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VICTIM OF POST CARD SHOWER WRITES LETTER TO OLD FRIENDS

P. O. King, Barnes County Pioneer and Former County Dad, Greets His Old Friends Through the Times-Record.

Eugene, Ore. Jan. 2nd, 1914.

Dear Friends:—Up to this New Year's day I never thought of or intended that I should write anything for publication again so soon, but something did happen, which makes me feel not to overlook the duty to do so at this time, as I owe it to all those many friends in Valley City and Barnes County, that have so kindly written to me the few last days of the old year. To write to all of you that have sent me cards and letters, I find would be quite a task and to avoid this labor I will ask the Valley City Times Record to kindly give space for this letter in that valuable publication. This time my letter will be short, so as not to take up too much space. On New Year's Day as I stood by the front window of my home, the mail carrier came up to the house and I expected he would drop some mail in the box at the front of the porch, but instead he came and knocked on the door, because he had a registered package for my son and for which I receipted. After the carrier handed me the package, he started to pick out my mail and soon had about as much as he could hold in his hand of cards and some letters, that he handed to me. I was very much surprised to receive so much mail at one time and thought sure (if all was for me) that it must have been piled up somewhere in the rush of mail before and during the holidays. First I started in to read the address and sure every card and letter for myself, then I started in to read them one by one and before I was half through looking them over I must say and even now as I write this I am glad to admit that tears came to my eyes as I read in every one of them expressions in kind words and best of wishes for self and family and which I know comes from the heart of every one that sent them. I started to write this letter right after dinner this second day of the New Year, but now please excuse me I will have to take a little rest, because, the mail carrier just now delivered nearly as many cards as he did yesterday all of them from friends in Valley City and Barnes county. I laid this letter aside yesterday intending to finish it today the 3rd day of the New Year.

Also today the mail carrier brought me many cards, but suppose now it must be the last. The receiving of this flood of cards and letters have touched me greatly and it does me worlds of good to know that so many of my friends still remember and think of me, even though I have lived these many years so far from my old home. I should like very much to write you all in return, but O! there are so many, therefore I beg of you to excuse me and instead to accept this as my letter in the Times-Record. Before I close my letter let me thank you all for the cards and letters and let me say that the cards shall be treasured and always kept by me to remind me of you all.

Wishing you all, not only this New Year, but for all years to come, Good luck and Happiness.

Very respectfully,

P. O. KING.

GRAND PRAIRIE.

Grand Prairie, Jan. 6.

Jake Gibson and John Nelson drove to Valley City last Tuesday.
 Rev. Eberly and family visited at the Sunde farm last Wednesday.
 Ben Northridge and family autoed to Valley City last Sunday.
 Mr. and Mrs. John McKay and Mr. and Mrs. Hans Skonnard spent New Year's eve at the Sannes home.
 W. McKay and family spent New Year's day at the Taylor home.
 Those who called at the Ash Grove farm last Thursday evening were as follows: Mr. and Mrs. John McKay, Mr. and Mrs. Hans Skonnard and Whitfield McKay and family.
 Alfred Beck of Hastings spent a few days with his sister Mrs. Sannes.
 Mrs. H. Taylor and children visited at the McKay farm last Friday.
 Ole Sunde and Mr. Nyland drove to Valley City last Friday returning home Sunday.
 Ben Northridge was a Valley City caller Friday and Saturday.
 Mr. and Mrs. Holcomb and family spent Sunday at the Sunde farm.

GET ACQUAINTED WITH YOUR TEACHER.

The Mandan Republican: It has often occurred to us that children would get on so much better at school if parents would only cultivate the friendship of the teacher more, and win her confidence. We are quite sure that if mothers would let the teachers see that they have an interest in them and the children, too, it would stimulate the teachers and their pupils. There is no need, whatever, to make a great friend of the teacher, but it would certainly help matters a great deal if, say, the teachers were asked to come and take tea at definite times or spend a certain evening with the children and parents.

MRS. BERTHA LOVSTUEN

Born at Hostenasoren, Norway, the year of 1849, married at Bergen, Norway in 1868. Her husband, O. Lovstuen died the year of 1900. She had eleven children, seven of whom are living, five which reside at Valley City. Mrs. Harry Jacobson, Mrs. R. Gisellius, Mr. Erling Lovstuen, Carrie Lovstuen, Camilla Lovstuen, Carrie Lovstuen and Mrs. John Post of Kuna, Idaho, and Nicholas Lovstuen, a sailor at sea.

She was sick six days with a very case of grippe. She has made her home with her daughter Mrs. R. Gisellius at the Rudolf Hotel.

She came to this country in the year of 1902. She was 65 years old.

Funeral services will be held from the Norwegian church at 3 p. m. tomorrow (Thursday).

V. C. to Have Skating and Hockey Rink

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

The city council voted Monday to provide skating and an ice hockey rink for Valley City skaters. These rinks will be near the power house. They will be kept in condition by the city, and order will be maintained by the city police. The council authorized the mayor to make the necessary provisions for the rinks which insure the excellence of the same.

The matter was introduced and explained by Alderman Clark. Prof. T. W. Burckhalter of the Normal school was asked to speak on the subject and responded in a brief talk on the opportunity for needs of such activity as skating for the people of the city. The fact that the matter received the unanimous vote of the Council shows the progressive spirit of our city managers.

All men, young and old who are interested in forming a skating association to promote all kinds of skating, including racing, figure skating and ice hockey are asked to meet at the Commercial Club rooms, Thursday night, Jan. 8, at 8:30 sharp. The matter of formation of an ice hockey schedule will be one feature of the meeting. Get your teams formed and come to this meeting.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7, 1914.

Albert Holland was in town yesterday called here on court business.

The following were in Fargo yesterday: Frank S. Owy, Cecilia Cheately, Mrs. S. P. Nokken, Minnie Smith, Frank Sanford and John Emerson.
 Dr. Rowe of Casselton was here last night to inspect the I. O. O. F. lodge which is taking on new life and activity. This is a noble order and is a commendable movement.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

In the Matter of the Estate of Ole T. Hovde, Deceased:
 Notice is hereby given by the undersigned Severt T. Hovde executor of the Last Will of Ole E. Hovde, late of the village of Kingsing in the County of Douglas and State of Minnesota, deceased, to the creditors of, and all persons having claims against, said deceased, to exhibit them with the necessary vouchers, within four months, after the first publication of this notice, to said executor at Wildrose, Divide County, N. D., or left with the County Court, in the City of Valley City, in said Barnes County, N. Dak.
 Dated Jan. 8th, A. D., 1914.

SEVERT T. HOVDE, Executor.

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:: About Child Welfare ::

(Mrs. W. M. Wemett.)

THE VALUE OF AN ACQUAINTANCE WITH GREAT LITERATURE TO PARENTS.

Sara Louis Arnold, a writer of children's books says, "The child who is deprived of stories at the mother's knee will always miss the charm of literature, the joy of poetry and swift imagination. Except as this appreciation is assured in childhood, it is never won."

In the very beginning the story was educational. Events and courageous deeds were handed down in story form that they might help form the character of the next generation. We read the folk stories and myths of the different races. They were not for mere entertainment. They revealed the genius of the people and for this reason are studied by scientists.

China, India, Arabia and Japan honored the story-teller. They felt his charm and were molded by his magic. Think of the influence of the story in our own day! It is said that Uncle Tom's Cabin outweighed in influence thousands of sermons and tens of thousands of pages of anti-slavery tracts a generation ago. Ramona and Elack Beauty both had their practical influence. The preachers that have had a popular influence are those that used the story to good advantage. Jesus was a master story-teller. Think how his stories impressed the hearers and the influence they had.

In selecting stories for children we must use great care. Every story we read or tell the children should have a good moral. This must be embodied in the story itself and not appended. How children hate to have a moral added to a story!

Henry Van Dyke's prayer that he may never tag a moral to a tale or tell a story without a meaning may well be adopted by us.

Then, too in selecting stories for children we must remember that in telling and reading stories to children we wish to introduce them to the best literature, for the ideals which children gain from books become their associates and mould their character more than their own human companions. They live the part of their ideals.

Children have not the judgment to choose what they should read, one book is as good as another if it interests. Hence, if we choose good interesting books with clean morals the children will enjoy them and be influenced by them.

The first form of literature, if it can be classed as literature, which interests the very small child is the "Mother Goose Rhymes." Nonsense to be sure but they love the jingle and a child who loses this part of storydom misses a great joy of childhood. How they love to have them repeated and a mother can keep her little tot interested and happy for a long time by repeating these jingles.

A friend of mine wished to help his wife with the care of the children. It was before the day of "crying it out" so when he put the babes to sleep, as he could not sing, he repeated Lohenvae to them. Surely they did not understand the poem but they enjoyed the rhythm.

So we may read poetry to children long before they understand it. When they are older they will then get the meaning and the poem will seem like an old friend.

From five to eight years of age the child enjoys stories of child life, also stories of kittens, dogs, birds, etc. It is here that the story of Jesus, the boyhood of Moses and Samuel are favorites. Now is the time when "Little Red Riding Hood" "The Three Bears" and "The Stories of Peter Rabbit" interest the child.

Children love stories in which there is a repetition of words as in the story of "The Three Bears." It is hard for them to get all of a story but when a few words are repeated, they hall them with delight. Children also enjoy stories in which a little verse is used now and then.

In telling stories to children one little trick may help us to make the stories pleasing to children. Use direct discourse, that is make the people and animals talk.

In "Little Red Riding Hood" instead of saying that Red Riding Hood said good morning to the wolf, say Little Red Riding Hood said "Good morning, Mr. Wolf."

After this first class of stories come the Fairy Stories and Myths. For a time the children are very much interested in them.

At about the age of twelve the child craves the hero story. The story whose chief character is a hero who accom-

plishes great deeds, is the popular story.

At this age the boy is selecting the models that are to shape his own life. If stories of heroes, like the biographical stories of characters in history are not furnished, the child will seek and find his hero in the nickel novel. The ruffian, the highwayman, the bandit all have characteristics which he admires. Of course it is the bravery and courage which he admires but the immoral spirit that goes with these characters will unconsciously be imitated. At this age we must furnish plenty of proper material for our boys and girls for what is true of the boys is equally true of girls.

As the boy reaches sixteen and seventeen years of age he becomes interested in romantic love. Now, is another critical time when proper stories must be furnished. There are thousands of books which appeal to the semi-mental attitude of youth but they have divorced love from real life and have offered no example worthy of imitation. Miss Muloch, George Eliot and George Macdonald and others have written purely and truly of love.

As mothers we should not only set before the children these proper books but we should be interested in them ourselves. We should read with our children and discuss the books. Many happy evenings may be spent in reading together and the mother will find this a great help in training her boy and girl to perfect manhood and womanhood.

Found Lost Money in Searcher's Pockets

Hankinson, N. D., Jan. 7.—There was all kinds of excitement on a Soo train when a blacksmith from Forman missed a pocketbook containing \$200. A number of other passengers assisted in searching for it. Finally one man accused the most active of these of having the money in his pocket. The accused man bluffed awhile, then finally admitted he had the money and restored it to the owner, who was so delighted to recover the sum he declined to prosecute.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7, 1914.

Today is an exceptionally warm day, in fact almost like summer. Farmers are very much pleased with their stock can graze so far into the winter and those living in town seem disposed to think that nature is passing the coal men a "lemon."

Mrs. M. E. Hoblit of Minneapolis, mother of Mrs. E. S. Cole, has been spending the holidays with Mrs. Cole. Mr. Hoblit who has not been in Dakota since 1865 when he went through this country with Gen. Sully fighting Indians is expected here in a few days.

Mrs. John Neustetter was taken to the Riverside hospital Sunday where she will receive medical treatment.

Miss Mamie Brady returned yesterday from Wimbledon where she has been for several days doing professional duty.

Briquettes to Take Place of Hard Coal

Minot, N. D., Jan. 6.—The Northern Briquetting Co., has completed its test runs and the plant started its regular run in the manufacture of the new fuel. It will be placed on the market at \$10 a ton and the company expects that it will take the place of the majority of the anthracite coal business in this city.

The plant has been delayed for weeks owing to minor breakdowns and the delay at Burlington in furnishing the coked lignite which is the base of the modern briquet. However, the difficulties has all been overcome at last and the plant is now pouring briquettes into the big storage bins for transfer to the local coal dealers. No retail selling will be done by the company but the coal dealers will handle the briquets at only a slight increase over the wholesale price.

Minot feels particularly proud of its baby industry and it is probable that the new plant will furnish a majority of the fuel used throughout this district. Tentative plans have been laid whereby the gas which now goes to waste in the coking of the lignite, may be saved and used at a low grade heating fuel in this city. At the present time, however, nothing beyond the present fuel will be manufactured.

GETCHELL PRAIRIE YOUNG FOLKS ENJOY SKATING

New Year's Day Farmers Club Enjoys Meeting-- Other News Worth While, From a Live Neighborhood.

GREEN TOWNSHIP ALSO MAKES HISTORY

Getchell Prairie, Jan. 7. Hazel Chilberg, Louise White and Miriam Getchell have returned to their respective schools after spending the vacation at their homes.

Ben Wilson has been quite sick for several days with tonsillitis.

New Year's Day was very pleasantly spent by the people of this neighborhood at the J. H. Whitchee home. Seventy-nine were present, the Agricultural Club program was much enjoyed by every one. The general topic under discussion was "Ideas for the New Year." Beside the regular program Mr. Mayland gave an excellent talk. New Year's Day being the annual election day the club elected the following officers:

President—M. White.
 Vice-President—J. A. Rogers.
 Sec. and Treas.—F. H. Getchell.
 Librarian—John White.

Clarence Chilberg has returned to his farm demonstration work at Kremlin, Mont.

Miss Millie Getchell was a guest at Miss Gussie White for a few days last week.

The E. J. Holcom family have been having quite a serious time with colds. Claude Farrel has gone to Minnesota to spend his annual vacation.

The young people enjoyed a candy pull Thursday night at M. M. White's. Several of our farmers were in Valley City Saturday to hear Geo. S. Loftus, sales manager for the Equity Exchange.

Miss Helen Rand has returned after spending the Christmas vacation in Fargo visiting relatives and friends.

Miss Nellie Whitchee is visiting in Cooperstown for a few days.

Mrs. J. A. Rogers entertained the young ladies of the neighborhood Wednesday at dinner.

Mr. E. Wood has returned to Fargo. Mr. Wood has been the guest of J. H. Whitchee for the past ten days.

A merry crowd of young people enjoyed a skating party on the Sheyenne river last Friday. They met at Elm Grove Farm and went down there in a huge hayrack. Dinner was cooked over the camp fire. Everyone, including the two chaperons, were delighted with the sport and plan to have more parties as long as the good skating lasts.

Mahlon Ronzheimer entered the first grade of the Getchell school on Monday.

GREEN TOWNSHIP.

Green Township, Jan. 7. Mrs. Geo. Hager is spending a few weeks in Valley City visiting friends and relatives.

A large crowd attended the Farmers' club meeting at L. K. Stillings, Tuesday. Mr. Karr of Valley City addressed the club.

Miss Williams and Miss Anna Hanson of the Valley City Normal returned to school Sunday after spending the vacation with Mr. and Mrs. Montenson.

The birthday party given at Fred Nelson's Saturday night was a lively affair. A large crowd attended and dancing was indulged in, and all stayed until the late hours of the morning.

Mr. Karr who addressed the Farmers' Club Tuesday had a very serious accident. While autoing out to Stillings he some how lost control of his machine and ran it in the ditch breaking the steering wheel in his hands, his face was badly scratched and wrist sprained but Henry Hanson came to his rescue and brought Mr. Karr to his destination.

Miss Nimic returned to Ole Hanson's Saturday night after spending the vacation in Minneapolis with her friend Miss Gunderson teacher of the Montenson school.

The next Farmers' club meeting will be held at the Elmer Wicks farm. Mr. McFarland, president of the Normal school will be the speaker.

Saturday night is literature meeting at Dist. 40. A good program is on record and a large crowd is expected. Wednesday in the school house at Dist. 40 could be heard the melodious strains of the Green Town band practice.

Mr. A. H. Davidson and Ole Hanson of this vicinity together with Jack Thompson of Valley City leave on No. 6 Wednesday morning for Fargo on elevator business.

Farmer's Co-operative Meeting.

There will be a meeting at the City Hall Wednesday, Jan. 14, at 2 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of organizing a Farmers Co-operative Machinery Company, and all farmers are earnestly requested to be present at the meeting whether they want to subscribe for stock or not. 1-8-14-tw

Important Case to Jury Wednesday

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

It is expected that the Mackey case which is being tried will go to the jury during the afternoon. Considerable trouble was anticipated in securing a jury yesterday but they were secured much easier than was expected, so that the case progressed very rapidly.

Miss Esther Hayes went to Hillsboro Sunday evening and will visit with a sister, Mrs. Henry Sheridan until spring. Miss Esther is one of the valuable clerks at the John D. Gray Department store and is taking a well earned vacation.

Women Are Real Farmers

MINNESOTA WOMEN HAVE MADE SUCCESSFUL NORTH DAKOTA FARMERS.

Two women, well known in North Dakota and Minnesota, who stepped out of business life six years ago and became North Dakota farmers, are in Minneapolis for a mid-winter holiday with a splendid record of farm achievements to their credit. They are Miss Margaret Currie, who is visiting her mother, Mrs. Emma J. Crandall, and Miss Eva Alcott, visiting Mrs. J. O. Pomeroy, at Minneapolis. They are partners in the management of a 480-acre farm at Dickinson, N. D.

Miss Alcott was a vocal teacher in St. Paul and Minneapolis, and Miss Currie was a bookkeeper six years ago. Today their thoughts are almost entirely centered on the fact that their butter took first premium in the Stark county fair last October and that at the same fair they also captured first prizes on barley and spelt, on Rhode Island Reds, bronze turkeys and Pekin ducks and second prize on saddle horses.

A bit of halo of glory is added from the fact that their barley took first prize at the North Dakota state fair and their samples were sent to Norway in the exhibit of northwest farm products sent across the ocean last fall.

"We have suffered hardship, oh dear, yes," and Miss Alcott, who by the way, is a cousin of Louisa M. Alcott, who wrote "Little Women," "but farming has a lure and we are in it to stay."

Miss Alcott said that in the days when she was a vocal teacher and Miss Currie was a bookkeeper they spent all their holidays looking for a desirable suburban site near the twin cities to start a chicken farm. They had had that "bee" in their bonnets for several years and nothing had come of it, but about six years ago, while they were out in North Dakota on a concert tour, Miss Currie being the manager of the tour, they took up a couple of home-steads and very shortly thereafter bought the farm which they now own.

They had no knowledge of farming nor of stock. Miss Alcott couldn't even cook and she laughed as she related how she tried to cook enough scalloped potatoes to feed twenty harvest hands the year they cut their first crop. She didn't know how foolish such a dish as scalloped potatoes for hungry harvest hands was until after that experience, she said.

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