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THE VALLEY CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT WAS ORGANIZED IN 1895

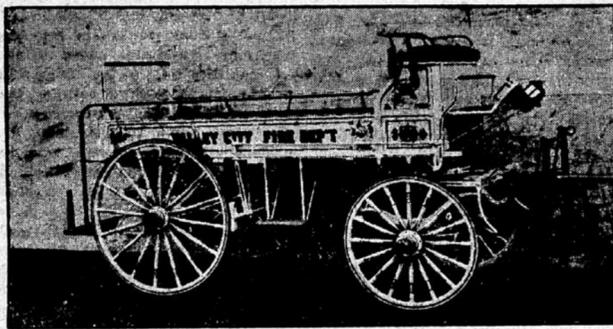
Four Members of the Original Company Are Still Active Firemen---Company Doing Splendid Volunteer Work.

This branch of our city government is little appreciated and little known by the average citizen, except in case of fire to his property. However, all those who have seen the fire department in action can vouch for its ability and efficiency.

The Valley City fire department is an organization divided into three units, called companies, viz: Vigilant Hose Co., Sheyenne Hose Co., and Hook & Ladder Co. Each of these companies has its own officers and its own distinct organization, and at a fire the three work as one under the supervision of the Chief and the

in the year 1895 and with 60 charter members. At the present time there still 4 of these members who are active firemen: Capt. Frank S. Henry, W. F. DuVall of the Vigilant Hose Co. and Oliver Mackey and Joseph McIsaac of the Hook & Ladder Co. who have been members continuously since the organization of the department.

At the present time the department has laid out a course of study and inspection of our business section of the city, and the condition of the premises and alleys. These inspections by the firemen will prevent many needless fires, and suggestions



Assistant Chief, though each company maintains its own individual unit. Each hose company has 18 members and the hook and ladder company has 24 members, making a total membership of 60 members in the fire department when the roster is full.

The members comprising this organization are all volunteers, serving for the honor and glory and love of excitement, rather than compensation for money which, in this department, is nothing. However, many times the boys ruin their clothes and health in the performance of their duty as firemen.

The fire department was organized

will be made to the owners for the betterment of their buildings and premises pertaining to the prevention of fires. And there are many other lines of work to be taken up by the firemen, all of which will tend to reduce the loss of property in Valley City, and make our city a better and cleaner place in which to live.

If all organizations were such good boosters and advertisers for this city as the fire department, what a fast growing and nationally popular city we would have. So let us all honor the firemen and their good work at all times.

Students To Try For Stanley Hall Prize

Upon the invitation of the Stanley Hall school for girls, Minneapolis, received this week, the Normal school will enter a contestant in the annual declamatory contest this year held under the auspices of the Minneapolis school on April 20. In order to promote the friendly relations existing between schools devoted to the education of young women in the northwest, Stanley Hall offers a silver cup as a trophy to be secured in a declamatory contest, and each year invites certain schools to send delegates to compete for it.

Miss Selma Vogtild states that preparations will be made immediately to send a contestant to Minneapolis to enter this contest. A number of preliminary contests will be held, the number to be regulated by the interest and the number trying for the places in the final contest. The first preliminary contest will be scheduled during the first week of February and the final contest during the first week in March.

Each student desiring to enter the contest will make her own selection of a declamation to be submitted to a faculty member for approval and these must not exceed fifteen minutes for time of delivery. Those students chosen to enter the final contest will be given a certain number of lessons in the department of reading and expression under Miss Vogtild, free of charge, and the winner of the final contest will be under the tutelage of Miss Vogtild entirely. It is a safe prediction that the invitation of Stanley Hall will arouse no little enthusiasm at the Normal school.

TO OUR CORRESPONDENTS.

It would be greatly appreciated if all the correspondence for the Times-Record could mail their weekly letter not later than Tuesday of each week. This does not mean that they must be mailed that early, but it will be very much better if it can be done.

HERMAN

Mr. and Mrs. J. Stoll and Miss Mae and Mr. Blair were Valley City shoppers on Wednesday.

About fifteen young people spent Sunday evening at Chrit Lettenmaier's and had a very enjoyable time.

A social dance was held at the Bachelor Hall at Louis Bommers Friday evening.

Mr. Al Lettenmaier visited a couple of days with friends near Lanona.

Howard and Rollie Stoll were callers at the home of Will Diemert on Sunday.

Mae, Laura, Howard and Rollie Stoll and Mr. Spaulding spent Monday evening at the home of C. Lettenmaier's.

Miss Mary Campbell spent a couple days last week with Miss Mary Thompson.

Mr. Sam Wolski and family spent Sunday with H. Krensch and family.

Mr. C. Muns and family spent Sunday at the home of G. Brock in Höbert.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Lettenmaier, Rose Ricks and Herbert spent Sunday with George Neustel of Svea.

Those that spent Sunday with Mr. Art Hainey and family were Jay Wellman, Mr. Spaulding, Mae and Laura Stoll, Agnes and Ida Olson.

MISS TURNER '06 ENGAGED IN PLAY GROUND MOVEMENT

Miss Genevieve Turner, who graduated from the Normal school with the class of '06 writes interestingly from Chicago where she is now engaged in the play ground movement besides pursuing her studies at the university. Miss Turner will be remembered as having taught in the Lincoln school in this city after graduating from the Normal school, after which she matriculated at the University of North Dakota. Following her studies there, she continued her education at Baltimore and spent some time studying sociology at the University of Wisconsin from where she went to Chicago. Miss Turner has made a remarkable record as a student.

Wm. Nystrom of Fargo spent Sunday in this city visiting relatives.

Thanksgiving Proclamation

By the Governor:

In grateful recognition of the goodness and mercy of God, and our dependence upon Him for all that is spiritual and material, and that we may unite as a people in thanksgiving for blessings bestowed, and in prayer for a continuance of Divine favor, I, John Burke, Governor of the state of North Dakota, do hereby designate and proclaim

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28th, A. D. 1912.

a legal holiday and a day of general Thanksgiving and prayer throughout the state.

Another year has come and gone, leaving us richer materially and spiritually. The earth has given generously of its store; we have been free from pestilence and disaster; we are at peace with all the world; we live in a Christian land among Christian people, a land of wonderful possibilities in which we have only touched the borders of development. Let us be thankful; let this be a day of home coming; a season of kindness and good works, of benevolence and broad charity, of reconciliation, forgiveness and mutual helpfulness. Let us gather in church and home, remembering the peace and prosperity that is ours, forgetting and forgiving all bitterness towards one another, and in true Christian spirit of good will to man and gratitude to God, unite in prayer and thanksgiving to Him for all His goodness and mercy, and fervently beseech Him to bless and preserve our people, our State and our Nation.

JOHN BURKE,
Governor.

By the Governor:

P. D. Norton, Secretary of State.
By John Andrews, Deputy.

Commercial Club Bi-Monthly Meeting

ENTHUSIASTIC TALKS ON NEW PLANT BY MEN AT HEAD OF COMPANY

One of the most interesting meetings of the Commercial Club in several months was held yesterday noon after the regular bi-monthly luncheon when Messrs. Davidson, Robertson and Hickman of the Valley City Brick and Tile Company gave short talks on the factory which will be established here by them.

The attendance at the luncheon was the largest for several meetings, but few of those present had realized the possibilities in the clay to be found here. Mr. Davidson stated that there is enough clay adjacent to Valley City of first grade quality, to keep several plants in operation for many years. He declared that the clay is of the best quality throughout, and will make a product of which the city may well be proud.

Mr. Robertson and Mr. Hickman went into the construction of the buildings and the process for manufacturing bricks. As Mr. Robertson explained, the clay will be taken directly from the hill into one of the buildings, and will remain under cover until the completed bricks are ready for shipment. The machinery used will be the most modern to be had, and when completed the plant will be a model in every way.

Following the meeting, the members of the club remained for nearly an hour, inspecting the sample bricks, and going over the plans for the plant.

Construction work has already commenced, and as soon as the railroad grade has been secured, the excavation work will start. The contract for this has been secured, by E. M. Lavery. It was stated yesterday that in all probability it will not be necessary to have any salesmen on the road. The demand for the brick is so great that it is believed that the output of the plant will be sold from the start, and the promoters declare that in all probability there will be from two to three more plants in operation within five years. They express great confidence in the future of North Dakota, and say that with Valley City's splendid shipping facilities this should become one of the best cities in the state.

Wednesday at three o'clock at the Congregational Parsonage occurred the marriage of George Grey, the son of W. C. Grey of Weymer, Barnes county to Miss Leah Gage of Brainerd, Minn. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Lyon in presence of relatives of both of the contracting parties. The young folks will make their home on the Grey farm near Colgate, N. D.

The Memorial day address, for Valley City Lodge No. 1110, B. P. O. E., will be delivered on the afternoon of the first Sunday in December, by the Honorable B. F. Spalding Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. Judge Spalding is an excellent speaker and a profound thinker, and the opportunity to hear him will be welcomed by the Elks and others who are accustomed to attend the services.

Barnes County Corn Show and Short Course

COMMERCIAL CLUB MAKING PREPARATION FOR ENTERTAINING GUESTS

The announcement for the Barnes County Corn Show and Teachers Short Course in Agriculture and Methods and Boys Short Course in Agriculture in now in the printers hands and will be distributed within a few days. They will be mailed out but if anyone is missed they may obtain one at the Times-Record Office. This Industrial Show promises to be the biggest thing of its kind ever held in this section of the state. The Commercial Club is working hard making final arrangements for room for display as well as in providing amusements for the crowds. Everyone is coming here on the show week will be certain to have a good time as well as a profitable one. The shows in the smaller towns of the county have all been well patronized and there has been splendid displays and when the whole exhibit is gathered together in the final county contest the exhibit will be well worth going a long distance to see. Each evening there will be lectures, receptions, basket ball and moving picture shows for the children.

It should be remembered that there are some splendid premiums offered for the largest load of farm produce hauled to town, also the load of a ton or more hauled in from the longest distance by a farmer. The premiums for the hauling is \$25 first and several premiums of almost equal value in the women's department there are liberal premiums for fancy work, cooking, plain sewing and for butter. For schools there are premiums for corn, potatoes and vegetables and other exhibits that may be offered. Every teacher in Barnes county is obliged to attend this institute, schools all over the county will be dismissed for the days that the Institute is in session in order that all may attend and it is of equal importance that as many of the students of the county as can do so be present. In an agricultural state it is of the utmost importance that agriculture be taught in our schools and those teachers from out of the state will be expected to prepare themselves to take up this work.

Everybody in the county should arrange to be in Valley City at least a part of the time during the session of this Institute. Nothing will be spared in the city to make it a pleasant week for the visitors socially as well as a profitable week for all.

Chicago.—The Illinois Federation of Woman's Clubs, in session at Aurora, was startled by ideas advanced by Dr. Marena Brown. Mrs. Frederick, the new president, had just been installed when the woman physician took the floor to discuss "Vital Resources." First and firmly she declared:

"This country needs many selected mothers and few high-grade fathers." One delegate wanted an explanation. She was afraid the speech was a plea for polygamy. There was many gasps as Dr. Brown proceeded to discuss her maternity pensions and ideal children.

CARLOAD OF TOOLS FOR THE NEW BRICK FACTORY ARRIVES

Work Will Start on Foundation As Soon As Railroad Engineering Department Decides On the Grade Level.

Few people realize what a large undertaking the building of the brick and tile plant really is. Five hundred tons of steel will be used in the framework and the re-inforcing. On the south side and next to the hill which will furnish the clay for the tile and brick will be a building 75 x 100 feet, which will be a storage room and between that and the main building will be another 30 x 30 which will contain the grinding machinery. Here clay will be ground and made ready to be manufactured into bricks or tile. Next to this small building will be the factory building where the bricks will be first dried on the second story on a specially prepared floor heated with the exhaust steam from the engine and the heat from the kilns, which will be in the ground of the ground floor. This building will be two story, 150 x 196 feet. On the north of this building will be the repair shop and tool room which will be 30 x 60 feet, and a power plant 50 x 90 feet will be still north of this. In addition to these buildings there will be a conveyor to the hill where the shale is mined, and a platform on the north side of the main building. The platform will be thirty feet wide and will be covered and used for a loading platform, as it will be between the main building and the track. The N. P. railway has surveyed for a siding and as soon as the Brick and Tile company are notified where the grade is, work will immediately start on the foundations for all of the buildings and work will be rushed as rapidly as can be done.

Samples of the clay have been sent away to other factories and burned and are now on display in the company's office, and present a very attractive appearance. The first samples sent to the Agricultural College at Ames, Iowa, were manufactured into small bricks and came out a light straw color but the clay which was sent away more recently came back in bricks and tile which were a chocolate color, but a very hard substance which when hit with metal will ring almost as clear as a bell.

The work on the buildings will be held up now until a report is received from the railroad engineering department advising the Brick and Tile company where the grade for the siding will be, as it is absolutely necessary that the building and loading platform correspond with the grade of the track in order to reduce the cost of loading to the minimum. The buildings will all be built fireproof of concrete, brick and steel, and are calculated to be so constructed that there will be practically no insurance risk. The factory will employ not less than one hundred and fifty men from the start and since every brick plant in the country is away behind with orders there seems no reason to think this one will not sell the output if run to its full capacity. Several loads of tools to be used in stripping the hill where the clay deposit is and in the buildings is already on hand and the survey has been made so there is nothing to hinder the work starting at once, as soon as the grade is finally fixed.

GRAND PRAIRIE

At last we are ready for winter but would still like to see a few more nice days.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller and son Anton autoed to Valley City Thursday returning home Friday.

Hans and Axel Skomord visited with relatives and friends at Valley City Saturday evening and Sunday.

Mrs. Miller stayed with Mrs. Etzel a few days last week.

Jack Gibson called at the Miller farm last Sunday.

Mr. Carl Carlson and Miss Lina Byberg of Grand Prairie were married last Tuesday in Valley City by Rev. Jorgenson.

Christ Knutson of Valley City was seen in this neighborhood last week. Mr. Gibson went to Valley City business.

O. E. Sunde and family drove to Valley Saturday and did not get home before Sunday evening.

There was no school in Dist. 67 Thursday and Friday as Miss Selbo went to town Thursday and did not return until Sunday.

Mrs. P. Sannes and children, Miss Beck and Miss Baker visited with Mrs. Holter Thursday afternoon.

Mr. Oerman and family have been busy getting ready to leave our community. They are going to Cuba and will probably leave this week. We are all sorry to see them go, and hope they will like the new location.

NOTICE!

Bids for County Officers' Bonds.

Sealed bids will be received by the Board of County Commissioners of Barnes county, North Dakota, on Monday, December 2nd, 1912, at two o'clock p. m., for furnishing surety bonds for the various officers of the County of Barnes for the ensuing term, to the amount of \$125,500.00. All bonds to run for a period of two years from January 6th, 1913, with the exception of one ten thousand dollar bond for administrator, and three five thousand dollar bonds for the newly elected County Commissioners, which will run for four years from January 6th, 1913. The Auditor's bond to date from April 7th, and Treasurer's bond to date from May 5th, 1913, and run for a period of two years.

Bids to be on file not later than ten o'clock a. m. of the day of letting contract.

The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

By order of the County Commissioners:

Attest: C. W. NELSON,
Auditor, Barnes County, N. D.
(D. Nov. 22-30; W. Nov. 28)

Mrs. Harriet Elderbusch Died at Hospital

WOMAN INJURED IN TOWER CITY EXPLOSION FAILS TO RECOVER FROM SHOCK

Mrs. Harriet Elderbusch, wife of Louis Elderbusch, who was injured in an explosion at the Palace hotel at Tower City, N. D., on the evening of November 12, died yesterday in a local hospital.

The nature of the accident is still fresh in the minds of those who read in the Courier-News of the explosion a week ago.

Gas escaping from an acetylene tank in the basement of the hotel was ignited when Mr. Elderbusch, the proprietor, lighted a match, and there was a terrible explosion, by which the hotel was destroyed.

Besides Mr. and Mrs. Elderbusch, five hotel guests who were seated at the supper table, were injured.

Husband Seriously Injured

The proprietor and his wife sustained the most serious injuries, however, and Mr. Elderbusch is still in bad condition, although he is able to move about by the aid of crutches.

Mrs. Elderbusch suffered a broken limb, and was severely injured about the body.

It was first hoped that she would be able to recover from the shock but during the past few days she has failed gradually, and death came to her yesterday.

THE HOLLAND WILD OATS SEPARATOR

It being a fact that Wild Oats among grain has become a detriment to farmers all through this country it will be of great interest to all farmers to learn that there is a machine on the market now known as the Holland Wild Oats Separator that will perfectly separate wild oats from tame oats as well as wheat, flax, rye and barley.

This machine has been highly endorsed by Prof. Worst of the Agricultural College of Fargo, and also by professional agriculturists in other states as well. Mr. P. G. Davidson of Valley City has the exclusive sale of these machines for Barnes county and has two carloads of them already shipped to him. They can be had at a small cost and no doubt many will be wanting them to prepare their seed grain for next year.

D. F. O'Neil, of Fargo, was transacting business here on Tuesday.