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I. O. O. F. Encampment in Minot in June

P. B. Rognlie of Esmond was in Minot Monday conferring with our citizens relative to the I. O. O. F. state encampment to be held here for three days in June, the exact dates to be set later.

Mr. Rognlie conferred with the Association of Commerce regarding what will be necessary for the entertainment of the visitors.

It will be necessary to provide three halls for the various group meetings and one large room, such as the Auditorium for one large assemblage. Parades are to be held mornings and afternoons.

It is desired that a section of Riverside park be set aside for the encampment proper and with proper inducements, hundreds will motor to this city to go into camp during the three days. It is believed that 500 delegates will attend the encampment. The city of Minot will furnish the programs which will be distributed by the I. O. O. F. Grand Lodge prior to the encampment and these programs in addition to containing information relative to the encampment will set forth the resources of Northwestern North Dakota and will give a good description of our city and its wonderful park system.

High School Students to Present "The Nativity Story" Dec. 21

The announcement of the Annual Christmas Music Service in charge of the Music Department of the City Schools is certain to attract a capacity audience to the Auditorium on Thursday evening, December 21st. Plans are rapidly being completed to present "The Nativity Story". It is especially adapted to the use of High School singers and has been used successfully in a score of leading cities.

The story of the birth of Christ is told by the Narrator. Tableaux representing the various familiar scenes attending the birth of the Savior will be presented. The singing of the carols and the worth while Christmas songs will be a noteworthy feature of the services. There are 17 voices in the chorus. The High School Orchestra, and a sextette of violins will also be heard.

The Nativity Story is probably the most pretentious Christmas program yet attempted for the holiday season by the schools. It is intended to convey the true meaning of the Christmas spirit.

The program is scheduled to commence at 8:00 o'clock. Seats are free in the auditorium. The entire community is cordially invited to attend.

O. M. Champlin Amused at Descriptions of California.

O. M. Champlin, vice president of the Bank of Oakley, California, and formerly a well known Minot resident, writes the Independent an interesting letter as follows:

"It is very interesting to read the letters from our old acquaintances from the different parts of the United States, as our old Ward county friends seem to be scattered in the different parts of the country, therefore the Independent must follow them. Their letters are very interesting and some are very amusing as well, more especially when they attempt to describe conditions in California, also the resources of same. It is surely laughable the way one forms an opinion of this wonderful state. I might add that the conditions are not the same in one locality as they are in another, that would be one or two hundred miles apart. I could use a whole page describing how this is but it's no use as I do not wish to hold up flattering promises to the good people of North Dakota. One can do as well in North Dakota as here and vice versa.

"With best regards to my friends, O. M. Champlin."

DEMAND FOR LABOR GREATER DUE TO WEATHER

Fargo, N. D., Dec. 7.—The cold wave and storms of recent days has brought about an unexpected demand for farm labor in North Dakota according to Mrs. M. B. Bowe, in charge of the State-Federal Employment office here. The demand for good men, ready to take places on farms, has been greater this week than the supply, she said, because need of farmers for more help in hauling feed for cattle which have heretofore been able to shift more or less for themselves.

A banker at Aneta sent two carloads of baled straw to a New York paper manufacturer to see what kind of paper could be made from it and the results were very satisfactory. The paper was delivered to the Panorama at Aneta, where it was used along with other paper. Millions of tons of straw go up in smoke in North Dakota every year, and it seems that somehow, someone could be induced to make a part of this into paper, so that North Dakota publications might be printed on North Dakota paper to the benefit of North Dakota people.

A Dairy Herd on Every Farm

Through the cooperation of the local bankers, 178 pure-bred or high grade dairy cows have been put on the farms of Marshall county (Minn.) in the vicinity of Warren, Argyle and Stephen since January 1, 1922. Watch Marshall county's annual farm production and its acreage value increase.

Dairying has proved a bonanza to Grove City, Minn., a little town of 351 inhabitants in Meeker county. Its bank deposits total \$1,370,500, or \$3,906.27 per capita. Diversified farming can be made to do this for other communities.

The McClean County Agricultural Agent Says

Albert Bakker of Garrison has more corn stacks around his yard than we have seen in North Dakota for some time. A corn shredder does most of the husking and cuts up the corn stalks. Mr. Bakker's plan is to get a supply of corn ahead so that if next year or any other year is a poor corn year he will still have enough feed to finish his hogs. When the poor corn year comes he will then cut down on the number of hogs until he catches up with the corn again. "Before" said Mr. Bakker, "I would have the hogs but no corn or I would have the corn but no hogs." His cattle are mostly grade Holsteins as he has decided to stay by that breed after giving them careful trial.

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