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INSPECTION OF DE MOLAY COMMANDERY HELD MONDAY

Grand Commander Wm. D. Henry and Grand Inspecting Officer E. S. Person Attend Meeting—Fine Record Made

The annual inspection of De Molay Commandery No. 10 K. T. was held at the Masonic Temple Monday night, with a large attendance. Edward S. Person appointed by the Grand Commander as inspecting officer for the sixteen North Dakota Commanderies, gave a most rigid inspection, including every phase of the Conclave from its opening until its close, including the work in the Temple degree. At its conclusion he reviewed the work in a comprehensive manner and his work is regarded as one of the best inspections the local organization has ever enjoyed. The Major had inspected six Commanderies previously and while De Molay Commandery has worked hard in hopes of securing first place, it expects no special favor from the Grand Inspecting Officer on account of his being a member of De Molay.

William D. Henry, Wahpeton, N. D., Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of the State of North Dakota was present, adding much to the pleasure of the occasion. At the conclusion of the work in an address, he complimented De Molay Commandery highly and had some pleasing things to say about Minot, as the third city of North Dakota. Archibald D. McCannel of this city, Grand Warden of the Grand Commandery, was also present. The work of the evening was in charge of the Eminent Commander, Aksel Bratsberg, to whose efforts is largely due the splendid success the local Commandery has attained. A six o'clock dinner was served by the ladies of the Eastern Star at the Temple and at the conclusion of the work a luncheon and smoker was enjoyed, a number of Knights responding to toasts. Among the out-of-town members attending were Fred White and J. M. Thornton, Donnybrook; Peter Scott, Bottineau, and O. D. La Grange, Deering.

RASMUS MILLER OF TOLLEY IS DEAD

Death of Prominent Implement Dealer Occurs in California Sunday—Was Member of Minot Lodge of Perfection.

Rasmus Miller, prominent implement dealer of Tolley, N. D., passed away in California Sunday, Feb. 22, following a long illness.

Mr. Miller was born at Bellum, Germany, Dec. 1, 1875, and is survived by his wife, Bina Miller, and several children.

He was a member of the Mohall Lodge, No. 73, and of the Perfection Lodge of Perfection, Minot, Scottish Rite Masons. He was also a member of the Minot Lodge No. 1089, B. P. O. Elks. Mr. Miller was one of the prominent citizens of northwestern North Dakota and a first class man in every respect. The remains are enroute to Tolley, where interment will be made.

HIRAM JOHNSON'S NAME TO APPEAR ON N. D. BALLOT

Washington, Feb. 20.—Senator H. Johnson will have his name placed on the North Dakota primary ballot. He indicated this intention in a telegram to Colonel John H. Fraine, Grant, N. D., made public today as follows:

"Your wire has been received notifying me of a resolution passed at a convention in North Dakota, which, in effect, requests republican presidential candidates to refrain from submitting their names to the electors of your state under the provisions of your presidential primary law. I have understood that North Dakota has a presidential preference law, which enables your people to express their choice of candidates for president. Before your meeting was held, about which I was neither advised nor consulted, my name under your law was filed with your secretary of state.

"I believe in the right of the people to rule. I believe that the people themselves should select their candidates for office and even candidates for president. I shall cheerfully acquiesce in a decision by the people of any state or community, but I insist their right to decide and my right to have them decide. I shall, therefore, in pursuance of a lifetime principle, go to the people themselves of the great state of North Dakota and submit my candidacy to them."

Harry Manson Returns to Greece. Spero Manson, of the Waverly confectionery, left for New York City Thursday to visit several weeks. He was accompanied by his brother, Harry, who has disposed of his pool room, to return to his old home in Zante, Greece, to see his mother who is 75 years of age. Harry expects to be away six months.

Kenmare Farmer Recovering. Richard Hines, Kenmare farmer, who was taken to Kenmare by his neighbors, after he showed signs of insanity, has improved to such an extent that he was permitted to return to his home. He had been worrying over the condition of his family, all of whom had been ill with the flu.

SUDDEN DEATH OF MRS. C. V. FERGUSON

Brief Illness Results in Death of Glenburn Woman Thursday Afternoon of Last Week.

Glenburn Advance: Glenburn people were grieved Monday to learn that Mrs. C. V. Ferguson had suffered a paralytic stroke during the night and that she was in a serious condition as a result. Monday, however, she improved, and continued to show signs of improvement until early Wednesday morning when she fell asleep and during the time she was sleeping she suffered a second stroke, and then gradually failed until death came at 5:20 this (Thursday) afternoon.

The above tells briefly the sad story of the sudden death of one of our pioneer and beloved women. It is a big loss to our community and one that all of us feel deeply, and there is nothing but words of sincere and heartfelt sympathy for the bereaved husband, who is called upon so quickly to mourn his beloved companion of many years, years of happiness extending back to the care-free and hopeful days of childhood.

A short funeral service will be held at the home Friday afternoon at two o'clock. The body will then be taken to the depot and started for the old home at Chatfield, Minn., escorted by the husband and Mr. G. L. Gould. Funeral services will probably be held at Chatfield Sunday.

JOHNSON OPENS CAMPAIGN IN NORTH DAKOTA

Senator Hiram Johnson of California, candidate for president of the United States, spoke at Grand Forks, to open his campaign Wednesday. The announcement of Job Wells Brinton, connected with the league publications, that he is for Johnson, brought a letter from Senator Johnson to his workers, asking for information about Brinton. Brinton's announcement was in a letter to William Lemke, which was made public at the republican convention in Bismarck.

Senator Johnson also denied rumors that his supporters have allied themselves with the league. Brinton said he favored Johnson next to Governor Lynn J. Frazier.

Senator Johnson expects to go to the twin cities after his North Dakota, speaking tour, but the exact date has not been set.

COWPUNCHER SAYS MORE GUNS HE SEES MORE HE LIKES JOB

Helena, Mont., Feb. 21.—Leo J. Smith, who gives his address as Box 45, Rose Creek, Minn., has written Governor Sam V. Stewart of Montana to ask what the prospects are for employment in this state.

"I punched cattle in Wyoming," Leo writes. "Now I would like to get a job out there on a ranch. How big is the biggest ranch out there? How many cattle have the largest ones? What will they pay this spring? Do they carry guns out there? The more guns I see the better I like it."

Governor Stewart said he thought eight 45 calibre revolvers should be sufficient for an ordinary cowpuncher these days.

N. D. DEMOCRATS SPLIT ON DELEGATES CHOICE

Fargo, N. D., Feb. 20.—Petitions for the nomination of a group of candidates for delegates to the democratic national convention and for presidential electors, to oppose the ticket of candidates endorsed at the recent democratic state central committee meeting here, have been prepared for circulation, it was announced today. The petitions will be filed with the secretary of state prior to March 1. Democrats headed by John Bloom of Devils Lake, E. H. Stegink of Minot, and C. P. Peterson of Bisbee announced the new ticket. No announcement has been made regarding a possible candidate to oppose H. H. Perry, the previous choice for the national committee.

\$25,000 BALM SUIT TAKEN BY DEFENDANT AS LEAP YEAR OFFER

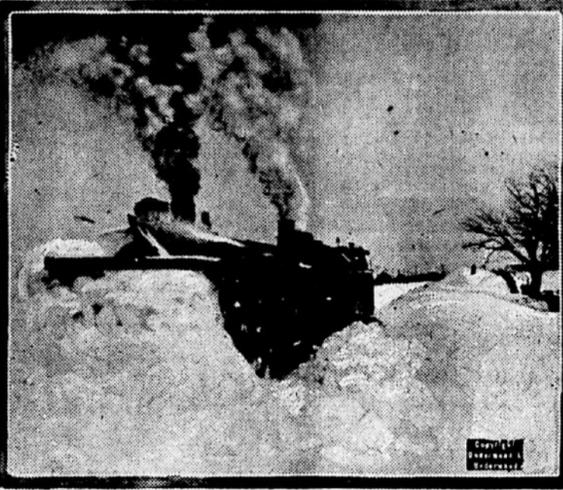
Pittsburgh, Feb. 19.—Annie E. Rogers has entered suit against George W. Boone for \$25,000 damages because he refused to carry out his promise of marriage.

Boone, on the other hand, in answering the complaint, declares that "it is the first time that he knew of a proposal made to Miss Rogers, but that, it probably being a 'leap year' proposal, he is too gallant to refuse, and will marry the young woman on sight."

He further declares he has asked Miss Rogers to wed since the suit was filed, but that she consistently refuses, yet the suit against Boone has been listed for trial.

Interesting Display of War Relics. W. J. LaVictoire, of the Northern States Power Co., has a very interesting display of relics from the World War, on exhibition in the company's windows, which he picked up on the battle fields in France, while he was performing his duty as a member of the Medical Corps. Included in the display are the German 77 shells, German and American grenades, helmets, paper sand bags, piece of the paper sheet under which he slept while in Strasburg and shrapnel shells picked up on the Verdun battlefield, at Fort Dumont. Mr. LaVictoire secured some exceptionally interesting pictures, many of which were lost in transit.

ROTARY SNOW PLOW CLEARING THE TRACKS



An interesting picture showing one of the latest type rotary railroad snow plows whirling the snow off the tracks near Dunkirk, N. Y., following the recent storm.

GRONNA ANSWERS SUSPICIOUS CHARACTER ARRESTED

Senator Admits He Cast Ballot Against Conflict—Malicious Lies Charged.

Washington, Feb. 20.—Offering no explanation but admitting he had voted against war and conscription Senator A. J. Gronna of North Dakota today made a brief speech in the senate in answer to a recent editorial article in the Washington Herald attacking him on his war vote and other votes in the war. Senator Gronna declared that whenever there was a record vote he would be found voting for bond issues and war appropriations.

Gronna declared the attack was inspired by his arraignment of Julius Barnes and the grain corporation, and by his reference to the paper in question as the Hoover-Barnes organ.

Malicious Lies Charged. "I want to serve notice right now that when anyone attacks me upon my record, he must not falsify that record. This article grossly and maliciously misrepresents me. I do not deny that I voted against war, against conscription, and against the espionage act, and have no apology to make for those votes. But I never voted against a single bond issue, or against a single appropriation bill for funds necessary to prosecute the war vigorously."

"I am ready to meet my critics at any time, whether they are members of a millionaire club or are British agents. "I did criticize some of the revenue bills, because I thought they should have imposed larger taxes on excess profits. I repeat that the charges that I voted against appropriations and bond bills are malicious lies, and want the record to show that the charges in this article are maliciously false."

Roosevelt Quoted. "I have many things sent to me that I might have used against these men behind these charges. For instance, I did not use the fact that the grand jury in Washington indicted Mr. Houser, vice president of the Grain corporation. An indictment is merely a charge, however, that may or may not be proved. "While I am not charging that these men are either crooks or thieves, I want to recall the words of Theodore

Roosevelt, who said, 'I know how to deal with crooks but I can do nothing with a natural born fool.' "I want these men to know that there were five Gronna's in the war at the time they say I was making a bad record. Three of them were on the battlefields of France, and all of them were sons of my brother's widow. Naturally they came to me for advice, because they were supporting that widowed mother. One was only 17 years old. When he asked me if he should go, I said yes.

"None of these boys had to be drafted. They went to war of their own accord and with my approval. My youngest son went into the service before war was declared, when he was less than 18 years old."

B. A. Dickinson, prominent Ryder attorney, transacted business in Minot Wednesday.

Thos. Hecker of Logan was in the city Wednesday. He reports that Mrs. Wm. Hecker and children are all ill with the flu, but that they are recovering nicely.

GONZALES ACCEPTING NOMINATION



Gen. Pablo Gonzales accepting the Democratic nomination for the Mexican presidency in the Arbu theater, Mexico City.

REISHUS IMPLEMENT CO. LEASE KEMPER BLOCK

Well Known Concern Are Exclusive Dealers for the Full International Harvester Lines

The Reishus Implement Co. have leased the Kemper block opposite the International Harvester building and have installed a complete line of the International Harvester Co. farming implements, tractors, and tractor plows. The Reishus Implement Co. are the exclusive Minot dealers for the well known International Harvester lines and will undoubtedly do a very large business.

The business is in charge of Gunder S. Reishus, pioneer implement dealer and his son, George A. Reishus.

The Public is Warned to Buy Carefully

Orrin M. Pierce, credit manager of the Minot Grocery Co., has returned from Minneapolis, where he read a paper at the annual convention of credit men of the northwest. The meeting was attended by nearly 500 credit men and was of great importance. Mr. Pierce says that the advice given by experts at the meeting was to begin retrenching in business immediately. There must be no further expansion of credits. The inflation of prices is likened to a rubber band which has been extended to close to the breaking point. By the banks, jobbers, manufacturers, retailers, and everybody working together on a gradual tightening up process, business can be brought back to a pre-war basis in a manner that will be beneficial to all.

Efforts will be made during the present year to discourage the lavish expenditure of money. Banks will discourage excessive loans and will do what they can to gradually cut down money already loaned. Merchants will be asked to go on a cash basis as nearly as possible and people owing the stores will be asked to pay their bills as well. Merchants must pay the wholesalers more readily. By all working together we can not only avert disaster but proceed along sound business lines.

Insane Man Suing Neighbor for \$10,000 Damages

Can an insane man give testimony in a case which he has brought against one for damages? This question will be settled in the case of Arion Roteliuk, Max farmer, who was recently adjudged insane and who was brot from the insane asylum at Jamtown under guard to give testimony in this action against Sam Harchenko for \$10,000 damages which he alleges he sustained by reason of the latter's assaulting him during a neighborhood row over damage done by stock. Roteliuk is not violently insane, but after sending threatening letters to Dr. Hotchkiss, superintendent of the Jamtown asylum, alleging that it was thru Hotchkiss' fault that Roteliuk's wife died while she was a patient at the asylum, the man was himself taken in tow and adjudged insane.

Make Out Your Income Tax Reports

The state income tax blanks should be in the hands of proper state officials not later than March 1, otherwise a penalty, and likewise the federal income tax blanks should be in the hands of the income tax collector by that time. The local banks have been furnishing both blanks and assisting in making out the reports but during the early part of the week, no state blanks have been available. It is hoped that the state blanks will arrive this week, otherwise many will necessarily be late with their reports, in which case naturally no penalty can be imposed.

Mrs. Graham Will Hold Sale March 9

Mrs. W. W. Graham, whose husband passed away at the Graham home near Drady last fall, has returned from Austin, Minn., where she spent the winter at her old home. Mrs. Graham has arranged to hold a sale at the Nugent farm, occupied by the Grahams, northwest of Drady, on Tuesday, March 9. Mrs. Graham expects to return to Austin to reside and a host of friends will regret to have her leave. A complete sale notice will appear in next week's Independent.

Minot Men Make Good Showing at Fort Snelling Shoot

Minot men made good records at the annual Mid-winter shooting tournament at Fort Snelling. In the first day's shoot, C. H. Parke was second high man with a record of 148 birds out of 160. Dr. J. R. Pence got 142 out of 160. In the second day's shoot Pence's record was 146 out of 160; Parker 142 and Cap Saunders 142 out of 160.

Clarence Scott Charged With Grand Larceny

Clarence Scott, son of Mrs. Everson of Kenmare, was arrested and brot to Minot Wednesday by Deputy Sheriff Walstad charged with grand larceny. The arrest was made on request of the sheriff of Dunn county to which place he will be returned.

Bottineau County Bonds for Seed and Feed

Bottineau county has bonded for half a million dollars to furnish seed and feed to farmers who need the assistance.

LICENSED TO WED.

Melvin R. Gazley, Detroit, Mich., 24, and Carrie A. Britton, Minot, Ernest Gustafson, 22, and Grace E. Alden, 22, Ligitne.

Chas. McDonald, the efficient warden at the state penitentiary, has resigned to take effect March 1.

A MINOT PIONEER PASSED AWAY IN MANDERSON, WYO.

One of Minot's Pioneers Passed Away Tuesday at the Home of Her Daughter—Remains Enroute to Minot.

Mrs. Anna Cooper, aged 71 years, passed away at the home of her daughter, Laura, wife of Dr. R. E. Toms, at Manderson, Wyoming, early Tuesday morning, after an illness of a few days from influenza and pneumonia. The remains are now enroute to this city, accompanied by a son, Allen Cooper, of Boise, Ida., who was at his mother's bedside when she died, and a daughter, Miss Ida Cooper, of this city, who left for her mother's bedside Sunday when it was learned that she was so ill. It is that Miss Cooper did not arrive before her mother's death occurred. The remains will probably arrive in Minot Thursday. The remains will be interred in this city beside those of her husband, John F. Cooper, Minot pioneer jeweler, who died fifteen years ago, and beside those of a daughter, Alva, and a son, John.

Mrs. Cooper was one of the pioneers of this city. Her late husband came into Minot on the first train. The family have continued to reside in this city and at the Cooper ranch near Stanley ever since.

Mrs. Cooper left for Wyoming early in the winter, expecting to remain with her daughter until spring.

Mrs. Cooper is survived by the following children: Mrs. J. M. McConnell and Miss Ida Cooper of this city; William Cooper and Mrs. Kathryn Childs, who reside on the Cooper ranch south of Stanley; Allen Cooper, Boise, Ida., and Mrs. R. E. Toms, Manderson, Wyo. She leaves a brother, Neil McDougall, of this city.

Mrs. Toms was unable to accompany the remains of her mother to Minot as she is ill from a nervous breakdown.

Mrs. Cooper was a lovable woman with many noble qualities. The Cooper home was always the most hospitable and there was an exceptionally strong bond between the mother and her children. A host of friends sincerely sympathize with the bereaved members of the family.

Mrs. Cooper was born at Mount Forest, Ont., in 1849 and came to Minot in 1887. Her husband's death occurred in this city in 1905, that of a son, John, in 1907, and a daughter, Elvie, in 1912. Mrs. Cooper is survived by two sisters and five brothers, a sister, Mrs. Mary Kohlen, residing in Minot.

WOMEN'S MINIMUM WAGE TO BE DECIDED

Bismarck, N. D., Feb. 20.—The minimum wage for women workers in North Dakota, to be fixed under the terms of a law passed by the legislature in 1919, will be promulgated at a conference in Bismarck, in May, the conference to be made up of three representatives of employers, three representatives of labor, and a like number representing the public. The state compensation commission, which is also the minimum wage commission, holds the power to veto, although it will not fix the minimum wage. The series of hearings being conducted in the state by the minimum wage commission will form a basis for fixing the wage. The minimum wage goes into effect 30 days after it is promulgated.

Hiram Johnson to Be Choice of Bismarck Convention

C. E. Colcord of Glenburn, republican central committee man from the 43rd Legislative district, Renville county, was in Minot last night enroute to Bismarck, where he will attend the republican central committee meeting of North Dakota Friday. The meeting was called by Wm. Lemke, republican national committee man, who ignores the action of the other republican convention held at Bismarck recently, claiming that it was not regularly called, claiming that 49 state central committees, over 250 county central committees and over 1,800 precinct committees were disqualified without good reason. The convention will select ten delegates for the national republican convention, five candidates for presidential electors and a state national committee man. An endorsement will likely be made for republican candidate for the presidential nomination, and in all probability Hiram Johnson will be the man selected.

WOMEN ASK REFUSAL OF MRS. O'HARE'S PARDON

Towner, N. D., Feb. 20.—Protesting against the petition sent by Governor Lynn Frazier of North Dakota to President Wilson, praying for the pardon of Kate Richards O'Hare, the members of the Women's Relief corps here sent a copy of a resolution adopted at a meeting of the auxiliary to the president. The resolution asks that in the interests of patriotism, honor and justice, the president refuse to pardon Mrs. O'Hare.

Annual Meeting of Farm Bureau March 10

On March 10, in the Association of Commerce rooms at 2 p. m., the annual Farm Bureau meeting will be held, at which time the annual election of officers will take place. There will be a discussion of projects to be taken up by the farm bureau this year.