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## MINNESOTA SENATE PRAISES CHAMBER OF COMMERCE; CONDEMNS EQUITY SOCIETY

### Grain Committee Finds Minneapolis Market Open and Competitive—Will Investigate Equity Further.

Strong commendation of the Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce as "an open, broad, competitive market" is carried in the report of the senate grain investigating committee made to the senate today by Senators S. D. Works, G. H. Sullivan and V. L. Johnson, a majority of the committee. The report also condemns the Equity Co-operative exchange for its business methods and its method of advertising to the producers of the northwest and asks the railroad and warehouse commission to investigate the facts disclosed by the investigation looking presumably to action against the Equity concern's license as a commission merchant.

The report is voluminous. It will be followed by a minority report from O. A. Lende and A. L. Hanson, members of the committee. The majority report is even stronger in commendation of the Minneapolis Chamber than that of the house committee and also approves the state grain inspection. The summary of the report is as follows:

Summarized, the report says: "Your committee finds that the inspection and grading of grain by the state department is fair and accurate; that the inspectors are trained and efficient men, appointed on a merit basis, and recommends that the rule of the commission in appointing inspectors be continued; and further that the same principle be applied as well to the appeal board so that no one shall be eligible to appoint on that board until his experience and competency be established by proper requirements and tests.

"Your committee finds that the conditions surrounding the buying of grain at country stations is usually competitive and that this result in prices, grades and dockage fair to the producer; that if a price card is to be sent out to country stations, it should show uniform prices as between stations, allowance being made for slight differences and a fair spread in prices between primary and terminal markets, and should be posted for the information of the buyer and seller. And recommends for consideration the question of whether such a price card might advantageously be sent out under the supervision of the grain and warehouse commission.

**Chamber Commended.**  
Your committee finds that the Chamber of Commerce is an open, broad, competitive market of advantage to the producers of grain; that 'hedging' through purchases and sales of grain for future delivery, against flour sold and wheat purchased, as practiced by millers and operators of elevators, serves a useful function in carrying and handling the grain crops; that by constituting a risk it reduces to the minimum the cost of carrying and milling grain, and thereby the price margin between the producer and consumer, and that any legislation which would prevent such 'hedging' would be detrimental to grain growers and consumers of grain products.

"We commend the effort of the Chamber of Commerce to secure in exchange generally a regulation of trading in grain that will tend to prevent or limit imprudent and ignorant speculation and we favor the restricting of brokers' offices for trading in futures to cities of the first class.

"Before your committee representatives of the so-called independent grain exchange, Loftus-Hubbard company and the Equity Co-operative exchange, made the claim that the Chamber of Commerce was a monopoly, and that being a private corporation with a limited membership, it did not accord a free and open market for the disposal of grain. The evidence submitted to your committee shows that no one has been denied membership in the Chamber of Commerce who was of good character and financial standing. It does not appear that any farmers' co-operative companies are members of the Chamber of Commerce, nor that there is anything to prevent any such company from becoming a member. A number of memberships are not used for active trading and memberships are sold and bought and it does not appear that the right to membership has been denied or restricted in such

a manner as to tend to produce monopoly. "The requirements for membership in the Chamber and the careful investigation of applicants as now existing and made are necessary to the maintenance of the integrity of the trading in the Chamber. There is no evidence that the Chamber of Commerce, or its members constitute a monopoly in any respect.

The last portion of the report is devoted to the evidence regarding the Equity Co-operative exchange and its transactions with the Farmers' Elevator company of Voltaire, N. D., are dealt with in detail with criticism of the way in which the Equity failed to give accounting and settle for stored grain until officers of the Voltaire company had come to Minneapolis for settlement, failed to get it and then went before the committee with their complaint.

**Barley Shipment to Equity.**  
The report also takes up the shipment of barley to the Equity, testified to by G. A. Hageback of Madison, Minn., and says:

"The record does not disclose any explanation of this transaction by the Equity Co-operative exchange and it does not appear that the committee directed the attention of any witnesses for the exchange to this transaction. It appears to have been lost sight of in the details of the other transaction which took up a greater portion of the time of the committee. However, it would seem to be conclusively established that the reported sale at 55 cents was never made.

"This was the only shipment made by the Farmers' Mercantile & Elevator company of Madison to the Co-operative exchange, although a circular published by the latter, among a list headed 'Some of Our Regular Shippers,' appears the Farmers' Mercantile & Elevator company of Madison, Minn. The manager of this company testified that he never had authorized such use of his company's name and strongly objected thereto.

"The Equity Co-operative exchange is now licensed as a grain commission merchant of Minnesota and is subject to the jurisdiction of the railroad and warehouse commission. Its transactions with customers are hardly the proper subject for legislative investigation, but should be investigated by the railroad and warehouse commission."

Mrs. N. Larson and Miss Butler were down from Rogers yesterday and were shopping and visiting friends.

### Litchville An Active Little Town

A short visit to Litchville last week by a representative of the Times-Record was a pleasant hour with the best people on earth, in one of the best business towns in the world and every moment of the time spent there was full of surprises, the amount of business the town is doing. There probably is not another town in the state of the same size where as many teams may be seen on any afternoon as at Litchville. As one goes about town it is noticeable that all of the merchants are busy every moment of the day, and we learned that most of the merchants in that place have acquired a fair share of the world's goods as the result of their activity in business circles.

Several of the boys, including Banker Hanson of the First National and Banker Hedland of the Farmers State are a little uneasy as they are about to visit Valley City to be initiated into the hidden mysteries of a certain lodge and rumors have reached them that some of the boys, who profess to be friends are lying in wait for them with some mysterious instrument of torture, but for all of that they say they will be here to ride the goat as soon as Rev. L. G. Moultrie has him properly groomed.

We were informed that new walks were to be laid all over town this year and this will do wonders in beautifying the place. It is always a genuine pleasure to drive over the famous Litchville country.

## STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

Executive Department, Bismarck.

### Arbor and Bird Day Proclamation

IN CONFORMITY WITH WISE CUSTOM AND TO ENCOURAGE THE PEOPLE OF OUR STATE, YOUNG AND OLD, TO PLANT AND CARE FOR TREES, SHRUBS AND FLOWERS, I HEREBY DESIGNATE FRIDAY, MAY 2, 1913, AS

### Arbor and Bird Day

FOR THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA. I ASK THAT THIS DAY BE SET APART FOR THE BEAUTIFYING OF OUR FARMS, HOMES AND PUBLIC PLACES AND FOR THE INSTRUCTION OF OUR SCHOOL CHILDREN IN THE KNOWLEDGE OF FORESTRY AND BIRD LIFE, AND THE IMPORTANCE OF BOTH TO OUR COMFORT, HAPPINESS AND WELL BEING.

DONE AT THE CAPITOL AT BISMARCK THIS SEVENTH DAY OF APRIL, 1913.

L. B. HANNA, Governor.

By the Governor,

THOMAS HALL, Secretary of State.

### Base Ball for Valley City That Looks Good

HERE'S WHERE WE GET WHAT WE HAVE BEEN LOOKING FOR—BOOST IT ALONG.

(By D. W. Clark.)

A feeling of regret has been strongly manifest in the hearts of a great many of the base ball enthusiasts in Valley City for some time.

It has been generally understood that our association has been financially embarrassed and would not undertake to organize and get together a professional team this year because of a failure to make both ends meet during the past.

It is true Valley City has the reputation of having defeated all comers and it seems tough to think we will be unable to call together the good old bunch that knew so well how to deliver the goods. We have however McGary and Leahy the backbone of the past and there has come into our midst enough good players to make up what we think may prove to be the strongest amateur aggregation ever organized in the state. The new players are willing and anxious to play and with the assistance of all good patriotic fans and the co-operation of the old association who own the grounds and equipment we are assured that Valley City will maintain its reputation and will put up a game worthy of our patronage and encouragement. This will help the old association to get out of debt and will keep the baseball fire from dying out.

Everybody boost.

### G. H. Rogers Much Pleased With Outlook

Minot, N. D., April 19.—"We are surely much pleased with the outlook at the present time," said Geo. H. Rogers of Minneapolis, vice president of the Rogers Lumber Co., in an interview here. Mr. Rogers, together with his brothers, A. R. Rogers, president of the company and John J. Rogers, secretary and treasurer, is in the city attending the third annual convention of the company's yard managers.

"So far I do not think the weather conditions could be improved upon very much, and prospects for a better year could not, in my opinion, be better. I really do not see how conditions generally could be much more favorable and we are anticipating an exceptionally good year."

### Young Child Injured By Vicious Horse

(From Saturday's Daily.)  
The little ten year old daughter of William Kjelland, who lives on a farm twelve miles south of town, was kicked in the abdomen by a horse last night while playing in the farm yard. Medical aid was called and Dr. Macdonald brought her to town at one o'clock this morning and she was immediately operated on at the hospital. This morning the little girl is in a critical condition.

### Attorneys Preparing Answer in City Suit

DATE FOR HEARING WILL PROBABLY BE SET FOR SOME TIME NEXT WEEK.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

Attorneys for the defense are preparing to file their answer in the case of W. J. Curren et al. against the city of Valley City and the Haggart Construction Company of Fargo.

While the date for a hearing has not been set it will, in all probability, be some time next week, as both sides are anxious to get the case disposed of as rapidly as possible.

Attorney D. S. Ritchie, for the plaintiff, stated to the Times-Record today that to date he has received no cards of thanks or flowers for his kindness in saving the city council some individual losses.

### About Opening Of More Land

The details for the opening of the remaining lands on the Indian reservation are being worked out. First of all the Indians on the reservation who have not yet been allotted lands will be given their first choice. After that there will be a drawing this fall and the selections by the winners will be made some time in the spring of 1914.

Those filing the first three months will pay \$5 per acre, those for the succeeding three months must pay \$3.50 per acre, and those for the next three months must pay \$2.50. If there is any land left after that it can be entered the same as ordinary government land. The payments will be arranged so that one-fifth can be made at the time of filing and the balance in five equal installments. There is a good deal of good land on the reservation and it is expected it will be strongly in demand when the opportunity to secure it is given to homeseekers.

### Sheriffs' Fees Cut by Passage of New Law

JURORS IN NORTH DAKOTA WILL IN FUTURE BE SUMMONED THROUGH MAILS.

Jurors in North Dakota are no longer notified by personal service by the sheriff. Under a new law the sheriff sends a notice by registered mail and that answers the purpose. Formerly the sheriffs were on a fee system and the summoning of jurors was one of the snags. Two years ago a law was passed which became operative Jan. 1 of this year, placing the sheriffs on a salary basis, the remuneration being determined by the assessed valuation of the county.

### NOLTIMIER TOWNSHIP.

April 22.—Wm. Wolski was on the road from Valley City Saturday with a bran new drill.

Harry Gast and Arthur Anderson, called at Pete Anderson's Sunday on horse back.

B. Grotberg was on the road from town Friday with a new drill.

Edwin Mayland is at Oriska and Tower City this week where he is attending to business in the interests of the Better Farming work.

## ... Public School Notes ...

### High School.

The Art Exhibit given in the High school gymnasium Tuesday and Wednesday evenings was well attended and the pictures shown as well as the entertainment was very much enjoyed. There are about 200 large pictures from Elson & Co., of Boston, a special exhibition of Nutting pictures, and a line furnished by Mr. Steffen of Red Wing, Minn. This exhibition will continue Thursday and Friday afternoon and evening.

Mr. Moffit, national organizer of the Boy Scouts of America gave interesting talks here Friday afternoon, to the High school students, and later, to the Boy Scouts and those interested in the Scout work.

### Lincoln School.

Ruth Scott re-entered the 6th grade after several days absence due to illness.

Ethel Olson has entered the 7th grade, coming from an Iowa public school.

The regular work for the field meet has commenced and much enthusiasm is shown by the pupils of all classes.

The pupils of the 4th grade have each finished a reed mat and reed basket and have started work on raffa baskets.

Next Friday the 3rd grade will give the play Editha's Burglar. The children taking part are: Virginia Bailey as mother, Frank Moffit as father, Ella Thompson as Editha, Edward Kelley as the burglar, Olga Kulseth as maid, and Miley Mulhair as the policeman.

The 5th grade gave a play "The Princess and The Swinherd," last Friday.

Mrs. J. Walsh, Mrs. F. G. Bailey and Master Preston visited the B. 1st grade Friday afternoon.

Henry Ando of Minot was among the business callers here Wednesday.

The smoke escaping from a pipe last Friday morning made a good smudge down at the Lincoln school and afforded a splendid opportunity for a fire drill. The building was emptied in 58 seconds.

The regular monthly meeting of the faculty members of the public school of Valley City was held Friday afternoon at the Lincoln school. After a very interesting session, ice cream and wafers were served, donated by a friend and patron of the Lincoln.

The 2nd grade are holding the flag a second week. It is a well deserved honor to win it two consecutive times.

### Ritchie School.

Ellen Lee has entered the third grade.

Clare Lee entered the seventh grade on Monday.

Emma Holcomb and Glen Daniels have left school.

Quentin Crabtree, whose father has taken charge of the Bonny Brae dairy, has entered the 2nd grade.

Arthur Meldahl has returned to school after having had a siege with the measles.

Karea and Norman Lee have entered the 8th grade.

Irene Setzer and Mable Jack received 100 per cent in their six weeks test in spelling.

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### Painting Russell-Miller Mill a Large Job

COVERING BUILDING WITH TWO COATS TAKES CREW MORE THAN SIX WEEKS.

Douglas Russell, who is in charge of the work of painting the Russell-Miller mill here, stated that it is one of the biggest, if not the biggest jobs of painting in the country.

Work is being started now with a crew of six men, and will be pushed rapidly for six to eight weeks before the work is completed. More than a ton and a half of lead is used in the work, and the pay of the men engaged in it, amounts to nearly a thousand dollars.

Few buildings in the country, if any, have the painting surface to be covered of the local mill. No sky scraper in New York takes nearly the amount of paint, and no mill in the Twin Cities approaches it. The Jamestown mill is about half the size, and other mills in North Dakota do not nearly approach the local concern.

### Woman's Body Is Found Burned

TRAGEDY REVEALED IN CAMP OF TRAPPERS IN TURTLE MOUNTAINS.

Rolla, N. D., April 22.—The remains of Mrs. Paul Landry were found in the burning ruins of a camp in the Turtle mountains, west of here. With her husband, a trapper, she had been camping in the woods. Official investigation seems to indicate that she died of heart failure and that a pipe which she was smoking falling from her mouth, set fire to straw in the camping place. Landry was several miles away trapping.

Miss Mason of Jamestown was visiting with friends in the city Wednesday.

## Earl I. Best Lumber Co's. Housecleaning

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