THE CITY

Conductor Thos. Blewett, accompanied by Mrs. Blewett, of Sanborn, were Valley City visitors Friday evening between trains.

Miss Jessie Thorkelson, of the county auditors' office, returned to the city Friday evening from Southheart, N. D., where she has been spending a couple of weeks visiting with her brother, B. J. Thorkelson, and family. Mr. Thorkelson is a former resident of Valley City.

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Matt Maresh gave them a surprise Wednesday evening, at the home of John Maresh. A nice supper was served at 6:30. After supper games and cards furnished social diversion. As a rememberance of their friends a set of dishes was presented to the worthy couple. They will move from Getchell Prairie and reside on the Frank Towne farm south of Valley City.

Hon. Sam Aandahl, of Litchville, was a visitor in Valley City Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Veblen have as their guest at their home on Sixth avenue, Mr. Veblen's sister, Miss Veblen, of Stillwater, Minn.

C. G. Moore, of Detroit, Minn., returned to his home Thursday, after a day's visit in Valley City at the home of his son C. E. Moore on Woodland avenue.

The O. O. club met with Mrs. Switzer Thursday evening. A large amount of work was done on fancy articles for their sale, which will occur a short time before Easter.

Wimbledon News: The election in Uxbridge was a very quiet affair, only 11 votes being cast, as most of the officers hold for two years and their terms had not expired. Peter Rumer was elected to the board of trustees for three years and T. E. McMillan was elected justice.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Veblen and baby, of Minneapolis, are new arrivals in Valley City, and Mr. Veblen will be with the Myhro & Aldahl Co., on Main street. They are at present making their home with Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Veblen until they can find a suitable house.

The students of the seventh grade of the Ritchie school were pleasantly entertained Friday evening at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Hedstrum on West Front street, Rudolf Hedstrum being host to the members of his class, with Miss Brewster as teacher. Games and guessing contests were the amusements provided and the home was decorated in the St. Patrick colors. At the close of the evening lunch was served, and the St. Patrick colors and favors were used. Mrs. Hedstrum was assisted in serving by her daughter, Miss Laura. The Young people left for their homes at an early hour, declaring they had never spent a pleasanter evening.

Walter H. Jorissen, formerly of Oriska, has recently made his home in our city. Mr. Jorissen is an insurance agent for the Pioneer Life of Fargo.

Hans Stenshoel has purchased the barn known as the court house barn for the sum of $50, and let the contract for moving the barn to Ed Wyttenbach, who moved the same to the Stenshoel farm south of town. Mr. Stenshoel and his family expect to move very soon to the farm for the summer.

Miss May Louis, of Monitor, Alberta, Can., is visiting with Miss Helen Woulpers at present.

The Child's Welfare club held a pleasant meeting Friday evening at the residence of Mrs. Ward Fritch. There was a good attendance at the meeting and Dr. C. E. Spicer gave a fine talk on "The Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat." Following the address, questions were asked on this subject, which were answered by Dr. Spicer. Mrs. Ray Bassett told the mothers about some rote songs to be taught to the children. After the program light refreshments were served by the hostess. The place for the next meeting was not decided upon, but will be announced later.

Mrs. J. Van Houten entertained a group of friends Friday afternoon at her home on Euclid avenue. Twelve ladies spent the afternoon at playing 500, after which a delicious lunch was served by the hostess. It was a St. Patrick's party, the rooms being decorated in green and white, and the same colors were carried out in the lunch appointments. Following the card games Mrs. Persons received a bunch of carnations having the highest score.

John Knauf, one of the leading attorneys of Jamestown, was here Monday to attend court.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Green, of Leal, spent Sunday with their niece, Miss Mary Boynton.

Pat Hyland is in Minneapolis this week, where he went to spend a few days with Mrs. Hyland, who is visiting with relatives in the Twin Cities.

E. D. Grant of Courtenay, who is a member of the Farmer's Mercantile Co. of that place, spent Sunday in Valley City. Mr. Grant returned to Courtenay Monday morning.

F. C. Garst, representing the Miller Player piano, came in Sunday morning from Kenmare, where he was looking after the business of his company for ten days past.

F. G. Chambard, representing the Minneapolis Iron Co., left on the early train Monday morning for points west on the Soo.

Jule Nagel, the popular editor of the Forbes Republican, spent Saturday with his mother and brother here. Mr. Nagel is giving the people of Forbes a splendid paper, and they appreciate the fact.

Misses Martha and Augusta Hackbrath were Sunday visitors in the country with their sister, Mrs. Neustaedter.

Miss Lou Simons left Saturday over the Soo for a visit at Rogers, returning Monday.

F. C. Clark, of Minneapolis, was an arrival in Valley City Monday morning to attend the meeting of the Northern Briquetting Co., held in Valley City Monday. While here Mr. Clark is a guest at the home of his brother, D. W. Clark, of the North Dakota Mutual Insurance Co.

Miss Eva Bailey, of Gray's department store, returned to the city Saturday evening from Dazey, where she has been visiting with friends for the past couple of weeks.

Miss Laura Benson was hostess Friday evening to a number of her friends at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Sim Mason. Cards formed the entertainment for the evening, after which a delicious lunch was served.

Miss Cora Halverson, of Columbia avenue, is spending the week at her farm home near Leal.

Cashier D. O. Bye, of the Merchants' bank of Fingal, was a county seat visitor Friday and reports the merchants and business institutions of his own town getting ready for a rush of business this season.

Prof. Hollis visited the Pillsbury and Baldwin consolidated schools Wednesday. Miss Wood is the principal of the Pillsbury school and Miss Fridd is a teacher in the Baldwin school. Both ladies are graduates of the Valley City Normal.

The members of the Degree of Honor held a pleasant meeting Thursday evening in the Odd Fellows' Hall. There was a good attendance and following the regular business session Mrs. Algeo read the report of the recent district convention held at Cooperstown in February. The ladies of the Degree of Honor are planning to give a dancing party on April 15, and are busy making elaborate preparations for that event.

Mrs. Bertha Roth returned to her home at Casselton Wednesday evening after several days visit in Valley City with her daughter, Mrs. Herman Stern, and her niece, Mrs. Leo Straus.

Mrs. Pete Seaberg has been confined to her home with illness since before the holiday season, suffering from Rheumatism, Miss Buchstad, a niece of Mrs. Seaberg, is visiting in the city from Chicago, and is making an indefinite stay here, owing to the illness of her aunt.

Mrs. George Selvig and children were arrivals in Valley City Sunday evening and visited here until Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Selvig's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Sollin, on Elizabeth street. Mrs. Selvig and children were en route to Fergus Falls to visit at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Sherping, Mrs. Sherping being a sister of Mrs. Selvig.

Mrs. E. M. Lavery has been confined to her home on Tenth avenue during the past week owing to illness, but is feeling somewhat improved the past few days, which will be good news to her many friends.

Mrs. E. E. Pinkham, of Maddock, N. D., arrived in Valley City Wednesday evening for a few days' visit with her daughter, Mrs. Burl Carr, at the Hotel Rudolf.

L. E. Bisney has returned to Valley City from Aberdeen, S. D., where he has been making a three week's business trip in the interests of the Northwest Nursery Co. Mr. Bisney reached home from Aberdeen Monday evening.

Miss Ella Bardahl, of Barrett, Minn., is visiting at the hime of Mr. and Mrs. Olaf Larson. She expects to remain in our city about two weeks. Miss Bardahl is one of Mrs. Larson's sisters.

Mrs. Arleigh Miller and little daughters expect to leave Thursday evening for Minneapolis, where they will make their home in the future. Mr. Miller will remain here until April 1, when he will resign his position at the First National Bank to accept a position in the office of the Russell-Miller Milling Co. at Minneapolis.

Miss June Briggs, of Delevan, Wis., who has been spending the past several weeks in Valley City, and who was called here owing to the recent illness of her father, Ed. Briggs, left Tuesday morning for Fort Ransom, N. D., where she will make a visit with the Misses Walker, who reside at that place, and who are well known in Valley City.

A. H. Davidson was a passenger Saturday evening to Casselton, where he visited over Sunday with A. H. Davidson and other friends, returning to Valley City Monday morning.

M. R. Nelson, who travels for the Atwood-Larson Co., arrived in the city Saturday night from the northern part of the state, where he has been attending to matters of business for the past two weeks. Mr. Nelson left again Monday morning for Baker, Mont., in the interest of the company he represents, and expects to be gone a couple of weeks or more.

Twenty ladies were present Monday afternoon at a meeting of the L. L. club at the residence of Mrs. J. J. Engen on Maple avenue. The afternoon was spent at sewing and at 5 o'clock Mrs. Engen served a delicious lunch. The next meeting of the club will be held in two weeks, and the place of meeting will be announced at a later date.

Pearl Bublitz, the little daughter of Rev. Bublitz, underwent a successful operation Thursday at the Riverside hospital, and the many friends of the family will be pleased to learn that the little girl is doing very nicely.

E. H. Dummer, editor of the Northern Farmer at Bismarck, spent Friday in the city.

Mrs. Emil Hanson and daughter, Mrs. Harry Peterson, of Detroit, Mich., arrived in our city last Friday. Mrs. Harry Peterson is at the Platou hospital taking treatments. Mrs. Hanson will return home today on No. 4.

Will Moore, who travels for the Armour Co., spent Sunday in the city at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Moore. Sam Moore, who is with the Gamble-Robinson Fruit Co., of Jamestown, was also an over Sunday visitor here, returning Monday.

Mrs. Louis Hanson has as her guest at her home on Third avenue, her mother, Mrs. Clark, of Clear Lake, Minn., who arrived in Valley City Sunday for a ten days' visit or more.

John D. Gray, of the John D. Gray department store, returned to the city Tuesday morning from a several days' business trip to the Twin Cities, where he went in the interests of the store.

Dr. and Mrs. Gabriel, of Enderlin, were Sunday visitors in Valley City and were guests of Dr. and Mrs. Paul Featherstone, of the Sheyenne Apartments. They returned to their home at Enderlin Monday morning.

Dr. A. C. Macdonald, of Fingal, was a visitor in the city the fore part of the week, coming up with Joseph Kretchner and his little boy, who was operated on Tuesday at the Riverside hospital.

Jack Yule was an arrival in the city Tuesday evening from Rogers, and spent Wednesday in Valley City.

The farmer pays no house rent, no water bills or such; the cost of bread and "taters" don't interest him much; but those who dwell in city flats and storage fodder eat, are trying to be happy, but it's mostly pure conceit.

THORDENSKJOLD CONSOLIDATES.

School District No. 31 in the township of Thordenskjold voted to consolidate. The Tuesday election showed that out of 115 votes 64 were favorable and 53 were against the proposition.

SPENT WINTER IN FARGO.

John Logan and son Wilbur, of Rogers, spent Friday in Valley City, being en route to their home near Rogers from Fargo, where they spent the winter. Mr. Logan is a well known pioneer Barnes county farmer.

"WELCOME WEEK" AT THE BIG DEPARTMENT STORE

Gray's Department Store, on another page, advertise a week of big values for the people of Barnes county, to begin Saturday. It is really eight days of great bargains and you will do well to see them.

NOME ELECTS HER OFFICERS.

Election returns from the village of Nome return the following as village officers for the ensuing year: Trustees, B. A. Brorby, Joe LaGesse, Ed. Onstad, Paul Johnson and Sigrud Thompson. Marshal, Frank King. The proposition of creating a special school district out of the village of Nome and the territory embraced in District No. 36 was carried by a vote of 64 to 3.

RESERVATION WILL BE THROWN OPEN MAY 9.

Sioux City, Ia., March 20.—Standing Rick Indian Reservation has been opened to settlement, according to word from the interior department at Washington. The reesrvation is both in North and South Dakota. The old lottery system, as at the opening of the Rosebud and other reservations, will not be used, the department stated. The land will be opened from May 3 to May 9, and filing may be made on the latter date. In the event of more than one applicant for the same piece of land, contestants will draw lots.

In North Dakota the filings will be made at Bismarck, and in South Dakota at Timber Lake. There are 1,300,000 acres in the reservation, but after the state has taken its share, and with the Indian allotments made, there remains 300,000 acres for settlement.

39,000 Acres in North Dakota.

Washington, D. C., March 20.—President Wilson has approved the opening to settlement of several thousand acres in the Standing Rock reservation in South and North Dakota, to be disposed of under the homestead laws. After the two states have made selection to which they are entitled there will remain 38,000 acres in North Dakota and 47,000 in South Dakota subject to entry.

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The Largest Line of Waists in Valley City

We want to sell you a new pair of Shoes for Easter $3.50 to $5.50

Exceptional Values in Suits

We have specialized this spring in Good Merchandise at low Prices. It is easy enough to get Cheap goods but it is much more difficult to get good reliable merchandise at moderate prices. Buying as we do from so many different manufacturers we have been able to get together a beautiful line of Suits at the very lowest possible prices—in fact for considerably less money than you would have to pay for equally good garments in the Cities. While our suits range in price from $15 to $35 we are showing a handsome line of the season's newest styles and colors at

$20, $22.50, $25 and $27.50

Have you seen the Dresses we are selling at 9.95

BIG FARMS OF THE VALLEY BEING CUT UP

Larimore, N. D., March 22.— With the changes of farming conditions, which has come about during the past few years, methods of farming on the big farms have changed. Land values have continued to rise and the demand for the dividing up of the big farms. A new era of farming, an era of small farms, has come to the Red River valley which has doomed big farming

At Wahpeton the Adams farm has placed 8,000 acres on the market and already a considerable portion of the farm has been sold. The Keystone farm has also been placed on the market and large tracts have been sold in small farm lots and the town of New Mantador has sprung up in the district.

The Elk Valley Farming company is now preparing to follow suit, although along a somewhat different line. Instead of placing the land on the market for sale they have laid off though along a somewhat different line 12 plats, which will be turned into small farms and rented. On each one of these plats will be built a substantial seven or eight room house as well as a barn and such other accessories as must be had on a farm. These plats will consist of from two to four quarter sections.

Building will begin as soon as seeding is finished and by another spring the houses will be ready for occupancy by the renters. The 12 sites are surrounded by trees that are now three years old. There are three rows of trees and two and sometimes three rows of willows, which will serve as a windbreak. The first site is located 1 1-2 miles southwest.

No rental deals will be made until late the coming summer.

There are many reasons for the splitting up of the big farms. In the first place diversified farming cannot be conducted on such a large scale as there is too much land going to waste and competent help cannot be obtained for this class of farming. The hired help of today consists of a class of men who drift from one part of the country to the other, frequenting the harvest fields in summer and the logging camps in winter. Then again the prosperous modern farmer must live on and manage his own farm, as time has demonstrated that hired managers are too disinterested and cannot be depended upon.

The cutting up of the big farms will mean much to North Dakota.

Times-Record want ads. will get what you want. Don't cost much either.

STATE ADVISES AGAINST THE CREAMERY PROMOTER

Bismarck, March 22.—Commissioner of Agriculture and Labor R. F. Flint has received advices that a number of creamery promoters are working in certain sections of the state and, in speaking of the matter he said:

"The dairy department of this state has had a good deal of experience with the creamery promoter, and we find that, almost without exception, the proposition he offers to the farmers and business men of a community is a good thing to keep away from. Their contracts are almost always infinite as to size, capacity and quality of the machinery and the building and the only real water-tight part of the contract is the one that calls for the payment of the money due the concern doing the promoting.

"The dairy department," continued Mr. Flint, "stands ready to assist any community in the state, either by correspondence or by sending a man out, in the organization of a creamery company. Our men are well experienced and do not endorse the starting of a concern unless there is a field for it. In many instances the fake promoter will start a creamery in places where there is not a field and this means that the development of that particular district along creamery lines is set back at least ten years."

Mr. Flint suggests that wherever in the state a person represents himself as being interested in the promotion of a creamery company that the people approached write or wire the dairy department at Bismarck and get a report on the promoter and have one of the office men go out and look over the proposition and assist in the organization. In one or two instances just the fact that an inquiry had been made resulted in the disappearance of the organizer and the community was probably saved a good many thousand dollars as a result of his departure.

Time to paint. This is not intended for the ladies.

FARGO TO HAVE STRONG LEAGUE TEAM THIS YEAR

Fargo, March 18.—Fargo will be represented in the Northern league this year with a strictly Fargo team. This statement is positive and the only thing that will prevent it will be some unforeseen hitch in the transfer of the franchise from Cantillon to the Fargo men who are back of the project. No difficulty in this direction is anticipated.

Fargo will go it alone in league ball and hearty support is back of the project. Instead of representing two cities as it did last year, the team will represent Fargo alone. All games will be played at the fair grounds and everything will be in ship shape in plenty of time before the opening of the season.

FARMERS MASS MEETING

City Hall, Sanborn, N. D., at 2 o'clock p. m., Saturday, April 3. Will be addressed by speakers from the Equity Co-operative Exchange, the Co-operative managers and farmers, also members of the chamber of commerce. We will have such speakers as Geo. S. Loftus and J. L. Killion of the Co-operative Managers and Farmers, also local speakers. We want every farmer and business man to attend this meeting, which is of such great interest to the farmer and business man. Everyone come and bring your family.

It's a good thing for the credulous robin that he had not arrived here March 19.

WANTED—Good girl for general housework on farm, wages $5.00 per week till harvest and $6 during harvest and threshing. Valley City Phone 918X, Rogers Phone 605X. Mrs. S. Fletcher, Rogers, N. D. 17-dwtf

FOR SALE—Tested wilt-resistant flax, N. D. 52, recleaned. Grown on public school farm. $2.50 per bushel, quantities cheaper. Order early. Write or phone G. W. Hanna, Supt. 23-5p-1w

To Automobile Owners

For the past two months our shop has been closed, but now spring is here we are open for business. Now is the time to have your Tires repaired and be ready for the good roads. We are equipped to do Tire Repairing of all kinds at the right prices.

Valley City Tire Repair Co.