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RETAIL MERCHANTS INSTITUTE NEXT WEEK

Have Secured Frank Stockdale, Lecturer to Business Men for Five Days' Institute.

A number of business men who are interested in better business methods and salesmanship, met at the Hotel Leland Tuesday noon and decided to secure Mr. Frank Stockdale, the eminent lecturer to business men for a series of five lectures to be given in this city beginning next Tuesday evening, December 9th. Mr. Stockdale has earned an enviable reputation as a doctor of business and his services are much sought after by all enterprising communities in the country.

The specific objects of the institute are to help the local merchants of the Minot trade territory, first, to develop community interest with a view of getting more trade out of their present trade territory, and second, to help them earn a bigger net profit out of their present margin of profit.

The following subjects will be treated on the five days:
Tuesday afternoon he will appear before the organization meeting of the North Dakota Good Roads Association and make a short address on good roads.

Tuesday evening he will address the merchants on the subject, "Business Building and Business Getting."
Wednesday evening he will address the merchants and salespeople on the subject, "Salespeople of Today and Tomorrow."

Thursday evening he will address the merchants and salespeople on the subject, "Creating Salesmanship."

Friday afternoon—"How Stock Turnovers Effect Net Profits."

Saturday evening—An address to traveling salesmen.

All of Friday forenoon will be devoted to conferences with out of town merchants who may attend the sessions. The desire of the general committee is that all merchants in the Minot distributing territory attend all the sessions of the week, but more especially the Friday afternoon session. As Lucy Gates, the soprano, will appear at the High School Auditorium that evening, it is expected that many business men from other towns will be in the city to hear her, and can take advantage of the Friday afternoon lecture. The subject has been selected with that in view.

This is the first time that Minot and adjoining country has had an opportunity to listen to such a finished course of lectures on business and salesmanship, and it is expected that he will be greeted at each session with capacity houses.

The wholesale and retail interests of the city are working together to make this institute an epoch marking event in the history of the city. The Association of Commerce has appointed a general committee composed of the following to look after the institute:

Messrs. Norman Ellison, H. L. Winters, Orrin M. Pierce, E. A. Shirley and Stanley Colburn, who will appoint other committees to work out the details.

ERNEST DAVIS, TENOR, AT THE AUDITORIUM

Third Number of Entertainment Course Comes on Monday Evening, December 8th

The announcement that Ernest Davis, the distinguished young tenor, will appear at the Auditorium, is welcome news to local music lovers who have followed with interest the career of this noted artist.

Probably no young singer of the past few years has come so rapidly to the front, or created a more profound impression, as has this Kansas boy. A few years ago a local celebrity in the small town of Iola, Kansas, the place of his birth, he today commands the respect of the most critical audience. Young Davis early showed a decided talent for music, and the good people of Iola soon discovered that the boy possessed a remarkable tenor voice. At the early age of nineteen, after only a little preliminary training he was engaged to sing the tenor role in Mendelssohn's "Elijah," at Iola. The favorable impression which he made on this occasion encouraged the youthful singer to go to a musical center where he could obtain the proper training and coaching for a career. Accordingly, in 1911, he went to Chicago and entered with enthusiasm on his studies under the guidance of George Nelson Holt, one of the foremost vocal teachers in the mid-west metropolises. For four years Davis gave himself up to the mastery of voice-placement and bel-canto, at the same time working as a piano-tuner in order to "pay the piper."

His debut in Chicago created a sensation. So impressed was Bernard Ulrich, at that time manager of the Chicago Grand Opera Co., with the Kansas boy's unusual equipment, that he immediately offered him a five year contract, with the opportunity of appearing with the Chicago Grand Opera Co. This contract terminated when the war broke out, as Mr. Ulrich severed his connections with the Chicago

Opera company. Subsequently the big tenor accepted an offer from the Boston Grand Opera company, to sing leading roles and toured the country with that great organization.

His commanding stage presence and magnificent voice make this young artist the ideal singer for either opera, concert or oratorio. He has appeared as soloist with the leading choral societies in the United States, among them the Hayden Society of Chicago, with which he was soloist on a memorable trip to the Pacific coast in 1915, when that society won the largest amount of prize money at a contest at the World's Fair. He has filled engagements with the Rubenstein Club of New York, the famous Stadium Concerts under the auspices of the Metropolitan Opera Co., with the full Metropolitan orchestra, with which he was re-engaged this season, the National Society of American Musicians of Chicago, and numerous equally well known organizations.

Mr. Davis' voice is a lyric-dramatic of great brilliancy, power with extraordinary range, while the perfect ease and power mastery with which he elocutes the most difficult phrases, create a feeling of sheer delight.

All season tickets holders for the Entertainment Course are entitled to hear Mr. Davis without extra charge. Single admission tickets for adults will be only 75c. You cannot afford to miss this rare opportunity to hear one of America's greatest tenors. Remember the date and place—the high school auditorium.

Hecht Investigates Wisconsin Land Col. and Mrs. H. J. Hecht have returned from Ladysmith, Wis., where they spent several days. Mr. Hecht was looking over the cut-over land. Mr. Hecht says that this land can be bought for \$25 to \$40 per acre. The land is covered with stumps and buck brush. When the land is cleared, it produces big crops. Many buy a section of this land, fence it, run fire thru it to burn the buck brush, then sow clover on it, running 300 head of cattle, the following season on it. The cattle come out in the fall, hog fat. Mr. Hecht reports deer hunting good in Wisconsin, at one depot five bucks and two does being shipped out by the hunters. The deer cannot be shipped out of the state, nor served at hotels. One hunter is allowed but one deer each season.

Roosevelt Memorial Day The people of Foxholm met at the Community Hall Wednesday evening, November 26, for the purpose of contributing their bit to the Roosevelt Memorial and to show their respect to the great American. The school children and audience sang several songs after which Miss Agnes Anderson, principal of the school, gave an interesting talk on the Life of Theodore Roosevelt. Lunch was served by the school children after the program and the proceeds amounted to \$10. Everyone voted the evening an enjoyable one.

Kranzer Arrested at Fargo One of the state's secret service operatives named Kranzer, was arrested in Fargo and returned to Minot, charged with stealing an overcoat from Gordon Rutten, an employee of the Second National Bank. The coat, valued at \$55 was stolen from Rutten while attending a dance at the Armory. A young man named Taylor was also arrested, charged with the same offense. Taylor was picked up at Velva. It is understood that Kranzer claims to have bought the coat from Taylor.

Raid on Elkins Hotel The police department assisted by the sheriff's office, made a raid on the Elkins hotel, North Main St., Monday evening, but found no liquor. Just as the officers entered the place, the city lights went out on account of an accident at the plant, and this gave the proprietor time to get rid of any liquor, had there been any in the place. The hotel is run by Zoa Dale.

W. R. C. Elects Officers The following officers were elected by the W. R. C. Tuesday for the ensuing year:

President—Ida Youngman.
Sen. V. President—Minnie Bakeman.
Jr. Vice President—Nellie Hendryx.
Chaplain—Chloa Truax.
Treasurer—Pearl Bragg.
Conductress—Martha Stewart.
Guard—Loretta Judd.

Royal Arch Masons Elect Officers Tyrian Chapter No. 14, R. A. M. held its annual election of officers at the Masonic Temple Wednesday night, which resulted as follows:

C. E. Calkins, High Priest.
E. L. Housholder, King.
Albert Moore, Scribe.
A. D. Hagenstein, Secretary.
H. E. Byorum, Treasurer.

Robinson Submits to Operation A. A. Robinson, well known grain dealer, who submitted to an operation at the McCannel hospital, has returned to his home, and is recovering nicely. He will be out in a few days.

McKaig Loses His Damage Suit for \$50,000

Ray McKaig, who was formerly Master of the North Dakota Grange, who sued former Governor Gooding of Idaho, for \$50,000 damages, for publishing in the Idaho newspapers that McKaig was a friend of Kate Richards O'Hare, lost his case which was tried in Idaho last week.

Radicalism, Free Love, Expounded in Library Books

Discovery of Works of Trotsky and Ellen Key for Circulation Arouses Ire in Legislature—Investigation Begun.

Bismarck, N. D., Dec. 2.—State administration circles are split over the "love and ethics" incident. In secret conference today George A. Totten, president of the board of administration, stood out against an edict from the office of Governor Frazier directing that Librarian C. L. Stangland must go. Totten, it is said, defended Stangland and the selection of radical books in the circulation library. R. T. Muir, another member of the board stood with Totten, while J. N. Hagen and P. M. Casey took the governor's attitude. Totten, it said, threatened to resign. Miss Minnie Nielson, state superintendent, and the only independent on the board, was invited into the conference.

Bismarck, N. D., Dec. 2.—Books extolling the principles of "free love" are about to be handed to citizens of North Dakota in their traveling libraries, when they make requests for works on "social problems" to read in their homes. This was one of the startling facts discovered by the special committee of the house named to investigate O. M. Burtness' charges against the state library commission.

Legislators Astounded The charges made a profound impression, and there could be no question about them except on the matter of responsibility. Mr. Burtness displayed one of the books, Ellen Key's "Love and Ethics," bearing the label of the state traveling library, and the copious extracts he read from the little book made sober men of family fairly gasp.

The introduction to the book refers to "Ellen Key's startling views on the marriage relation" in "Love and Marriage," a former work. Here are some of Miss Key's latest announcements. "In 'Love and Marriage,' I pointed out that those who insist on monogamy, that is, life long love relationship between the sexes, disregard the inevitable consequences of such an ethical standard, namely the waste of a large amount of splendid life energy which, if utilized, would produce fine offspring. Under present social conditions this standard of morality would hinder the improvement of the species.

Sex Problems Discussed "The modern sex problem consists in finding the proper equilibrium between on the one hand the requirements for the improvement of the species, and on the other hand, the increased demands of the individual to be happy in love, whereas formerly the problem was only between society's demands for fixed marriage forms and the individual's demands to satisfy his sex life in any form. The sex ethics that proceed from this new equilibrium will be the only true ethics.

"Of all social conditions to be demanded, the most essential is that the standard by which the morality of parenthood is measured should be not the marriage rite but the will of two human beings to assume the responsibility for their children, not the legitimacy of their children, but the kind of children they are."

In an addition to the latest edition, Miss Key takes up Dr. Foerster's criticisms of "free love" and says that "in the ascetic conception of life," they are natural.

"But," she continues, "he to whom the aim of life is life itself feels the same reverence for its sensual as for its spiritual demands. He knows that when two unmarried persons give life to a child, nature often rewards 'passion' by endowing the child with splendid equipment."

Radical Workers in Library "The ethical conception that makes the right of parenthood dependent on the fixed forms of marriage must fall."

Five other books by Miss Key are in the state library, but not in the traveling library, the legislative committee found. The other books displayed in a traveling library box were strong socialist and radical propaganda.

The committee consists of R. H. Walker, J. H. Burkhardt and S. W. Johnson, leaguers, and J. F. T. O'Connor and Peter McLaughlin, independents. The committee is continuing its work today, but whatever its report, there is the devil to pay in league circles.

Many leaguers are demanding that the objectionable books be thrown out and the persons responsible for their presence in the library be ejected with them. Others, less indignant, feel that there must be a "goat" found, as the league cannot afford to carry such a burden. Some are stubbornly unwilling to admit that there is any wrong done in sending these books out to the homes of North Dakota.

Such a one is Representative G. Patterson of Donnybrook, who undertook to defend the library's choice of books on the house floor yesterday. The Patterson stand was rebuked by Walter Maddock of Plaza, majority leader and on his motion the special committee was appointed to interview Charles E. Stangland, listed as librarian for the state board of administration, which has charge of the traveling libraries as well as the schools of the state.

Woman Admits Buying Books The committee did not find Stangland but found Miss G. Peterson, who told them that she was the librarian, and had bought the books. She came only a few weeks ago from New York.

"They are the latest works of reputable authors," she insisted. The ones in question had just come, she said, and have not been sent out, but selections from them will go out to those who ask for reading matter on "social problems." The older works of Ellen Key and other "serious thinkers" of that type are in the reference library, she said, and were bought before she came, but have not been in the traveling library. The committee decided today to talk with board of administration, which superseded the board of regents under the new law last summer and has control of the traveling library.

Saner members of the Nonpartisan league today are beginning to realize what it all means to turn over state departments to imported socialists zealous for their propaganda. The charges made a sensation when sprung on the house floor.

Works Called "Rubbish" "If the people of the state knew what was in some of these books they would be down here with shotguns," Burtness declared, and after Patterson had put the leaguers in the hole by his defense of the library selection Maddock took the floor to pull them out as best he could.

"There is enough sound Americanism and Christian manhood in this

body," he declared, "to protect the schools and the homes of our state from this sort of socialism rubbish and free loveism if we have to repeal the board of administration and every other law on our statute books."

Mr. Burtness read a list of other socialist books giving the "economic determinism" slant to history and political economy. The librarian, Charles E. Stangland, is a University of Minnesota man, dismissed from the consular service in England in 1917.

Mr. Burtness in his speech yesterday, put the responsibility upon Stangland, referring to him as "a man who was buffeted from one jail to another while in the consular service."

Some of the other books located by Burtness on the library shelves were: "Socialism and Modern Science," Ferri. "Evolution of Property," La Farges. "Anarchism and Socialism," Harris. "Not Guilty," Blatchford. "The Bolsheviki and World Peace," Leon Trotsky. "History of the Supreme Court," Meyers. "The Profits of Religion," Upton Sinclair.

"Essays on Materialistic Conception in History," Labriola. "More Judicial Oligarchy," Roe. "One Purchase Contemplated"

Other book titles taken from a recent bill presented by the board of administration, but not yet paid, are "Class Struggles in America," "Economic Causes of War," "Economic Determinism," "Kautsky's Ethics," "Marx vs. Tolstoy," "Socialism vs. The State," "Stories of the Great Railroads," "Puritanism" and "Science and Revolution."

Some of the most innocent of titles conceal high power stuff. Gustav Myers' "History of the Supreme Court," as Mr. Burtness pointed out, is largely devoted to blackening the names of such men as John Jay, John Marshall, Salmon P. Chase and the presidents who appointed them. It was this book that G. Patterson championed.

"I have it in my home and I am not ashamed of it," he said.

The exposure was started by a committee report. The state affairs committee proposed to kill house bill 28, by J. A. Harris, abolishing the board of administration and restoring to Miss Minnie Nielson, state superintendent, the powers taken from her. The Burtness speech was against that report, but the house ceased to function normally about that time and the report is still to be acted on. Burtness also charged that the people of the state were fooled in the referendum election by a "camouflage" amendment purporting to leave Miss Nielson undisturbed in her powers which the courts promptly nullified.

MONTANAN TO ADDRESS THE LODGE OF SORROW

Minot Elks to Hold Annual Meeting Sunday at High School Auditorium—Public is Invited.

The Minot Lodge No. 1089, B. P. O. Elks, will hold their annual Lodge of Sorrow at the High School Auditorium Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Exalted Ruler L. D. McGahan will be in charge of the ritualistic services. Prof. John Howard of the City Schools, will have charge of the musical program. Mrs. R. E. Barton will sing and several numbers will be rendered by the High School Glee Club.

The address will be given by Stephen Cowley of Great Falls, Mont. The public is cordially invited to attend these services.

Matt Ringen Elected President of S. O. N.

Matt Ringen, manager of the New York Furniture and Hardware Co., was elected president of the Sons of Norway at the annual meeting of the local lodge held last evening. Other officers follow:

Vice President, John Lee. Secretary, Sever Soine. Judge, Isak Mattson. Financial Secretary, N. O. Hammer. Treasurer, A. E. Elefson. Regent, John Berghem. Marshall, Thorwald Rice. Assistant Marshall, Alf Ostbye. Guard, Theodore Wold. Doctor, G. O. Hanson. Trustee, O. P. Nustod. Historic Writer, Olaf Redal.

The local lodge is enjoying a banner year and keen interest is taken in all activities by the members.

Taylor and Vollmer Each Shoot a Deer Frank P. Taylor and L. Vollmer have returned from Whitefish, Mont., near which place they spent eleven days hunting deer. After hunting diligently and patiently for five days, their efforts were rewarded with each shooting a big buck, weighing more than 300 pounds. The bucks were engaged in a terrific fight and this gave the hunters a fine chance to kill them. Each hunter will have the head mounted which will make valuable specimens of their prowess as marksmen. Mr. Taylor had never before shot a deer. He says it's great sport, tho' not nearly so exciting as shooting chickens.

"Why Not Minnet?"

GARFIELD ORDERS DISTRIBUTION OF COAL

Non-essential Industries May be Shut Down Under New Order—Minot Apt to be Effected to Some Extent

The following telegram has been received by Roy A. McCandless, superintendent of the Minot division of the Great Northern from R. H. Aishton, Regional director of railroads, pertaining to the conservation of fuel: "Chicago, Ill., Dec. 1st, 1919.

"R. A. McCandless, "Minot, N. D.

"Please give as information to the newspapers in your city the following statement of Dr. Harry A. Garfield, United States Fuel Administrator, as to the policy which will be pursued by him in the distribution of coal.

"Dr. Harry A. Garfield, United States Fuel Administrator today authorized the following statement: It is necessary that coal shall be used only for essential purposes, Public Utilities consuming coal should continue to furnish power heat and light to non-essential industries and should only consume sufficient coal to produce enough light, power and heat to meet the actual urgent needs of the people. Advertising signs should be curtailed and no coal should be distributed for such purposes. Pursuant to this policy, I have requested the railroad administration in the distribution of coal now or hereafter in its possession to limit distribution to these essential and urgent uses. As far as practicable until the conditions warrant a change in the distribution of coal will be limited to the first five classes of the priority list. Retail dealers, who distribute coal for household requirements, heating hotels, buildings, hospitals, etc., should take every precaution to see that coal is only delivered where it is absolutely required and then only in such limited quantities that the supply may be distributed widely and prevent suffering. The state and other local authorities can materially aid in inspecting and supervising such distribution by retail dealers and the U. S. government will be glad to leave the supervision and control of such distribution by retail dealers entirely to any state, county or municipality which may make provision therefore. The distribution to the retail dealers must necessarily be administered by the Railroad Administration in pursuance of the orders already made by the United States Fuel Administration in carrying out the priorities which have been prescribed under the Lever Act.

"R. H. AISHTON."

The local lignite mines are furnishing plenty of fuel for the homes of Minot and vicinity, as they are all operating at capacity. The Northern States Power Co. is now depending on eastern coal for its fuel, since the recent fire at the Washburn mine at Wilton, and this order is apt to effect Minot in several ways. Manager Brokaw informs the Independent that he has received no instructions yet to cut off any light or power, but if the situation does not improve immediately, it is expected that service for advertising signs will be discontinued, and perhaps heat light and power cut off from certain non-essential industries.

H. F. ALLEN ASSISTANT TO SEC. HOLBEIN

H. F. Allen has accepted the position of assistant secretary of the Association of Commerce, taking the place of Miss Sayde Pinkerton, who has held this position for nearly five years, and who has resigned. Mr. Allen is a brother of Dr. Allen, of the State Health Laboratory. He is a veteran of the World War and a graduate of the Pennsylvania State Agricultural College. Mr. Allen was superintendent of the recent Ward County Corn and Potato Show, his services being valuable. He will have charge of the Ward county exhibit of products which the Association of Commerce is installing and it appears that he is an ideal man for the position of assistant secretary.

Coldest November Day in 15 Years Last Sunday was the coldest November day in North Dakota in 15 years, the thermometer in Minot registering 26 degrees below zero. On November 29, 1915, the thermometer registered 21 below and on Nov. 15, 1911, twenty below.

Gold Nugget in Minot Chicken's Claw

A. P. York, local drayman, who resides at 714 Arbor Avenue, killed a hen for his Sunday dinner and discovered a two pennyweight gold nugget in a fowl's claw. He was surprised to find a shiny yellow metallic substance among the contents of the claw and took it to three jewelers, who pronounced the metal as solid gold and worth \$25.00. He has 45 other chickens and intends to kill and examine them all. Mr. York lives in a hilly part of the city and while he does not lay claim to having discovered a gold mine, his curiosity has been aroused to such an extent that in the spring, he expects to get busy with his pick and investigate his fowl's feeding grounds.