farewell appearances" like he used to do in North Dakota to capacity "business."

"Whispering breakers and pro-German schemers are a greater menace than the Kaiser's legions in France," says the Hillsboro Banner, who speaks a most mighty truth.

There is no economy in the silk tight shirt. It saves a little cloth but requires two steps where only one is necessary and shoe leather isn't sold on the ten cent counter.

It should be an easy matter to "beat the Home Fires" game in North Dakota, where we have something over five hundred billion tons of coal, just below the surface of mother earth.

The farm house of H. H. Robinson, situated two miles north of Dawson, is destroyed by a fire. The family had to escape, finding it necessary to get out through an upstairs window.

It's going to take the empty sleeve, the thud of the wooden leg on the paving, the vacant place at the table, to convince us that we have had a war.

It having been recommended by the postoffice department and others to change the name of the American-Governor, hereafter it will be published as the Havelock Journal.

"Should the circulation of the Congressional Record be curtailed, many great intellects will dry-up from non-use," says the Williston Herald editor. Yes, and many an undelivered speech will fall by the wayside.

John T. Charnley was in Minot recently where he superintended the shipment of his household goods to Minot. He is the Charley having decided to make that city their future home.

Last war department order for the selective draft will place nearly 2,500 North Dakota young men "Newly made" since last May, in class one. It will do any good to marry to escape draft.

A warrant charging Constable Bryan, of Fryburg, with assault and battery on the person of Sara Turner was issued, but before Bryan could be arrested he appeared before a justice of the peace and pleaded guilty to the charge, being fined \$5 and costs.

Registration is now required of all places of amusement, admission to which is subject to the whims of the provided for under rules and regulations adopted by the Bureau of Internal Revenue with the approval of the secretary of the treasury.

According to the official report of average retail prices for the country, North Dakota prices for butter are quoted lower than anywhere else in the country—with one exception, Wyoming; bananas are higher in this state than anywhere else in the United States.

The Nelson County Observer editor announces that there was one sure enough wife in Lakota last week, when appeared J. R. Shearer, home on a furlough, after an absence of three years, fighting with the Canadians in France.

The Milwaukee Land Company's office at Regent has issued a notice to the effect that anyone wishing to raise a garden or grain will be given the free use of land that the company owns. The purpose is to increase the food supply.

Thos. R. Marshall, vice president of the United States, will attend the North Dakota loyalty conference in Bismarck the first week in July, according to word received from Washington a few days ago. President

Wilson was invited to attend, but declined to pledge his time so far in advance. Vice President Marshall accepted unconditionally, however, and North Dakota is certain of his presence here for the big six weeks' engagement.

Mrs. Ole Schulberg, wife of a farmer living near Dunn Center, N. D., has given her 100-acre farm, improved and under cultivation, to the nation's need, to be auctioned for the benefit of the Red Cross. The farm is worth about \$3,000.

A Cass county husband has brought suit against his mother-in-law for alienating his wife's affections, and asks a more \$20,000.00 as some slight compensation for the loss. Yet some people talk of the "mother-in-law" joke.

Grant, the newest county in North Dakota, is having its share of trouble owing to the wild efforts of every town in the county to grab the county seat. The latest move was to start contempt proceedings against the present county officers and the members of the board of commissioners.

One of the most horrifying tragedies in the history of the Wyndmere neighborhood occurred Saturday morning on a farm four miles north of that town, when the explosion of a gasoline or kerosene stove started a conflagration which almost completely consumed the bodies of Mrs. E. L. Seaton and three small children while her husband vainly tried to enter the house and effect a rescue. The house was completely destroyed, and all that could be found as evidence that the bodies had been consumed was bits of charred bone and flesh which could hardly be recognized as human remains. Such as could be gathered were later taken to Wyndmere.

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G.D. Justice
CORSETS
FROLASET Corsets

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Unhappy is the condition of a man or woman who has no desire to rise.

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