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LOCAL K. OF P. LODGE TO PUT ON BIG MINSTREL PRODUCTION

Best Talent in City Secured For Home Talent Affair-- Many New and Unique Features Assured for Night of February 5th, at Armory

Following out their plans for the most progressive year in the history of the lodge, Valley City Lodge No. 26, Knights of Pythias will, on the night of February fifth, put on what is expected to be the biggest and most successful minstrel show ever seen in Valley City.

The plans for the performance have been brewing for two months, the membership has been searched for talent, and when it was found that the local branch of the order has a membership which in musical talent cannot be excelled, unequalled in Valley City, it was decided to go ahead with the production.

A unique feature of the entertainment will be the fact that none but K. of P. members will take part. Charming chorus girls, in dainty ball gowns will be seen in many kinds of fancy dancing and singing, but they will be members of the lodge, selected for their beauty of face and form. Stalwart "cullud men" will occupy the end seats, but they will be business and professional men of the city, putting aside their austere dignity for an evening, to give the public some hearty laughs. Masculine song birds will be introduced from time to time during the program, grave and reverend business men will dance the Highland fling, give bewitching examples of the old plantation "breakdown" or convulse the audience with Irish and Dutch dialogue.

"Local hits" will be the order of the evening, with satirical farces, and burlesques, and jokes will be uncocked like the popping of champagne bottles.

A splendid array of talent has been secured. As interlocutor, Wm. McPherson will hold the center of the stage. On the ends, as black face comedians, and to season the affair will be a formidable array consisting of Dr. Pray, Dr. Macdonald, Lee Combs, A. P. Paulson, D. S. Ritchie and Paul Featherstone.

The chorus, while not yet complete will contain such names as N. A. Johnson, Thorkelson, Aamoth, Hunt, Zimmerman, Chilberg, Fred Jacobson,

Staples, Wickstrom, Buttrey, Vic Swanson, King, Frederickson, Thos. Smith, W. W. Smith, Henry Sampson, Neustadter, T. S. Henry, West, Wm. Steuwig, Dr. Roberts, Otto Neumann, C. K. Otto, and Jim Dally. From time to time further plans will be announced as they are worked out, but it is safe to say that the Valley City public can well look forward to a real treat when the performance is put on. An orchestra composed entirely, or largely of, lodge members, will furnish the music for the evening. The show itself will be under the general direction of L. P. Hyde of this city.

GILL BROS. DOUBLE FLOOR SPACE BIG STORE

Gill Brothers have leased the building adjoining that in which they are now located and will use that in connection with the present location for a large general store. In the few months that they have been here, they have made many acquaintances and established a reputation for square dealing, that has brought to their store such an amount of business that they have outgrown their present quarters. On or about February 15, the adjoining building known as the Lee building will be ready for occupancy an arch having been cut between the two buildings and the new store will give them a floor space of 60,000 square feet. The new part will be devoted exclusively to women and children's read-to-wear garments. The gentlemen who own this splendid store have had a broad experience in buying and handling merchandise of almost every description and are in line to offer goods at prices that are speaking loudly for a large increase in business. We note that there is evidence of great popularity on the part of the gentlemen behind this store and there is no doubt but that either will warrant the extension of their business.

There will be still another picture show established in Fargo. The new proprietors have gone to Chicago to buy their fixtures and equipment. It will be in the old Sons of Norway building.

A bullet headed man is not necessarily a military tactician.

SHEYENNE VALLEY NOTES.

Peter A. Anderson was a Daily shopper last Tuesday.

Eddie Aas was a visitor with Gust Collins last Sunday evening.

Herman Luddika was a business visitor in Valley City one day last week.

Carl Hendikson was a visitor with Magnus Monson last Monday.

Oscar E. Aas and H. M. Hanson were shoppers at Daily last Monday.

Miss Lina Hagen visited with Miss Christine Olson last Sunday evening.

G. O. Aas transacted business in Kathryn last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Adcock and family were visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Mandius Monson and family last Sunday.

Oscar E. Aas was helping John F. Henrikson last Tuesday afternoon hauling hay.

John F. Henrikson and Ole Hagen were visiting with Fritz Olstad last Sunday evening.

Gust Collins was a business visitor in Valley City last Monday.

Herman Luddika was a visitor with Oscar E. Aas last Sunday evening.

School board meeting was held last Tuesday afternoon at Martin Thoreson's home.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Hanson were visited with Mr. and Mrs. Peter Larson and family last Wednesday afternoon.

Jens Henrikson was over to Mandius Monson's place last Thursday and got a load of feed ground.

Joe Rivines was a visitor with Ole W. Thoreson and Harry Davidson last Friday afternoon.

Axel Gregerson and Ole Hagen were at Daily last Thursday shopping.

Mrs. Johanna Henrikson visited with Mrs. Peter A. Anderson last Wednesday afternoon.

Harry Davidson was a Kathryn visitor last Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Peter Gregerson visited with Mrs. Johanna Henrikson last Wednesday evening.

Peter A. Anderson was in Kathryn last Thursday after a load of coal.

Mr. and Mrs. Gayhart Gregerson and family of Valley City were visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Peter Gregerson and family one day last week.

Joseph Stevens was a visitor in Kathryn a couple of days last week.

Some of our young people were taking in the Jeffries Electric Show at Kathryn last Thursday evening.

Mrs. Martin Thoreson and son Ole were shoppers at Kathryn last Monday.

Fritz Olstad was busy a couple of days last week hauling wheat to Valley City for K. A. Bonhus.

Carl Henrikson went to Fargo one day last week for medical treatment.

Casper Haakenson returned home last Monday from Fargo after a week spent down there.

Miss Marie Henrikson spent one evening last week with Mrs. Christian Mickelson.

Sheyenne Valley Medical Association Holds Meeting

The members of the Sheyenne Valley Medical Association held a meeting in Valley City on Friday evening in the Commercial Club rooms, this being their regular quarterly meeting. Dr. C. E. Spicer gave a very interesting talk before the association on "Vienna," where he recently studied. There was election of officers for the coming year and the new officers are as follows: Dr. W. C. Nolte, Daze, president; Dr. C. E. Spicer, Valley City, vice president; Dr. S. A. Zimmerman, Valley City, secretary and session the members of the organization adjourned to the Rudolf Cafe, where supper was served. The local organization holds its meetings every two weeks, and has most interesting programs.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT OF FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS

Mrs. Ellor C. Ripley, the assistant superintendent of schools of Boston, Mass., is chairman of the Education Department of the General Federation of Women's Clubs. One of the lines of work that Mrs. Ripley is urging is the elimination of illiteracy in the United States. She has sent the following letter to the state presidents of the Federated Clubs in each of the 48 states:

Boston, Mass., Jan. 3, 1915. To the Presidents of the Federated Clubs of States.

My Dear Madam President: There is perhaps no larger service possible to our great organization than the elimination of illiteracy from our self-governed nation.

About five and a half millions of our ninety-two millions of people cannot read or write. In some states there are hundreds of thousands of illiterates and even in Iowa which has the best record the percent of illiteracy is one and seven tenths—that is for every thousand people of the state there are seventeen who cannot read. In the country at large the last census, 1910, showed over two and a quarter millions of men of voting age unable to read.

Illiteracy is not confined to race or section. Boston had 24,000 illiterates in 1910, Pittsburgh 26,000 and Baltimore 29,000.

Because of the serious nature of this condition, the Department of Education asks your able assistance in acquainting your clubs with facts in regard to it. Under date of December 12, 1914, I sent to the chairman of the Education Department of your state a chart showing the rank of your commonwealth as compared with other states, and also its percent of illiteracy. We also suggested:

1. Presenting to clubs of the state the individual cruelty and social menace of illiteracy.
2. Persuading the women of your state to join those of other states in a campaign to eliminate illiteracy from the country.
3. Pointing out that adults under proper conditions learn to read quickly.

The Department of Education believes that you can render a great and important service in informing your clubs of the work to be done in regard to illiteracy and in urging them to some concrete effort to give all citizens of your state an opportunity to read. In North Dakota there are 31 illiterates for every thousand inhabitants.

Will you give this important work your strong presidential support speaking to clubs of the need and suggesting practical work to reduce illiteracy in your state?

The Courier-News says: Rumors are circulated that there will be some big rumpuses in the city during the Grain Growers' convention. It is said one speech by a man of more than statewide fame will be a sizzling attack upon the state administration, that the farmers are perfecting a plan to set forth their opinion of George L. Nelson's prosecution, and that the Equity Co-operative exchange is about to have one big row within its ranks which may burst forth before the week is over. As to the truth of these rumors the Courier-News saith not—only they are spoken about town and if true will give spice to the week.

The farm house of Chester Boynton near Lemon burned to the ground.

WEST PRAIRIE.

Mrs. Carl Johnson and Mrs. Ed. Olson visited with Mrs. Selbo last Wednesday.

The school board of Dist. 40 held their meeting at Selbo's last Tuesday. H. J. Peterson and family have returned from their visit in Minnesota. Thomas Skorpen left for the Twin Cities on Saturday.

Conrad Selbo spent Sunday in Valley City.

Olaf Selbo was a county hub caller on Wednesday.

The Skandia Farmers Club had their meeting at Charlep Elm's last week.

Olaf Skonard made a short call at willowdale farm Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Olaf Selbo visited with Mr. and Mrs. Peterson on Sunday.

The Willing Workers will hold their meeting with Hazel Erickson next Saturday.

SHEYENNE VALLEY NOTES.

G. O. Aas was in Kathryn last Wednesday with a load of wheat.

Casper Haakenson, Oscar E. Aas and John F. Henrikson were visitors with Alfred Anderson last Saturday evening.

Alfred Anderson took a load of barley to Kathryn last Saturday.

The Fairdale town council at its first meeting of the year contracted for the purchase of two chemical fire engines and is organizing a department of fire fighters with a view to securing a material reduction in the present excessive rate of insurance.

Don't give advice that you wouldn't take yourself.

NEW NORTH DAKOTA CORPORATIONS

Thomas Hall, Secretary of State, reports the following new corporations, organized in the state, for which charters have been granted out of his office from Jan. 1st to Jan. 15th:

German American Printing Company, Bismarck, Burleigh Co., capital stock, \$25,000; incorporators, J. H. Wishek, John F. George both of Ashley and Jacob Rothscher, Gladstone, N. D. Filed Jan. 2.

The Slope County Banker's Abstract Company, Amidon, Slope County, capital stock, \$10,000; incorporators Theo. Torbenson, A. H. Torbenson and J. W. Lee, all of Rhame. Filed Jan. 8.

The E. C. Rude Company, York, Benson County, capital stock, \$25,000; incorporators, E. C. Rude, John O. Gillickson, both of York and Chas. T. Studness, Churches Ferry. Filed Jan. 11.

The McConkey Commercial Company, Bismarck, Burleigh County, capital stock, \$25,000; incorporators, J. A. McConkey, Terry, Mont., J. K. Doran, Thos. W. Sanders both of Bismarck, N. D. Filed Jan. 12.

Slope County State Bank, Amidon, Slope County, capital stock, \$10,000; incorporators, J. F. Brodie, Dickenson, N. D., Cornelius Williams, J. M. Moes both of Taylor, N. D. Filed Jan. 11.

ARTHUR HOILAND ACCEPTS GOVERNMENT POSITION

The following from the Eugene, Ore., Register, concerns a nephew of John Hoiland and Mrs. Harry Jones and will be of local interest:

Arthur Hoiland, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Hoiland, 1375 Sixth avenue west, will leave Eugene in a few days for Washington, D. C., where he has a civil service position as stenographer for the navy department.

Mr. Hoiland took the examination some time ago and notice of his appointment came during the past week. He is now preparing to leave to take up his new duties. The position is a good one for a young man and there is a chance for advancement in the department.

DR. HILL NORMAL SCHOOL GUEST THROUGHOUT WEEK

TO SPEAK EACH DAY AT GENERAL EXERCISES AND TO FACULTY EACH EVENING.

Dr. Joseph H. Hill, former president of the State Normal school at Emporia, Kansas, later occupying the Chair of Education in Boston University, will be the guest of the State Normal school here all this week. Dr. Hill comes here in keeping with a policy of the local school to bring to its student body and faculty membership each year one of the country's leading educators. He will address the students at the general exercises each day, throughout the week, at the faculty each afternoon at 4:30, on some of the important phases of Education.

Besides being a graduate of the school of which he was destined to become president, Dr. Hill was educated at Northwestern University. He began his teaching career in 1876. From 1887 to 1906 he occupied the Chair of Latin at the Emporia Normal school, becoming president of that institution in the latter year. Since 1913, he has occupied the Chair of Education at Boston University.

Dr. Hill has been prominent in state and national educational circles, having held the presidency of the Kansas State Teachers' Association and the vice-presidency of the National Educational Association.

On Thursday evening, Dr. Hill will be the guest of honor and principal speaker at a faculty banquet to be held in the department of domestic science.

Citizens are cordially invited to hear Dr. Hill's lecture at the general exercises this week. Exercises will begin at 11:15.

Students at Fargo college are making an effort to have a course in anatomy given the second semester and already nine have signed for the course. It was not given this past half year because there was not sufficient demand.

THE "PRUDENT MAN" HIDES HIS MONEY IN OUR BANK



We wish to point out that not only is your money absolutely safe when behind our thick walls and strong locks, but also that the GOOD NAMES of men of high standing and financial responsibility are also behind our bank.

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S. Mason, Vice-Pres. J. E. Jones, Asst. Sec'y

NORTHERN SEED COMPANY MAILING 45,000 CATALOGS

Situated a little to one side of the main business section of the city are the offices and warehouses of the Northern Seed Company. On account of its location few of our citizens realize just how far-reaching their business is. Catalogs are sent to practically every town in North Dakota and adjoining states. Requests for catalogs have recently been received from as far east as Massachusetts, south as far as Arkansas and west to the Pacific Coast States. The name of Valley City will again be before thousands of people.

The catalog this year is an attractive book of 84 pages filled with matter of particular interest to farmers, gardeners and lovers of trees and flowers. The Northern Seed Company's office is a busy one this week as they are preparing 45,000 of these catalogs for the mail.

Not only is it a great undertaking for the Seed Company to get these catalogs into the mail, but the Times Record shops have had their share of the work. The entire catalog is manufactured and printed in this office including the colored cover pages. It will no doubt surprise many of our readers to know that a local shop is capable of doing this class of high grade work.

In talking with the Northern Seed Company's officials they state that they have received more requests for catalogs and quotations on seeds to date this year than any corresponding date of previous years. Both Manager Cox and Secretary Kelsey believe that this year is going to be a good one for their Company.

The American National Bank
VALLEY CITY, N. D.

Capital - \$50,000.00
Surplus and Profits - \$28,075.00

JAMES GRADY, President
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H. C. AAMOTH, Cashier
A. C. THORKELSON, Asst. Cash

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