

MANSFIELD CELEBRATES XMAS WITH OLD SETTLERS' PARTY

Young Folks Will Attend Normal---Farmers Club Members Will Go a Visiting---Other Correspondence.

MANSFIELD.
This part of the country has been quite gay with Xmas festivities during the past week. The Xmas tree Tuesday evening was well attended, and much enjoyed by all who were present.

The old settlers annual ball at the Clark City school house Friday night was the event of the week. Not so many of the old timers were present, as on former occasions, but what was lacking in numbers, was made up in enthusiasm on the part of those that were there. After supper the young people had the floor and kept up the merriment until an early hour in the morning.

Nellie Gorden, Pearl Pickens, Edmond Tabbert and James McLees, all of this immediate vicinity will attend the Valley City Normal this winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Rudolf Bruesge of Wimbledon, spent Xmas at the Jones home.

Mr. and Mrs. George Adams entertained Mr. and Mrs. Ray Swartout and Miss Curry at dinner Xmas day. The Misses Margaret and Irene Hanev who are teaching in Stutsman county are spending their vacation at home.

The McLees family visited relatives in Sheldon over Xmas.

Some of the members of the Meadow Lake Farmers club, have been invited to attend the agricultural meet at the L. K. Stilling's home Tuesday.

The Kee school house is undergoing extensive repairs during the vacation.

Frank Towne, Jr. of Valley City was transacting business in this part of the country Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Kee will entertain the Stillings and McLees families at dinner New Years day.

GRAND PRAIRIE.
Grand Prairie, Dec. 31.—A Christmas tree was held in the Free Methodist church last Tuesday which proved to be a great success, as nearly everybody in the township were there and many from the surrounding townships. A fine program was given by four different schools and much

credit was given to Miss Marsh for the way she managed it. Everybody went home satisfied and hope there will be another one next year.

Harold Neson returned last Saturday after spending a week with friends at Valley City.

Otto Hutter was a business caller at Valley City last week.

Jake Gibson spent a couple of days at Valley City last week.

Mat Miller returned last Sunday from two weeks absence. While gone he visited at different places in Minnesota.

Ben Northridge autoed to Valley City last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hans Skonnard entertained a few relatives and friends last Thursday.

Mr. Sannes and family visited at the Sunde home last Sunday.

NOLTIMIER.

Joseph Grotberg has returned home after spending one month at the Palou hospital.

Mrs. Sam Larson left Saturday for Valley City where she will make her future home.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Anderson spent Xmas in town with their son Adolph.

The Misses Ella and Emma Newman and their brothers Wielle and Ed spent Xmas day at the Fred Bell home.

Mr. and Mrs. Thoralf Amundson and Mr. and Mrs. Severt Anderson spent Friday at the Andrew Anderson home.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Creighton and family spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Louis Noltimer.

Miss Selma Anderson visited with Mrs. Wm. Nolski last Sunday.

Mr. Harry Ghast left for Valley City on Saturday after visiting at the home of his cousin Wm. Nolski for the last two weeks.

Mr. Andrew Johnson visited a couple of days last week with Ben Olson.

Miss Emma Newman will leave the latter part of the week for Valley City where she will attend the Normal.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Nolski and family spent Christmas day at the Fred Bell home.

Mrs. Andrew Anderson and son Arthur visited Sunday afternoon at the Grotberg home.

POULTRY NOTES.

The weather has been very favorable for the development of late-hatched pullets. They should be in prime condition now and ready to lay abundantly if properly fed.

Scratch feed consisting of cracked corn, wheat, and oats should be fed in the litter at least twice a day either mixed in about equal proportion or in rotation, feeding oats in the morning, cracked corn at noon, and wheat at night.

With this grain ration, a mash should be fed. The dry form is most generally fed now, because it saves labor and furnishes a constant supply of food. Thus, the less lively and more timid get their share.

Corn meal, wheat bran, wheat middlings, and finely ground oats are suitable ingredients for a dry mash for laying hens. Any one of these ingredients may be omitted without seriously affecting either the health or the egg yield, though it is an excellent plan to retain the wheat bran on account of its laxative qualities. These ground grains may be mixed in about equal proportion by weight. Add also, unless fed separately, finely ground alfalfa or clover, a level teaspoonful of salt to each dry quart of mash, and for the best egg yield 20 to 25 per cent of beef scraps and bone meal in the proportion of 5 per cent.

Feed your mash in a hopper that does not waste it. If you do not have such, use a shallow box, 15 to 18 inches square and no more than 6 inches high. Cover the mash with one-half inch mesh wire, and just a little smaller than the box.



Honey don't yo forget Aunt Jemima's Pancake Flour at your Grocers

To keep the hens healthy, provide a dry floor, plenty of dry litter, plenty of dry air, and no draft, keep the house clean, feed well, water regularly, and provide a constant supply of artificial grit, oyster shells, cracked bone, and charcoal.—A. C. Smith, Poultryman, University Farm, St. Paul, Minn.

DECEMBER WEATHER MAKES RECORD FOR NORTHWESTERN STATES

Closing Month of Year Has Highest Temperature and Nineteen Clear Days---Lowest 12 Below.

With the highest mean temperature for the month since the records of the local weather bureau began in 1881, with only a slight trace of snow and only five cloudy days, the December which has just passed into history establishes a weather record in more than one respect.

The mean temperature for the month was 22 degrees, with the highest 50 degrees on Dec. 16 and the lowest 12 degrees below zero on Christmas day. The highest temperature recorded for a day in December during the 33 years the local bureau has been in existence 55 degrees and the

lowest for the same time is 36 below. The previous highest mean temperature was 21 degrees in 1894. The normal for the month is 10.7 degrees above.

Nineteen days were recorded as clear and seven as partly cloudy. The total precipitation for the month was .02 of an inch or the smallest on record at the local weather bureau. The prevailing wind has been from the south, with an average hourly velocity of 7.4 miles. The only precipitation recorded for the month fell on the first day of the month and there was no snow on the ground on the last day.

Valley City's First Ice Carnival Was Success

New Year's Day was skating day for Valley City and it is estimated that a thousand men, women and children were on the ice enjoying the skating and engaging in the stunts or watching those who were performing. There was a fine spirit of enthusiasm and good feeling throughout the day and every person had a royal good time. It shows what might be done and what should be done during the whole winter. There were people on the ice enjoying the fun who had not put on skates in years. They never had a better time at any picnic. Ask them about it or give them a chance to tell you.

A great deal of success of the day is due to the splendid generosity and forethought of Mr. Henry Jack and the Messrs. Laney who live close by the river. These gentlemen cleared the snow off the ice from the railroad bridge to the first bend in the river above, a distance of more than 100 yards. The thanks of everybody is due these generous hearted gentlemen for what they did.

An ice hockey rink was laid out and by 3:15 a game was in progress between teams composed of citizens who had gone out for a good time on the first day of 1914. The game was hotly contested for 20 minutes, then during the intermission the crowd witnessed a speed contest for a distance of 600 yards. The race for men was won by Mr. Baarstad with Mr. Haberg a close second. The race for boys was won by Ernest Huntley and second place was won by Myron Personius. The races were followed by the last half of the hockey game which ended with the score of 4 to 2.

After the game the entire crowd skated to Chautauqua Park where there was smooth ice clear of snow and witnessed a fine exhibition of figure skating by D. W. Clark and Prof. Biles of the High school. Mr. Clark carried off the honors in this event.

Next came a quarter mile race which was won by Carl Norgaard. Hilbert Sanberg and Oliver Aas winning second and third places respectively. This was followed by the last event of the day, a speed contest from Chautauqua Park down to the railroad bridge at the end of Front street. This was a good distance for a test of speed.

It was won by Carn Norgaard, Oliver Aas taking second place.

Miss Broomall of the Normal school faculty decorated the winners of the various contests with blue and red ribbons, as marks of distinction in those events.

Snow had begun to fall when the last event closed. Everyone went home tired but happy, feeling glad that perhaps the last skating day for the winter had been a grand good time and that he had a part in the fun.

It was an inspiring sight to see both sides of the river lined with eager spectators, big and little watching the contests. It was a more inspiring sight to see all of that eager throng streaming up the ice to Chautauqua Park and back again. Every stroke of the skates and every breath of that pure air was adding vigor and health to the hundreds of people who made up the throng.

Valley City should take the lead of progressive cities in North Dakota and erect a municipal skating rink where everybody could sakte regardless of the weather. We should have a place for skating, for ice hockey, and for curling and other sports.

Who will take steps to give the city such a place? Someone should start the movement.

Richland Farmers' Club Hold Meeting

SATURDAY, JANUARY 3, 1914.

The Richland Farmers club held a very successful meeting yesterday at the spacious home of Hans Skramstad about eighty people being present. The subject under discussion was the matter of the consolidation of the "Rural schools". The speaker was School Inspector MacDonald and Prof. Hollis of the Agricultural college.

There is a strong sentiment in that community for the consolidation of the schools and the matter will probably be voted upon at the next election. A big dinner was served and the next meeting arranged for which will be held at the hall in Nome.

There will be an examination for applicants for civil service positions (male and female) at the Valley City postoffice January 24th. The positions offered is that of carrier. Applicants must be 18 years of age and in good health.

Valley City Girl Wins Heart of Melba

MADAM OFFERS ASSISTANCE AND INVITES YOUNG ARTIST TO EUROPE. MISS KATHRYN ENSEY WINS RECOGNITION.

The following taken from two of the Portland dailies and concerns a well known young lady, formerly of Valley City and will undoubtedly be of interest to her many friends and admirers here.

Morning Oregonian, Portland, Ore., Miss Ensey, soprano, recently arrived from North Dakota and who is being prepared for recital work by Robert Boice Carson, sang before Madame Melba, the eminent prima donna, last Thursday. Madame Melba was most enthusiastic about Miss Ensey's voice and personality and said: "Your voice is a soprano of wonderful beauty. I am sure you will be a brilliant success. You ought to go to Europe next Summer and prepare for opera under Gabriel Lapere. I advise strongly careful and sure guidance until your success is assured. Madame Melba offered to help Miss Ensey until she was safely launched on her musical career."

Journal, Portland Ore., Miss Kathryn Ensey, dramatic soprano, had the rare opportunity of singing for Madame Melba, when the famous prima donna, was here during the week, and made such a favorable impression that Madame Melba advised strongly her preparation for opera at once. She suggested that Miss Ensey come to Paris next summer, where she would be glad to see her and help her all she could. Miss Ensey will be presented in recital soon by Robert Boice Carson.

WEDDING AT ORISKA.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 2, 1914.

Rev. J. F. L. Bonhoff went to Oriska yesterday morning where he later performed the marriage of Arvin Roethke of Tower City to Miss Carrie Nicole of Cuba Township. The ceremony was performed at the home of the bride's parents Mr. and Mrs. Julius Nicolle. Only the relatives of the contracting parties were present. The groom is a prosperous business man of Tower City where the young folks will begin housekeeping at once.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the 5th annual meeting of the stockholders of the Right Price Mercantile Co., will be held at the office of the company in Valley City, North Dakota in the Robt. Anderson store building on the third Tuesday in January, being January 20th, 1914, at the hour of 10 o'clock in the forenoon of that day for the purpose of selecting directors for the ensuing year and for the doing of any business that may be properly transacted by the stockholders.

Dated this January, 1914.
—Charles L. Peterson,
Sec. Right Price Mercantile Co.

Boy Snares a Gopher Almost Last Day of Year

Several people here have gone to California to spend the winter, while others have gone to Cuba and other so-called warmer climates, but it remained for North Dakota to show the real summer weather. Onl yesterday a boy, Harold Johnson, a young son of J. V. Johnson, connected with the Gray Department Store, snared a gopher in the yard of their home. The little gopher appeared to be very much alive and was evidently bent on securing a winter lunch when he inadvertently ran into the trap that had been prepared for him by the boy.

This has been a great winter and so summer like that trees are disposed to bud out and all animal life is in motion. It is reported on the best of authority that one fellow just a few miles from Valley City over the line in Minnesota saw several full grown snakes in active operation. He even stated that some of the snakes had wings and other peculiarities that could only be developed by unusual weather conditions.

Mrs. Stowell of Valley City, her daughter Helen and Edith, the latter teachers in the Valley City schools, her daughter Ruth from Harvey, where she teaches, and another daughter, Mrs. F. W. Hughson, from Russthorpe, Sask., are all here celebrating Christmas with her daughter, Mrs. Roy Vance and family.—Enderlin Independent.

Clifford Jayberg of Sanborn was a New Year guest at the C. N. Rhodes home.

MEXICAN FEDERAL ARMY MAY RUSH ACROSS AMERICAN BORDER

Wounded Cry for Safety---River Edge Is Lined With Wounded Seeking Safety.

Presidio, Tex., Jan. 2.—The northern division of the federal army at Ojinaga, Mexico, with its 11 generals and 4,000 soldiers after a merciless three days' attack by General Ortega's 8,000 rebels, appear on the verge of fleeing in disorder across the river into the United States.

It is believed the battle, attended by the most horrifying scenes of dead and wounded, has but one ending in store, the flight of the whole federal army to American soil. With deserters already appearing in numbers, Major McNames, commanding the border patrol, is making plans in anticipation of a federal flight.

A careful estimate places the wounded at 1,000. Most of the wounded were left on the battlefield. Scores of federal deserters who crossed the river were disarmed and forced back to the Mexican side.

It is impossible to learn the number of dead, but it is believed to be large. It is believed many died from lack of medical attention.

Shots reached the American side but no damage was done. Should all the Federals cross into the United States they will be disarmed but might be permitted to remain on grounds of humanity after being placed under temporary arrest.

The battle at Ojinaga, a mile back from the river, proceeded uninterruptedly with the Federals confined in and fighting from the abode huts in the village, while the rebels, always drawing closer, fired artillery from the hills and approaches.

Soon after daylight the federals made a desperate attempt to rally. They even extended the line of firing outward but this brought only increasing firing by the rebels, sending the defenders back to the inner defenses. Thereafter the relative position of the opposing forces remained much the same with General Ortega driving in shot and shell from three sides, while the Federals fired from what vantage points they had within the city.

Never in border history has there been a scene quite equal to that presented by the federal wounded and deserters scrambling to reach the United States, while from their rear still poured a parting shower of shells and bullets.

The river's edge is a ragged fringe of smoke, begrimed, maimed and half naked soldiers crying from the pain of wounds and rushing pell-mell into the river, drinking the muddy water and all begging the Americans on the opposite side for shelter from the horrible turmoil from which they had fled.

BEES.

When the hives are well distributed in a certain space their inmates may be more easily handled. It seems to improve the disposition, especially if there are some trees or shrubs about it. Robbing is not prevalent either, and the absence of that always helps to make bees better natured.

A good fall flow of honey is not an unmixed good, for careful trials have shown that there is a superabundance of pollen grains in this honey which does not make it the most desirable for winter stores, and the presence of the pollen has a tendency to bring on dysentery with the bees, especially if they are wintered in the cellar without an occasional cleansing flight, which the outdoor winter protected bees have. This is a mighty good argument in favor of wintering bees outdoors.

Some people do not seem to understand that there is a mail box placed at the crossing east and west of the N. P. depot for the convenience of those who are late in getting their mail into the post office. Each mail train stops and takes on mail from these boxes. This is a very convenient arrangement but should not be abused. Mail all letters at the post office excepting when late and then place in the box on the side of the depot block in which direction the letter is going.

CALLED HOME EARLY.

Miss Mary Hudson returned from her home at Paynesville, Minn., on Tuesday, to attend the funeral and do honor to her friend Mrs. L. G. Moultrie.

Miss Ida Johnson of Moorhead, Minn., is visiting in town the east of Times-Record Want Ads. bring results. Mrs. E. Hanson.

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