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FARM BUREAU DIRECTORS FOR WAREHOUSE

Pass Resolution Favoring Building of House in Minot—Will Call Mass Meeting Soon.

The directors of the Ward County Farm Bureau met at the County Agent's office in the Federal building Monday evening, and had a conference with the Potato Warehouse Committee of the Association of Commerce, consisting of Messrs. J. C. Smallwood, F. B. Lambert and Wm. Dunnell. This committee had made a serious study of the warehouse proposition and had with it drawings and specifications of potato warehouses that were already built in the state.

The whole situation was carefully analyzed, and it was found that farmers who store their potatoes in the fall in their cellars were losing a great deal by shrinkage, while in a scientifically ventilated warehouse the shrinkage was almost nothing. There is also the trouble the farmer has to grade and handle his potato crop at least twice before marketing, that would be overcome by hauling direct from the field to the warehouse.

Messrs. E. A. Madison and J. H. Werner of Burlington, were present at the meeting, and stated that they had gone into the matter thoroughly, and if not this year surely next year they would build a commodious warehouse at Burlington, for they knew positively that it was good business for the farmer to have such a warehouse available.

One of the main arguments in favor of the warehouse was that the farmer could not be expected to go into potato raising on anything like the scale he should unless the market was ready for him. The warehouse would provide the market, and it was the sense of the meeting that even this year there were enough spuds planted to make the house a success from the start.

Prof. G. W. Randlett of the Agricultural College was present and gave some wholesome advice.

Upon motion duly seconded it was decided that the Directors of the Farm Bureau should call a mass meeting in the city of Minot at as early a date as possible when the farmers of this part of the county could hear first hand just what a large, well managed potato warehouse would do for them in the future. It is expected that this meeting will be called for some day in June.

The directors of the Farm Bureau have taken an important step in their determination to see the matter through, and the action is strictly in line with the whole idea of having farm bureaus in every county, so that the marketing of farm produce may be accomplished with the least possible loss to the farmers.

The Association of Commerce committee pledged its support to the Bureau in the matter of a potato warehouse, and will do all in its power to assist in any way suggested by the Directors of the Farm Bureau in bringing the proposition to a successful culmination.

Ole Hanson, Reported Killed in France, Returns.

John J. Lee received a letter from Ole Hanson, the young man who made his home with the Lee family for eight years, stating that after being in the service of the Canadian army in France for two years, he is again back at Leadville, Sask.

Mr. Lee had heard that Ole was killed in France, several reports having come to him to that effect, but it appears that he was seriously wounded instead.

When John Lee was sheriff of Ward county, Ole, who was then a lad of seven years, was found hungry and cold, in an ash heap back of the Leeland hotel. His mother was dead and his father had gone away. There was some talk of sending the lad to the reform school, not that he had done anything, but to provide a home for him. Mr. Lee, instead, took Ole into his home and treated him as a member of his own family, sending him to school and making a man of him. Ole writes that he will soon come to Minot for a visit.

EXPECT 3,000 FOR STAVANGER LAGET

Norwegians From Many Sections of the Northwest Will Gather in Minot for Reunion July 9-10.

Arrangements are coming along nicely for the reunion of the Stavanger Laget, which will be held in Minot July 9 and 10. When the reunion was held in Fergus Falls, Minn., in 1916, there were more than 3,000 members in attendance and the attendance will probably be as large in Minot.

The visitors will be shown a good time while in the city. The citizens will take them for an auto ride to the oil wells, coal mines and thru the farming districts. The high school auditorium has been secured for some of their meetings and the largest number of addresses will be given in English. There will be but one or two addresses in the Norwegian language.

Valdemar Ager, the noted editor of the temperance publication from Eau Claire, Wis., may be here. He is a splendid speaker. Prof. Rinestad, the well known singer from Madison, Wis., will be here. Rev. Gullixson and the choir from the First Lutheran church will sing at the various meetings.

The Stavanger Laget is a society made up of Norwegians who came to America from the Stavanger section of Norway.

and their reunion is the same in principle as the North Dakota reunion in California, for instance. The members meet and many who have not seen each other for a quarter of a century or longer, have a chance to talk over by-gone days and to rejoice in their good fortune at having come to America.

INDIAN VILLAGE FOR BIG CELEBRATION

Committee Planning on Many Interesting Entertainments for July 3 and 4—Minot Airman Will Give Six Flights.

The committees engaged in securing funds for the big home-coming celebration for soldiers and sailors, to be held in this city July 3 and 4, are meeting with excellent support. The general committee has set its mark at \$25,000 to be collected for the celebration and whether this figure will be reached is not known, but it is certain that the funds will be ample to give the greatest celebration of its kind ever held in the northwest.

Two games of baseball will be played on the days of the celebration between the Minot team and some other good teams. There is a possibility of getting the Fargo team here for the two days. The committee has set aside \$1,000 for baseball, the winners to take 60 per cent and the losers 40 per cent. Gate receipts will go to the fund and in the event that the weather interferes with the playing, the teams will be paid their expenses.

Indian Village.

The committee is arranging for an Indian village composed of members of the Elbowoods Indian reservation, located southwest of Minot. The committee will send C. H. Parker to the reservation to take the matter of arrangements up with Agent Germark. It is hoped that at least 200 Indians, comprising Chiefs Drag Wolf, Spotted Wolf, Twenty Scaps and two other noted chiefs, squaws and naposes, will come to Minot to participate in the big parade and to form one of the big attractions of the two days celebration. There are five chiefs living on the reservation, who were the last to surrender at the time of the Indian wars. They are noted old chiefs. When old Drag Wolf attended the Minot celebration in 1910, he killed a steer with his bow and arrow, doing the job with as much neatness and dispatch as the time when he killed the buffalo on the plains of North Dakota in the early days. The committee may allow the old chief to perform the feat again if the Indian village is brot here. C. H. Parker offers two head of cattle for a barbecue for the visitors.

The Indians will be seen living in their teepees as they did half a century ago. They will give their war dances, the famous sun dance and other exhibitions, in case they come. The Independent will know definitely by next week perhaps, whether they will be able to come or not.

Air Flights.

Plans are being made for six air flights to be made during the two days. A company is being formed in Minot for the purchase of a Curtiss airplane for Lieut. Chester Jacobson, of this city, who won distinction in the aero fields of the country during the time of war. Lieut. Jacobson became so capable that he was retained as instructor at Mather Field, Calif. He can perform any feat with the airplane that has ever been executed and his many friends over the northwest hope to see his work in Minot on July 3 and 4.

The Curtiss airplane costs about \$5,000 and the stock has been practically subscribed to this amount. Lieut. Jacobson won the name of "Daredevil" in his work with the airplane.

Fire Works.

The committee has set aside \$750 for fireworks and is securing them from St. Paul. The fireworks will include some of the very best of the kind obtainable.

While all arrangements have not been completed, a large number of special attractions have been secured. Louise Shrode, the child wonder, will give an entertainment in her marvelous impersonations at the high school auditorium. Davis, the Magician, will perform. Howard Knotts, American Ace, will deliver an address.

Free to Soldiers.

All events during the celebration will be free to soldiers and sailors. Those not in uniform, however, should have their credentials with them.

Entertaining Our Visitors.

It is going to be a task to provide sleeping quarters for the soldiers and sailors gathering here for those two days. A large number of sleeping cars will probably be set off in the railroad yards. Many homes will be thrown open. There will be in the neighborhood of 2,500 soldiers here for the celebration, and the citizens should provide quarters for as many of them as possible.

Concessions.

Those desiring concessions should confer with Will E. Holbein, secretary of the Association of Commerce. Leo P. Golish is general chairman of the committee. Harry Winters is secretary-treasurer, and Wm. Jones, who is president of the Town Criers, has charge of the publicity.

Louis Emerson returned Sunday from Seattle, Wash., where he has been living for a year or more and his many Minot friends will be pleased to know that he and his family will again make this city their home. Mrs. Emerson and son will arrive as soon as school is out.

Are you a civic soldier?

H. T. SANDS ARRESTED ON TWO CHARGES

Former Kenmare Banker Furnishes \$3,000 Bail—Charged With Receiving Money After Bank Was Insolvent and Making False Report.

H. T. Sands, former vice president of the Farmers and Merchants Bank of Kenmare, now in the hands of a receiver, was placed under arrest at Wyndmere, N. D., Friday, where he has been operating a lumber yard for the past year, under two charges:

1—Receiving money after he knew that the bank was insolvent.

2—Swearing to a false report to the state banking department.

The complaint was issued out of the office of States Attorney Herigstad. Sands appeared before Justice A. B. Dill Monday, gave bonds for \$3,000, and his preliminary hearing will be held later. Sands has employed Fisk & Murphy to represent him and will fight the case. He returned to Wyndmere Monday night.

The States Attorney alleges that the bank department had ordered Sands to take out several thousand dollars worth of poor paper out of the bank, which he did, later putting the paper back in the bank, and swearing falsely in his report.

The bank failed Sept. 5, 1918, and has been in the hands of M. T. Dalquist, as receiver.

Mr. Dalquist believes that with good crops this year, the bank will come near paying out dollar for dollar. The bank has 26 quarters in crop and if the crops are good, many of the notes given to the bank will be collected the coming fall.

Sands became vice president after the resignation of A. G. Engdahl, who shot and killed himself at Kenmare last Friday night, as the result of an accident while cleaning his revolver, according to a statement made by his friends.

R. H. Emerson will leave Friday for an extended visit with old friends at Brainerd, Minn., the Twin Cities, Fond du Lac and Milwaukee, Wis. Mrs. Emerson will join him in June and they will be away for several months.

CHURCH LAUNCHES RECONSTRUCTION WORK

Twenty-five Million Dollars to be Expended by Methodists to Rehabilitate Wasted Regions in Europe.

Leading men of the Methodist church have just returned from Europe after laboring for weeks in making a survey for the reconstruction work of the Methodist Episcopal work in connection with the Centenary movement. An expenditure of \$25,000,000 will be made to meet the war emergency. No special drive will be made in the church for this money as it will be merged in the same budget with the Centenary program, and all the money will be raised in one great drive for \$105,000,000.

The war reconstruction work is divided into seven departments: That of the War Emergency work, Industrial Reconstruction work, Educational work, Americanization, Physical Reconstruction, Care of Orphan Children and Community Service.

Bishop Edwin Hughes, who returned this week from France where, as a Y. M. C. A. worker he studied for six months the conditions of the people and the opportunities for Methodist church extension work, having been assigned to the task by the Board of Bishops of the Methodist church, today in an interview said:

"The work that the Methodist church is performing already in France is highly important and is meeting a crucial need among the people of that war-stricken community. Its progress to the present is nothing short of remarkable. One of the principal activities the commission on War Activities is engaged in now, is to provide self-supporting work for war widows, of which there are hundreds of thousands, a million and a quarter French soldiers having laid down their lives during the war. The wives of a great number of French soldiers came to their widowhood already in destitute circumstances because of the fact that the pay of the French soldiers is amazingly small.

To make these war widows merely objects of charity would be most unkind, if not disastrous, so we plan to furnish them work, uplifting and respectable work, somewhat after the plan of Morgan Memorial, Boston.



North Dakota in the Hall of States

North Dakota's welcome to returning soldiers as they reach New York has differed, so far, from that extended by any other state in that until last week all financial backing had come from the Masonic Grand Lodge of the state. Other states, such as Wyoming, have made appropriations for taking care of their men who reach New York, some wounded, some sore at heart, but all tickled to death to get on American soil again. Still other states, such as Michigan, maintain elaborate club-rooms for their men.

It was with great thankfulness, therefore, that Mrs. Frank White, in charge of North Dakota's desk, received a telegram from the governor telling her that an allowance for clerk hire had been made by the state. The clerical work is arduous, for the greatest good the North Dakota committee is doing is the cheering of the wounded men in the hospitals by means of letters sent promptly to them on arrival. Sometimes 4,000 arrive in one day and then the task is a great one.

All the work of receiving the well soldiers and writing to the alling ones centres in the Hall of States, a big building at 27 West 25th street, maintained by the War Camp Community Service. Here the great feature is that the welcome for each lad is given by "home folks," women from his own state. The returning men are keen for the sight of home faces. Many are anxious to find out about long silent relatives, others are most anxious to delve into the home papers, of which a supply is kept. Still others want jobs back home and for these the War Camp Community Service maintains here a nation-wide employment bureau to hunt positions for them back in North Dakota.

Besides Mrs. White, who come from Valley City and is the wife of Col. White, now serving overseas, North Dakota's men are aided by Miss Harriet Wenberg, from Beach, N. D., and Miss Emma Burke, from Bismarck.

"Another thing we are doing and making considerable satisfactory progress in, is in caring for war orphans. There must be millions of them. Already the Methodist church has opened three orphanages; one at Grenoble, for girls; one at Ecully, near Lyons, for girls; and one on a big farm thirty miles from Lyons, for boys. I have visited them and have been much impressed with the work. Nearly every orphan has an interesting and highly pathetic war history.

"On the 250-acre farm at Ecully, we purpose to demonstrate modern and efficient farming and carry on a great social community service plan. This affords a grand opportunity for philanthropic Americans with available money who want to do something practicable to aid France."

"Another part of this war work of the church is the education of American soldiers in France. A corps of professors with full equipment has already been sent over. College men will be given an opportunity to finish a year of work. Other men will take up any practical course of study they choose. It is expected that 300,000 men will register in this army college conducted by the Centenary.

NONPARTISAN WILL MEET HERE JUNE 19

League Headquarters Sends Out Report That a Big Meeting Will Be Held Here on June 19.

The formal notice is sent out by the Nonpartisan league headquarters:

A Nonpartisan league meeting has been arranged for Minot for the afternoon and evening of June 19th. A. C. Townley, president of the National Nonpartisan league, Hon. Dell Patterson of the state house of representatives, Senator J. I. Cahill and others will speak in the city park in the afternoon and George D. Brewer and other speakers will speak to organized labor and citizens of Minot and vicinity in the evening in the high school auditorium. It is probable that Mr. Townley will be present in the evening also, and will deliver a short address.

This meeting is entirely under the auspices of the league and will afford the citizens of Minot and vicinity the rare opportunity of seeing and hearing these league celebrities in action.

Much has been said in political circles the past year in regard to fairness. It has now become a stock quotation, "Let's be fair." This will give an opportunity for everyone to put this into practice.

President A. C. Townley and the league have been grossly misrepresented so many times that it will be no more than fair for everyone to turn out and allow Mr. Townley to present his phase of the question.

Everyone, whether they endorse the Nonpartisan league and its president or not, are cordially invited to be present and hear these speakers.

TOWNLEY AND YOUMANS WILL MEET IN MINOT

Big League Boss Will Come to Minot to Speak at a Meeting Advertised by the Man He Attacked.

President A. C. Townley of the Nonpartisan League, is to speak in Minot on June 19, at the big nonpartisan league rally which was originated by Grant S. Youmans, and for which Mr. Youmans is paying his good hard cash in advertising and boosting. Whether the fight which Townley launched against Youmans last week will be given a further airing at the Minot meeting, when these two men meet face to face, or whether the two men will forget personalities for the day and work for a common cause, is causing a good deal of speculation on the part of their friends.

Youmans, in an advertisement appearing elsewhere in this issue, urges his friends to forget the Townley-Youmans fight and to work for league principles.

Townley accuses Youmans of writing him letters threatening to tell the public that Townley endeavored to get Youmans to pay him \$50,000 for his influence in securing a favorable decision in the \$150,000 damage suit case which Youmans had against former Governor Hanna, directors of the Second National bank, and others, which is emphatically denied by the big league boss.

In the meantime the Fargo papers are running dispatches that Youmans is working on his new book, "Justice Bought and Sold in North Dakota," the information coming from the Fargo Forum.

Will Plant the Long Flax Fibre Seed.

Jonas Brolin, noted flax expert from Bellingham, Wash., has arranged to ship a bushel of long fibre flax seed to the Association of Commerce, which will be seeded on a small plot of land as an experiment. The seed originally came from the Courtri districts in Belgium. The flax grows from 30 to 50 inches high and from experiments five pounds of the straw have been found to yield 1 1/2 pounds of the long fibre, which is used in the making of the finest linens. The flax produced about 12 bushels of seed to the acre, yielding about as well as the other varieties, but the object in growing it is to produce the fibre. There are only a few hundred acres devoted to the growing of this long fibre flax in the United States. Mr. Brolin hopes that his can be introduced here quite generally and in the event that it proves a success here, a flax fibre mill is certain to follow.

An examination will be held in Minot and Douglas on June 27 to fill the positions of rural mail carrier at Des Lacs and Douglas.

A. G. ENGDahl SHOOTS HIMSELF ACCIDENTALLY

Former Kenmare Banker While Cleaning Revolver in Garage Friday Evening Fatally Wounds Himself.

A. G. Engdahl, former vice president of the defunct Farmers & Merchants Bank of Kenmare, shot and killed himself in his garage at Kenmare last Friday evening. In a statement made to Louis Knudson, a close friend, shortly before he died, he stated that he had accidentally shot himself while in the act of cleaning his revolver.

"I was cleaning my gun and that's the last I could remember," was the statement Mr. Engdahl made to Mr. Knudson.

When Mr. Engdahl did not return to supper that evening, Mrs. Engdahl became alarmed and told Mr. Knudson that she feared something had happened to him. Mr. Knudson and a neighbor, Mrs. Olson, made a search and Mr. Engdahl was found lying on his back in the garage, with blood flowing from his side. He was in a semi-conscious state but was able to talk. He was taken into the house and surgeons were called at once. It was found that the bullet from his .32 calibre revolver had entered his side, just above the stomach, striking the liver. Surgeons agreed that the only thing that could possibly save his life was an operation, but he died before this could be done. He was not able to talk but a little before he died, and died fully enough to speak to Mr. Knudson.

State's Attorney Herigstad went to Kenmare Monday, where an inquest was held. The jury, Mr. Fox, Andy Paulson and Mr. Showers, decided that Mr. Engdahl had met death by accidental shooting.

Mr. Engdahl was 41 years of age and is survived by his wife and one son. He had lived at Kenmare for the past fifteen years and for years was connected with the Farmers & Merchants bank of that city. He resigned about the time the bank failed. At about that time he was connected with the auto concern of Walstad & Co.

He was a Mason and an Elk. Funeral services were held at Kenmare where the remains were buried.

Mr. Engdahl was a man who had a host of friends who sincerely sympathize with the heartbroken wife and fatherless son.

UNDERWRITERS WILL FIGHT STATE CASE

Minot Underwriters Deny that the Firm is Insolvent—Never Asked to Sell Under Blue Sky Law.

That the Minot Underwriters is not insolvent, that it never asked for permission to sell stock under the blue sky laws and that it will fight the suit brought by Attorney General Langer to a finish, is the claim of the company.

The purpose of Attorney General Langer's suit is to secure the appointment of a receiver and the dissolution of the company principally on the allegation that the company is insolvent. This claim is strenuously denied by the officials of the company, who state that they are ready to prove their claim in the courts of the state.

Flax Fibre Expert Looks Over Minot Field.

Jonas Brolin, of Bellingham, Wash., stopped over in Minot Tuesday for a day, enroute east. He is a noted flax fibre expert and has been instrumental in establishing many flax fibre plants in the United States. It is possible that he will establish such a plant here and he stopped here for the purpose of looking over the field. While in Minot he was the guest of his old friend, H. A. Foss.

Mr. Brolin's attention to the Minot field was caused by a copy of the Business Bulletin of Minot, published under the supervision of Secretary Holbein of the Association of Commerce, which fell into his hands. The Bulletin is regarded generally as an important factor in the upbuilding of Minot.

Flyer Visits Minot.

Ralph Waldron, who spent two years in the aviation service, was in Minot Monday visiting friends. He was a guest of the Rotary Club Monday. Mr. Waldron gave an interesting talk, telling of his flights around the Statue of Liberty. He pointed out the great progress that has been made in air flights. It was only about five years ago that Glen Curtis in his diary, stated that a great feat had been performed. An airman had succeeded in flying to a height of from 1,500 to 2,000 feet. Mr. Waldron predicts that during the summer there will be a number of successful air flights across the Atlantic, mainly with the seaplanes. The weather is becoming more favorable.

Rotary Favors New Sewage Plant.

Henry M. Wilson, in one of the best papers ever read before the Minot Rotary, addressed that body Monday. The paper will appear in full next week.

The Rotary passed resolutions favoring a new sewage disposal plant. The one now in use does not properly function and the river below the plant becomes so polluted during the summer months that the odor proves most objectionable to the residents of that part of the city.

The club has decided to send a delegate to the Rotary convention which starts at Salt Lake City June 16.