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There will be an entertainment in Reid Hall, St. Vincent on January 1st. Particulars next week.

The bridge crew is still at work on the Northern Pacific Pembina river bridge and it is expected they will have it ready in a few days.

Miss Marie Lane and Miss Jean Waldron of Drayton spent a couple of days in town last week the guest of the Purdy family.

Mrs. Hoover of Grafton left for her home on Monday after spending a week visiting Mrs. J. LaMoure and other friends in the city.

There will be a grand ball in Reid Hall, St. Vincent, next Tuesday evening, with the Finley orchestra furnishing the music. Everybody is invited.

There will be a meeting of the Masonic lodge this evening. The newly elected officers will be in their chairs and they need your presence to help things along.

The Emerson Journal makes announcement that it will not publish a paper Christmas week. That Editor Ballantyne expects to observe the holidays the same as any other individual.

Superintendent Robowski who retires from management of the Pembina Light and Power Company after the holidays, as per notice in another column, will remain here until March.

The Emerson skating rink is now open regularly every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday evenings, and Saturday afternoon for beginners. Hockey Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings.

The Mergenthaler typesetting machine which was bought three months ago and is to do duty on the Pioneer in the future, arrived Wednesday. It weighs a ton and it will probably be a couple of weeks before it will be in operation.

The people of the St. Vincent school gave an entertainment in Reid Hall Thursday evening as a closing affair before the Christmas holidays. The program was a creditable one and the attendance was large.

Mr. and Mrs. Goodyear came over from Bathgate last week and spent several days with friends in Jolietta and Pembina. Mr. Goodyear has sold his blacksmith shop in Jolietta to George Johnson of Hilltown. The new proprietor intends to improve the property and so on.

The Ladies Aid of the M. E. Church will hold a dairy lunch on December 20th. Sandwiches, pies, salads and coffee will be served.

The Masonic lodge of Emerson installed the following officers for the ensuing year: A. Moffit, W. M.; W. J. Spence, P. M.; A. R. Stinson, S. W.; E. P. Smeaton, J. W.; A. D. Batchelor, secretary; W. B. Ballantyne, treasurer.

We understand that Editor Lampman who is holding down the editorial chair on the Cavalier Chronicle, and expounding Townleyism to its readers will be in charge of the new Townley paper which is to be launched at Langdon after the holidays.

Eli Koehendorfer is the wood baron of the town. He has received a number of carloads from the Warroad district and it keeps him busy to keep ahead of the demand. His wood is poplar, jack pine and tamarac. It sells for \$3, \$4 and \$10 per cord respectively.

R. Riehey who left Jolietta for Bagley, Minnesota last summer is spending the winter in Stronghurst, Illinois, according to a letter received from there. Mr. Riehey went to Bagley with several thousand head of sheep, the pasturing there being better than at Jolietta.

James Rushton who fell backward through an open cellar door three weeks ago is up and around again. At first it was thought he broke several ribs in the fall but indications are that he only received a severe shaking up. It will be some time before he will be able to work again.

Which would you choose—a blonde and fluffy vampire or a wholesome, breezy western girl? You will see both types in "The Poor Rich Man" at the City Hall, to night. Which one appeals to you? A dance after the play with good music to dance to and a reasonable admission charged.

At a meeting of the Pembina Chapter O. E. S. last week, S. W. Douglas, on behalf of the members, presented Mrs. John Copeland with a set of table linen as a wedding gift. Mrs. Copeland has been the efficient secretary of the organization for the past year and was re-elected for the ensuing year.

Town clerk Ashby of Emerson serves notice that dogs found running at large in the streets will be shot without further notice, according to the bylaw regulating same. The city marshal of Pembina would have to carry a good many rounds of ammunition if he was to pop over every dog found on the streets of Pembina at the present time.

Miss Loan McBean formerly of Emerson has been elected from Winnipeg to attend the Students' convention at Des Moines, Iowa, which meets on the 29th inst, for a week session. These conventions meet once in four years and are represented by the leading educational institutions of the American continent. Miss McBean represents the Wesley college at the convention.

We are requested to state that those who have donations to make for the American Legion dance on the 31st inst can send the same to Mr. Parker's store at any time now. Turkeys and geese are preferred, but if you have not either a pork roast will do. You need not mind to meet what you send for the committee will attend to this. Be sure to send in what you have to contribute in time so get it ready for the dance, and so the committee can check up how much they have.

Since the local was taken off the St. Vincent line the citizens of that town have established a bus line to Noyes to connect with the Soo and Great Northern Winnipeg flyers and Wallace Cameron is running the outfit. This will make a great convenience to people from Pembina also, who take these trains for the Twin Cities.

We are in receipt of a letter from J. E. Ashley, at Benton, California which says that they are all well and wants to be remembered to Pembina friends. Mr. Ashley is employed in the government arsenal at that place as carpenter at \$6.75 per day of eight hours and likes the job. He says there are tons of ammunition stored there and guns beyond counting.

Emerson held a spirited election last Tuesday. The main fight centered on the mayor. Mr. Casselman won out by a majority of 84 votes out of a total of about 190. Mr. Casselman has made a good mayor for Emerson. He has been progressive in public enterprises and never spared time or money when his services could be used to promote the welfare of the town.

Is romance just around the corner from everyone—would you know it if it came to you? Arizona recognized her instantly—how? This will be shown in "The Poor Rich Man" at the City Hall, to night, with Francis X. Bushman and Beverly Bayne. A dance will be given immediately after the play with good music and prices that are right. An all round enjoyable evening.

Mr. Lepnon, who owned the farm adjoining the Felson place on the road to Emerson died at Winnipeg last week and the remains were taken to New York for burial. Mr. Lennon was a pioneer in this neighborhood, and he conducted a hotel in Winnipeg for many years. F. F. Morris bought the Lennon farm last spring and he expects to erect buildings on it next summer.

Announcement is made of the marriage of Miss Clara Augusta Wolter and John Elmer Cameron. The wedding took place Saturday afternoon at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Wolter, 368 Hampton avenue. Dinner followed at the Y. M. C. A. cafeteria. Covers were laid for eighteen. The couple will make their home in Salt Lake.—Salt Lake City, Utah, Tribune of December 9.

Patrick McInte, who lived on a farm across from the Fort Farm, on the Minnesota side died at Fergus Falls December 9th. Mr. McInte lived a secluded life in his little hut on the bank of the Red river for a good many years. He was first taken to the poor farm at Hallock and later to the insane asylum at Fergus Falls when his mind failed him. There is little known of his ancestry.

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Myrick returned from their two weeks visit to St. Paul last Saturday. While there they met Mr. and Mrs. Morrel and their son who is back from the navy. They are living in Minneapolis. They also met J. H. Bird, who is in the insurance business in Minneapolis. Mr. Bird will be remembered as one of the early county auditors of this county, who left here over twenty five years ago.

The difference in price of wheat between here and Emerson, of about a dollar a bushel makes a big difference in the price of a sack of flour. The result is that a large number of farmers from this side are buying Canadian flour. Some seem to think that our merchants are profiteering but that is not the case. The Canadian farmers only get two thirds of the price for their wheat that the North Dakota farmer does so how can you expect that the American miller and dealer can compete with competition across the line.

Mrs. Pauline Brennan, the librarian, says that they have added ninety new books, of fiction and children's books, to the library collection recently. They are all paid for out of money raised by serving edibles, etc for dances and lunches at different times. Through this medium they have raised over ninety dollars. Mrs. Brennan asks us to make particular mention that not a book from the so-called state libraries at Bemarek, that caused such erection in the last legislature is in the Pembina library. During the holidays it is expected that the library will be open oftener than usual, notice of which will be given later.

Last Saturday the Canadian dollar was worth only 89 cents as compared with the American currency. This is the lowest the Canadian currency had been to date. Still the Canadian farmers are unloading Canadian wheat at this place and receive good United States currency in pay. With the difference in price of over ninety cents over what the wheat is selling for in Emerson is there any wonder that one can see a large string of teams from the other side daily awaiting to be unloaded in turn. The Farmer Elevator in Pembina also has a permit to buy Canadian wheat now which relieves the situation considerably.

Amunition stored for the winter on at \$2 per month, at Thompson's, g. m.

Christmas services at St. Vincent on 23rd and Sunday school at 11:00 hours. Music will be led by the newly organized orchestra, conducted by Miss Booker Spurrth League at 8:30 p. m., meeting to be led by pastor. Regular services at 7:30 p. m. Subject: "Judean Hills." This will be an inspiring Christmas service, with special music by choir. Christmas Day at 7:30 p. m. will be given the annual Christmas tree and program in connection with the Sunday school. Good services, good singing, good fellowship. Be sure to come.

VICTOR A. MAJOR, Pastor.

The committee in charge of arrangements for the American Legion dance which will be held in the City Hall on New Years eve report that they have already received liberal donations from the country in the shape of turkeys, cream, etc and in hopes taken is general. As a matter of fact we are all interested in the success of the American Legion, and it is altogether likely that this annual event will hereafter be conducted under the management of the American Legion in place of the Pembina fire department. There is not a boy who saw service but should take a hand in this matter, and the parents of these boys will back up the boys. The proceeds of the dance will go to the general fund of the Pembina Camp of American Legion.

Pembina County War Books for Xmas Presents

If you would like to send one to a friend for Christmas write us about it. Though the book may not be off the press in time to deliver for Christmas, we have worked out a plan that will enable you to make the present just the same. The engravers and printers are now working on the book. Write, if interested. It costs nothing to find out. The Call, Crystal, N. D.

Installation

The Masons and Eastern Star held their joint installations Friday evening. The officers of the Star were installed first. Geo. H. Morris acted as marshal and H. R. Robowski installing officer, following were installed: Mrs. Stinson, W. M.; J. Heneman, W. P.; Mrs. Thompson, A. M.; Mrs. Copeland, sec; R. C. Stinson, treas; Mrs. Robowski, com; Mrs. Purdy, A. C.; Sid Douglas, chap; Adah, Mrs. Myrick; Ruth, Mrs. Bernath; Esther, Mrs. Heneman; Martha, Mrs. Quackenbush; Arthur Barron, warden; A. B. Purdy, Sentinel.

The Masons were installed as follows: Geo. H. Morris, W. M.; Arthur Barron, S. W.; G. Thorgrimson, J. W.; R. C. Stinson, sec; Robert Morrison, treasurer.

Deputy Grand Master Manning of Bathgate was installing officer and in a very impressive manner the newly elected officers were installed.

A miscellaneous program by local talent closed the evening's performance after which a bountiful turkey supper was served.

Local Wants

Furnished room to let. Heated. Inquire at residence of Mr. Levi Scarborough.

Flax Straw Wanted.

I want all the flax straw I can get and pay the highest price for it, baled or unbaled. Call at Victoria Elevator. H. R. SHANNON, Pembina, N. D.

For Sale—A brand new Eastman Kodak, popular size, would make a fine Xmas present. Inquire at residence of Mr. Levi Scarborough.

The residence opposite the depot near the right-of way is for sale at a bargain. MRS. F. C. MYRICK, 16 1/2.

Cleaning and Pressing. I am prepared to clean and press men's clothing. MRS. MARY LIEBINGER.

Home for Rent or Sale. The residence known as the Kemp residence is for rent for a period of time, or for sale. CHAS. H. OAKES, Pembina, N. D.

Sheep for Sale. We have thirty-five nice well bred sheep for sale at a bargain at our farm at McArthur. CHARLES BUSCH.

Warning. I hereby give notice that anybody found trespassing or cutting wood on my premises, known as the Lennon land, adjoining John Felson on the north will be prosecuted according to law. F. F. MORRIS, Owner.

For Sale. One pure bred registered Herford bull, weight 1200 pounds; one pure bred registered Chester White sow, weight 275 pounds; one bred sow, weight 200 pounds. See to farm Feb. 20. SMILLIE BROWN, Pembina, N. D.

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