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THE POLICY OF THE GRANGE IS TO BE "SLOW BUT SURE"

The National Grange has just concluded—at Portland, Oregon—its 55th annual session. Viewed from many angles the session just closed was the most important of any that the organization has ever held. The Grange now has organizations in 35 states—two, Virginia and North Carolina—having been added during the year.

After the delegates had assembled and the progress of the years work was reviewed, the accomplishments were such that the most sanguine hopes were outdone.

In view of the fact that the Farm Bureau, the Wheat Growers, and various other farmers organizations were putting on strenuous drives for memberships, the grange deemed it a wise policy to lay low until all of these had spent their force. Consequently, no special effort was put forth to acquire new granges or increase the membership of those already established.

Notwithstanding this seeming lethargy on the part of the grange, we find that there has been 203 new subordinate granges organized and 24 reorganized, and thousands added to the membership.

Pennsylvania leads with 35 new subordinates, while Ohio added more than seven thousand new members, all of this without any special effort, and in the face of adverse farm conditions, which shows conclusively the faith the farm folks have in an organization that has stood the test of 55 years of service.

Now why this splendid growth when the grange stood back and let other organizations have first place in the field? There's a reason: The grange has never put forth any extravagant claims, as to how their members were to invest the price of a membership, and in return receive a recompense far greater in value than the original investment.

Furthermore, the grange does not believe in special privileges for special classes, and we believe that any organization that has such motives will of consequence be short lived. But on the other hand the grange seeks the greatest good to the greatest number. And in order to bring this about, we must accomplish the goal for which we strive.

The grange—so far as I have been able to learn—is the only farmers organization in existence that furnishes the slightest opportunity for its members to become familiar with the work that is being carried on by the parent body. The grange is educated, so that if all farmers were educated, so that they understood, not only the problems of production, but also the problems of distribution and marketing, and last but not least the problems of the consumer, that it would no be long before they—the farmer—would stop chasing "the will o' the wisp" and would organize his business on business principles and the farming industry would be transformed.

Now why does the grange furnish just the medium to bring this about? Because in the grange you have your community organization, the fundamental to the success of the state or National organization. Because here is where you must come together to initiate and to discuss every measure that is of any importance to you as an individual or group, and you must not only decide as to the merits of the subjects as they effect your community, but you must also take into consideration the effect on the country as a whole.

Any individual or group that is not qualified through a process similar to what I have just stated is not in any sense fit to make recommendations as an individual, or as a representative for an organization.

Another very important reason why the farmers like the grange is, the open and above-board way that the business of the National Grange is handled. How many of the membership of other farm organizations know what the heads of these receive in salaries? Why don't they tell us in the literature they put out? Simply, because they don't want us to know where our money is going. Why don't they tell us what it costs to maintain a legislative representative in Washington, D. C.? I suppose they have their reasons for that also.

The Master of the National Grange receives as salary \$2000.00 per year, and it costs \$6000.00 per year to maintain our legislative representative in Washington, D. C. including Secretary's salary, and I am firmly convinced that the grange representative has influenced more real constructive legislation for the benefit of the farmer than all the other representatives combined.

In conclusion, let me say, the grange has been attacked because they are too slow, but as I said in the outset, we have never promised to revolutionize things overnight. And the grange has come to a place in its career where it seldom has to retrace any step. It is always better to be slow and sure than to build in a hurry and have the structure fall with its own weight. I want to say to the farmers of North Dakota, that now is the time to ally yourself with the biggest the most progressive, the most influential and most highly respected farmers organization in existence today.

T. M. WILLIAMS,
Master State Grange.

W. M. Smart Talks on Prevention of Sickness Before Rotarians

W. M. Smart read an interesting paper at the Minot Rotary Monday on "Health." While Mr. Smart has never hung out his shingle as an M. D. he told some facts which are conducive to good health. Mother Nature is perhaps our greatest doctor. Mr. Smart referred to the effective work which has been done in Minot towards improving the health of our citizens as well as preventing sickness. He referred to the sewage disposal plant to be in operation in the early summer; the improvement in the quality of Minot's milk supply and applying the tuberculin test to cattle; the dental clinic at the school; the work of the county Red Cross nurse; the preventive measures in venereal disease, etc. This is the Health Week, which is being given consideration in many ways throughout the United States this week.

R. E. Barron was chairman of the meeting. James Milloy was introduced as a new member and the address to the new Rotarian was given by Leslie White. By the way, the Rotarians enjoyed some choice Havanas in honor of the birth of Mr. and Mrs. White's fine new son, David Prescott, born last Thursday.

Among the guests was Dr. Hong of Korea, who read an interesting paper concerning hospital work in Korea. He is spending some time in Minot, taking special work with Dr. A. D. McCannell. Dr. Hong's salary and expenses during the past year have been paid by the children of the Presbyterian Sunday school of Minot, who now propose to give him a year's postgraduate course in surgery. Mr. Sonquist, field representative of the Fargo Children's Home, who is in charge of the campaign for funds for the new Home, explained the good work which the institution is doing. Children have been received into the Home from every county in North Dakota except Bowman. More than 2,000 children have found good homes thru the institution and hundreds of applications for entrance into the home have had to be turned down on account of inadequate room. Judge Burr, Rev. W. A. Daniel of the Baptist church and Herb Allen were guests.

Old Soldier Will be Taken to Soldiers' Home

Thomas A. Lee, a Civil war veteran, who has spent several years at the county farm, will be taken to the Soldiers' Home at Lisbon, N. D., by County Commissioner Peter Vandenoever, the latter part of the week. Mr. Vandenoever conferred with the superintendent of the Soldiers' Home Saturday by telephone and altho Mr. Lee has lost his papers, necessary to admit him to the Home, secured permission to place him in the institution. The papers will be secured later from Washington. Mr. Lee receives a pension of \$50 a month and \$30 of this amount has been paid to the county. He has been given the very best of care at the county farm but the Soldiers' Home will be a fine place for him in securing his pension, and when finally this was secured, Mr. Lee received over \$900.00 back pension, but this lasted him but a short time.

Mr. Vandenoever will visit the Twin Cities and his old home, Austin, Minn., before his return from Lisbon.

Mrs. Stoudt Submits to Operation

Mrs. John Stoudt, wife of one of Minot's best known insurance men, submitted to an operation at Rochester, Minn., Tuesday for cancer. Her condition is said to be most favorable and her early recovery is assured. Her daughter, Mrs. H. M. Gay, accompanied her to Rochester.

Fred Mann of Devils Lake to Address Rotarians Dec. 27

Fred Mann, of Devils Lake, member of the Rotary Club of that city, and one of the best known merchants in the west, has accepted the invitation of the Minot Rotary Club to deliver an address before that organization at the Association of Commerce rooms Tuesday evening, Dec. 27, at 6:15 o'clock. This will be the regular weekly Rotary luncheon, none being held on Dec. 26, that being a legal holiday.

Mr. Mann will speak on Business Methods, a subject which is being discussed by all of the Rotary Clubs of the world during the month of December. A special program is to be rendered that evening.

MEXICO TO FOLLOW N. D. LEAD

Fargo, N. D.—Mexico wants to follow North Dakota's lead in using movies as an educational force. Such is the indication contained in a letter received a few days ago by A. P. Hollis, in charge of Visual instruction at the Agricultural College here, from E. Martinez de Alva, of Mexico's department of agriculture.

As a part of her program to aid in educating her people, states the Mexican official, Mexico is investigating the usefulness of visual instruction in use in North Dakota, where marked success has resulted from the use of movies and slides as educational and entertaining features in meetings and gatherings throughout the state. Information regarding methods and the success of visual instructions service in the states is asked for by Mexico.

Pershing Given the Legion Medal



Gen. John J. Pershing receiving the American Legion medal from Maj. James A. Buchanan, representing George Washington Post No. 1 of the District of Columbia. General Pershing and Marshal Foch are the only two generals in the world upon whom this honor has been conferred by the American Legion.

SWAT THE OLD HEN

SAYS C. A. BARTON

Fargo, N. D.—Few old hens deserve to live on North Dakota farms this winter. With tabulated results of the state's "boarder" hens on North Dakota farms, indications are that only the proven producers and the hens needed for breeding stock in the spring should be spared from among those more than one year old, according to C. A. Barton, poultry specialist, Agricultural College, under whose direction culling demonstrations were held in 20 counties of the state this fall.

"Culling time is over now," states Mr. Barton, "because good producers may have concluded their year's work. Pullets cannot be culled until they have begun laying, except the weak and diseased individuals which should be eliminated. A hen's first year is usually the best year, and only hens more than one or two years. Disease and housing conditions are important items to watch during the winter."

Records from Ward County, for example, show that when one-third of the hens in ten flocks were culled by their owners this fall, no change was noticed in the egg production of the flocks. At present pullets are beginning to lay on many farms, and these young birds should make up the bulk of farm flocks for the winter.

Chas. Zehringer's Buick Stolen and Recovered

Chas. Zehringer's 1919 model Buick Sedan was stolen from his garage Saturday night and the sheriff of Henry county recovered the car along side the highway near Towner Monday, but could not locate the thieves. The leather of the clutch wore out and the car had to be abandoned. The car was damaged but little and is now in a Towner garage. It will be returned to the owner. The car was well insured.

Consider County Detention Hospital

The county commissioners met Monday for a three days' session. They discussed the purchase of a large 12-room hotel and lot on the river bank in the northwestern part of the city from G. D. Shaft, to use as a detention hospital. The property can be bought for \$4,500.00. While a detention hospital is needed, the commissioners did not conclude the transaction at this meeting.

G. N. Sues Elevator as Aftermath of Collision in N. D.

Wind was indirectly responsible for the wrecking of a Great Northern coast train at White Earth, N. D., June 29, 1919, according to a damage suit brought in the Hennepin County district court against the St. Anthony Elevator Company.

The action is begun in the name of John Barton Payne as director general of railroads and charges employees of the elevator company with negligence. The railroad seeks to recover \$3,695.

According to the complaint two cars of coal were sidetracked at White Earth to be unloaded on orders from the company. Workmen unloading the coal failed to set the brakes on the cars, it is charged, when they quit for the day. During the night a high wind sprang up. The wind carried the coal cars onto the main track where they were struck by the passenger train. The crash derailed the engine and one coach and demolished the boxcars.

A Strange Disappearance

On Monday, Nov. 14, John Steele, a farmer living seven miles west of Towner, joined forces with a neighbor from Bantary and took a carload of cattle to St. Paul. Before leaving he told his wife he would send her the proceeds, as that would be safer than carrying them. Nov. 17, the money came from the Commission House, all but \$25 retained by her husband. Nothing has been seen or heard of him since. The neighbor from Bantary returned directly and says he did not see Steele after they had finished their business. John Steele is a man of clean life, much respected by his neighbors. He is 6 feet tall, weighs 200 lbs., is 48 years old, of fair complexion, graying hair, and wears a heavy mustache. They have one son, a lad of 15.

A. C. HOLDS FIRST EXTENSION SCHOOL

Fargo, N. D.—North Dakota's field extension workers concluded a week's school of instruction at the Agricultural College here December 13, the first of its kind in the United States.

The school, held primarily for county agricultural agents, county club agents and home demonstration agents, had the purpose of acquainting the field workers with the latest experimental and research information on projects which they are contemplating for the coming year, according to G. W. Randlett, director of the Extension Division. Instruction was given by specialists from other states, and by members of the College staff.

The annual conference of extension workers opened December 14 and ended on December 16. The boys and girls Achievement Institute will open December 19, at which the College will be host to 125 boys and girls who were winners in club projects this year.

F. C. Upton Seeks Appointment as U. S. Marshal

F. C. Upton of Minot, is said to be a candidate for the appointment as U. S. Marshal to fill the position now held by Joe Doyle, and whose term will soon expire. Jim Shea, who formerly held this position, is seeking the appointment again and he has the backing of U. S. Senator McCumber. Mr. Upton has the backing of the various law enforcement organizations as the duties of the U. S. Marshal deal largely with enforcing the observance of the Eighteenth Amendment.

NORMAL SCHOOL NEWS NOTES

Pres. L. H. Beeier attended a meeting of the State Board of Administration at Bismarck on Tuesday.

The Y. W. C. A. held a regular devotional meeting on Wednesday afternoon. The devotions were in charge of Ella Bolen. Miss Hulda Winsted gave the talk, choosing as her subject, "The Value of Suffering." The Misses Mabel Heidenberg and Johanna Klebe contributed a Vocal Duet. Miss Clara Stillman accompanied the singers on the piano.

The Y. W. C. A. and the Catholic Student association are co-operating in providing some bits of Christmas joys for the children of Minot. Every student and faculty member is invited to dress a doll, make a toy or provide some other gift in which they may share the spirit of the Christmas season.

The Girls' Athletic association held a Gym Frolic on Friday evening of last week. This group of girls have been having Saturday afternoon hikes and plan to keep up their activities by regular monthly meetings. They have chosen as their motto "Mecca for Pep" and are considering an appropriate emblem. The officers elected were, Pres. Guern Jeandeau; Vice Pres. Sadie Perry; Sec'y Idamae Lambert and Treasurer, Celia Baska.

A small group of women from the faculty surprised Miss Winsted at her home in the Ellison apartments on Thursday evening of last week, the occasion being her birthday. The guests provided the evening meal which all enjoyed together. Covers were laid for six.

The week of Dec. 5 to 9th is Education Week, sponsored by the National Education Association and the American Legion. At the Assembly periods during the week there will be a series of addresses on educational topics. The speakers and their topics are as follows: The Education of the Inefficient, Dr. A. D. McCannell; What Education Means to the Schools of North Dakota; A. C. Berg; The Larger Program of Education, Supt. L. A. White; The Newspaper as an Educator, C. W. Mason, and The Place of the Library in Education, Hulda L. Winsted.

The Fall term closes for the Christmas holidays on Friday, Dec. 16th. Final examinations will be the order of the day the last week and the closing event of all is the singing of Christmas carols and a Christmas program on Friday morning at 10:15 o'clock. The patrons are cordially invited to attend this program in which both the Normal and the Model Schools will participate.

"OLD WEST" PASSES WHEN HOTEL AT BISMARCK BURNS

NORTH DAKOTA BOND SALE REDUCED HALF Last Minute Move of Ousted Non-Partisans Checkmated by New Officials

Bismarck, Dec. 2—Modification of the bond sale contract negotiated by the retiring Nonpartisan league industrial commission on the eve of leaving office has been made by the new industrial commission.

Through negotiation of a new contract the industrial commission believes it will be able to save a great deal of money for the state. Although it is not satisfied with the deal made by the league commission, it believes that much has been accomplished in the new arrangement.

The league administration contracted to sell a total of \$12,300,000 of bonds to Spitzer, Rorick & Co., but under the new contract \$6,100,000 of this amount is withdrawn from the contract, and if necessary to issue them later they can be sold in the competitive market for a premium, the new administration believes.

Withdrawn from the original contract are \$4,500,000 real estate bonds, \$1,000,000 mill and elevator bonds and \$600,000 home builders' bonds.

The commission plans to name a manager of the Bank of North Dakota within the next two days, according to officials. With the appointment of W. B. Denault of Jamestown as manager of the farm loan department and Lewis Crawford of Sentinel Butte, as secretary of the industrial commission, the manager of the bank is the only matter in the way of appointment left to the new administration of the state industries.

THE RAINBOW GIRLS ARE PIONEERS

The Rainbow Girls Musical Comedy Company, now playing at the Grand Theatre, may well be termed pioneers in the field of Tabloid as it was the first organization of this kind in the middle North-west.

Harry "Ike" Evans, who for a number of years played through this territory with large productions, foresaw the opportunity for the miniature musical comedies and made his plans accordingly and a little over two years ago organized the Rainbow Girls at the Strand Theatre in Aberdeen, South Dakota, where the company enjoyed a run of over thirty weeks consecutively. Since that time they have played extended engagements in Sioux Falls, S. D.; Watertown, S. D.; Great Falls, Mont.; Livingston, Mont.; Casper, Wyo.; Sheridan, Wyo.; Miles City, Mont., and Bismarck, N. D.

The company has remained intact with a very few exceptions since organizing. They are "up-in" over a hundred and fifty different plays and have over a hundred sets of chorus costumes, six dresses to a set. Twenty different sets of scenery and numerous other essentials necessary in the work of producing their different programs.

So far, during the engagement here at the Grand, the company has been doing remarkable business, and Mr. Evans thinks he will keep the company here all winter.

Minot Town and Country Club Plan Grounds and Club House

A meeting of the members of the Minot Town and Country Club was held at the Association of Commerce rooms Thursday night. At the conclusion of a banquet, Norman Ellison was made chairman of the meeting and Dr. R. W. Pence, secretary. The following directors were elected: J. N. Ellison, Dr. R. W. Pence, H. M. Wilson, B. H. Bradford, Dr. A. D. McCannell, R. M. Graham and R. E. Barron. The constitution and by-laws were adopted. The membership has been limited to 100. Dues are \$50 per year and each member must own five shares of stock at \$50 each. Provisions are made for non-resident members. Eventually suitable grounds for golf, tennis, horse-shoe pitching, tennis, the club and other out of door sports will be secured and a commodious club house erected.

The meeting was attended by sixty members who showed considerable enthusiasm. The proposed features of the club are most attractive to not only the members themselves but for their wives and children.

The grounds are to be secured during the winter and work on them will begin early in the spring. The club house will probably be erected during the coming summer.

The following officers were elected: J. N. Ellison, president; Dr. A. D. McCannell, vice president; H. M. Wilson, secretary; R. E. Barron, treasurer.

BOTANIST LISTS STATE'S FLOWERING PLANTS

Fargo, N. D.—How many flowering plants are there in North Dakota? Extension investigations around Fargo by O. A. Stevens, botanist at the Agricultural College recently published list some 550 of them, which is considered a fair indication of the number found in much of the rest of the state.

Summaries of the investigation contributed by Mr. Stevens to the American Midland Naturalist of the University of Notre Dame, have been reprinted in pamphlet form, listing the North Dakota flowering plants, their common names, the dates of flowering, and notes on the distribution and abundance based on personal observations in the vicinity of Fargo.

Sheridan House at Bismarck Center of Romance, on Edge of Civilization

Bismarck, Dec. 5.—When the Sheridan house burned to the ground here, many of the long time residents of Bismarck felt that the "old west," with its romance of arms, cattle and Indians had passed forever.

Built in the year 1877, the Sheridan house was for years the center of the romance of the west. Its year of building followed by a single summer the death in the Little Big Horn of Custer, the "Beau Sabre" of the army. It was from this point that most of the punitive expeditions, as well as missions of peaceful intent that followed that event, started into the Indian country. While the records that might be definite have been burned, there is enough of certainty in the minds of men and women now living, to reconstruct a part of that life and romance. Many of the pioneers who sought to build an empire along the Missouri are still alive and from bits of scrapbooks, a satin menu card, a knickknack from some titled hand, a part of the history of the Sheridan house, and therefore of the west, can be reconstructed.

Even Building Unusual

Even the building of the hotel was not commonplace. Some time in '75 or '76 E. A. Bly, who had associated with him a Mr. Fletcher, an early time congressman from Minnesota, brought \$250,000 in cash to Bismarck. In his time he erected three hotels, one in Minnesota, the Headquarters hotel at Fargo, and the Sheridan house at Bismarck. The last two structures at least were built on the same plans. With the passing of the Sheridan house by flames, all three hotels ended their existence in flames.

The Sheridan house was the pet of its builder and he personally managed it for several years. Mr. Bly was a victim of conditions and bad judgment and he died penniless, his death occurring in a hotel near the hotel.

On Rim of Civilization

Coming from the cattle ranges, the bad lands and forts of the west, the Sheridan house was the first mark of civilization. It was to these weary travelers a palace where a bath and a shave were among the luxuries of the time. Setting their faces to the west, the traveler paused here for one last day in a world to which he was accustomed. In the first days of the Sheridan house, the Northern Pacific closed during the winter and opened with the beginning of navigation in the spring. It was in this period that many of the best remembered occasions of the house were staged.

In the days of Indian fighting, the old hotel welcomed and was host to practically every man who was connected with the conquest of the Red men. This was true, not only of the men who fought under the colors of the United States, but Colonel Walsh of the Northwest Mounted Police made it his headquarters for reaching all of the then Indian tenanted territory of the Canadas to the north and west.

Rotarians Frame New Constitution

"Rotary" had a constitutional convention in Chicago last month. It was the most important body of Rotarians ever assembled in America, internationally speaking. Its sessions lasted seven days and it evolved practically a new constitution for Rotary. There were three members of the British association of Rotary clubs, sent for this special purpose, a delegate from Cuba, one from each of the 25 Rotary districts in America. Meeting at the same time were the international board of directors, and the international committee on redistricting the United States and Canada and extension to foreign countries, as well as the advisory board of the Canadian Rotary club.

Norman B. Black of Fargo represented the 15th District at the convention.

UNIVERSITY NOTES

Varsity basket ball practice has been started at the University with quite a number of last year's men on again and with the large number of former high school stars now attending the University, the outlook is bright for a good basket ball season.

Miss Sibyl Malm spent Thanksgiving day at Lakota as a guest of Miss Catherine Cranmo.

Orten Burbridge, a graduated of the Minot High school, now a Freshman in the Law School at the University has been made a lieutenant in the R. O. T. C.

Miss Gail Carr has resumed her studies at the University after spending the week end at her home.

The Campus League basket ball games are to be played of next week and there is considerable excitement as to the outcome of the series.

Maurice Johnson was initiated into the Press club at their last meeting. This is a new organization on the Campus and it is made up of people interested in newspaper work.

No Eight-Hour Day for Gov. Nestos

Governor R. A. Nestos is said to be working fifteen hours a day in his office. He arrives at his office early each morning, usually walking up to the Capitol and he is again at the office evenings for conference meetings. Evidently he has not yet taken out his card in the Union.