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HAVE FAST LINEUP FOR THE K. P. BALL TEAM

"Pa" Lynch Takes Charge of Colts and Reports Good Progress — Boys Deserve Support of the Fans.

Manager Raney has been doing some hustling and is fast getting a good line up for his K. P. team. A. T. Lynch, an ex-Northern league catcher, has been secured. He has been placed in charge of the team and stated this morning the work outs are proving satisfactory and a fast team will soon be rounded out. Much interest is being taken by the young players and already there are several contenders for positions. Captain Lynch is an old head and just what Manager Raney has been looking for. With his coaching and instructions the team is coming fine and all we need now is a little support. A game will be arranged for next week, to be followed with a game-May 25 with the All-American Girls.

It looks as though the boys have the makings of a crackerjack team and there will be plenty doing in the baseball line this summer as a number of the surrounding towns have good teams. Valley City ought to turn out in force to the home games, as a good team is a good advertisement for any city.

Do your best for the K. P. team at every opportunity.

RAILROADS TO ENFORCE OLD RATE ON LIGNITE

Bismarck, May 13.—W. F. Cushing, secretary to the board of railroad commissioners, and J. A. Little, rate expert for the commission, have returned from St. Paul, where they attended the conference at which the matter of the lignite coal rates in the state was discussed by the railroad commissioners and representatives of all of the railroads doing business in the state.

The railroad companies were represented by their attorneys and the vice presidents of the roads as well as the traffic managers. The different phases of the law were discussed and the railroad companies were asked to present their side of the question.

The railroad companies took the stand that, in view of the decision of the United States supreme court, the

maximum coal rate law and all of its provisions is wiped out and the rates in effect before the maximum coal rate law was passed become effective once more.

Should these old rates be reinstated, as the railroads contended that it should be, it would mean an increase of from 30 to 40 per cent on the maximum coal rate, which at this writing is still in effect.

The railroads will advise the railroad commission this week just what they intend to do with regard to putting the old rates into force again and when such rates will be reinstated, but they will take no further steps until the railroad commissioners have had time to give this new phase of the matter due consideration.

The stand of the railroad companies comes as a surprise to the commissioners and the matter is being thoroughly investigated now.

All of the roads represented at this conference admitted that the railroad commission has full power to make and regulate intra-state rates and there will be no future contention on this point.

It was agreed by all concerned in the conference that at the earliest possible moment a hearing on the coal rate question will be held in this city, to which all miners, shippers and other interested parties will be invited and at which time they will be given an opportunity to be heard. This hearing will probably be held about the middle of June.

Mr. Little was present at the conference and returned with Mr. Cushing to study up on the local rate case. He is admirably fitted for the work, as he was rate expert in the coal rate cases in both state and federal supreme courts and is thoroughly conversant with the matter.

WIMBLEDON POLICE COURT DOES MUCH BUSINESS

Wimbledon News: There was some activity in police court Monday morning, or to be more accurate, all day. On Sunday night a party of four had been making merry with Bacchus, son of Jupiter and Semele, and the entertainer proved too much for the imbibers. Arguments led to combativeness and one Herman Leddig received the worst of the argument. Presently His Nibs appeared on the scene and turned the affair into a surprise party. The next morning warrants were issued by Justice Bascom and after a hearing all pleaded guilty with the following results: Wm. Schlosser, \$10 and costs amounting in all to \$15.85; Ed. Weaver, \$25 and costs equalling \$30.85; I. C. Like, \$5 and costs equalling \$10.85; and Herman Leddig, \$5 and costs equalling \$10.85. All paid the money and were discharged except Leddig who couldn't produce the coin. The judge then suspended his fine upon the condition that he get out of town in 24 hours and stay out. He complied with the order.

Mrs. D. Minogue has returned to the city from Minneapolis to spend the summer here with Mr. Minogue and her son, D. J. Minogue, and the family are located in the Joe Hennig house.

MAY MEETING W. C. T. U. WAS VERY INTERESTING

Friday afternoon, at the home of Mrs. F. P. Stowell, the May meeting of the W. C. T. U. was held. Plans were made for the mid-summer meeting at Chautauqua park when special efforts will be made to entertain all visiting members who are on the grounds.

The program, under the supervision of Mrs. Geo. W. Hanna, was an exceptionally fine one and she presented the matter of public health in a practical and interesting manner. Mrs. W. E. Shrum followed with a fine discussion of charities, outlining a systematic arrangement of such work which would best help those who are in need of help themselves. Thus is now recognized as being the truest form of charity. Both ladies were well informed on their subjects, and the meeting was a very interesting one.

In response to roll call the members gave practical suggestions as to the beautifying of Valley City and it is safe to say that if all could see themselves as others see them there would be a general improvement of the unsightly places in the city, accompanied by the removal of anything that detracts from the beauty of our surroundings. From the interest evidenced in regard to these matters it is manifest that the women have been the moving spirits which have led to the fine appearance of the city this spring; but much yet remains to be done, and citizens need not be surprised at almost any demonstration of the "clean-up" spirit which may be shown in the near future.

The June meeting of the organization will be at the home of Mrs. Lee Cowell, when all members, both active and honorary, are expected to participate in a general good time.

TERMINAL ELEVATOR AT ECKELSON

Sanborn Enterprise: From reliable sources the Enterprise learns that the Powers Elevator Co., will soon commence the erection of a 100,000 bushel capacity elevator at Eckelson. This house will be equipped with cleaning apparatus for cleaning grain in transit, and in all respects it will be a terminal elevator, and means that the grain will be put in the best possible shape before it is shipped out of the state. By doing this all screenings will be kept here where they are of the most value for feeding purposes, thus doing away with the practice of raying freight on screening and receiving no returns for it. Eckelson is to be congratulated.

MRS. ZETTERBERG APPEARS BEFORE A CASSELTON CLUB

Mrs. Otto Zetterberg was a visitor Wednesday at Casselton, where she spent the day and read a paper on "The Scottish Clans," before the Woman's Club of Casselton, which met Wednesday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. M. G. Straus. Mrs. Zetterberg returned to the city Wednesday evening.

Mrs. E. A. Pray has as her guest at her home on North Fifth avenue, Mrs. H. A. Warner, of White Bear, Minn., who arrived in Valley City Thursday evening for an extended visit.

HOW MANY MILES OF ROADS HAVE WE GOT?

Washington, May 12.—The United States department of agriculture is now gathering information which, when complete, should not only give the total mileage of public roads in the United States and their cost, but should serve as a basis for estimating the relative value of the different kinds of highways. Some 15,000 sets of inquiry blanks have already been distributed through the State Highway Commissions, and some of these are now beginning to come back to the Department. Each set consists of four cards.

Of these the first asks for information on the mileage of different classes of roads in the county to which it is sent. The mileage does not include, of course, streets in cities and towns. The roads are divided into 10 classes as follows: brick paved, concrete, macadam with the addition of some substance such as asphalt, oil, or tar, plain macadam, gravel, shell, other hard surfaced roads, sand and clay mixture properly graded and drained, ordinary earth roads properly constructed, and, finally, unimproved roads.

The second card asks for information in regard to the tax rate for the roads and the amount of work and money expended on them.

The third blank is concerned with the names of local road officials, and the fourth with facts in regard to the bond issues and the indebtedness of the counties for their road systems.

As there are approximately 3,000 counties in the United States, in many of them of which the mileage

has never even been estimated, it is hardly probable that this preliminary survey will be exact. The department, however, will be able to detect any excessively inaccurate reports for the road mileage per square mile of territory does not vary excessively. Except in desert or undeveloped country less than half a mile of public road to every square mile of territory is rare, while in the most thickly populated rural sections the maximum is no more than two and one-half or three miles. Thus, in France, there is an average for the entire country of 1.76 to a square mile. In Italy, however, this has fallen to .86, possibly on account of the mountainous character of much of the peninsula and of Sicily and Sardinia.

In America the average is approximately .80 miles, which, in view of the fact that much of the country is sparsely settled, seems unduly high. An explanation, however, is to be found in the fact that in many states the law provides that each section line shall be a public road. Thus, for example, there are in the state of Iowa alone more than 104,000 miles of legal highways, manifestly a much larger mileage than is required by traffic.

When the information in regard to the existing roads which the department is now seeking is complete, it is

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the intention to continue the inquiry year after year in order to ascertain the durability and economy of the various kinds of highways. The data thus collected should be useful to road engineers all over the country and it is hoped that county agents and others interested in improvement of agriculture will do their best to facilitate the collection of the desired information.

Buy your tickets to or from Scandinavia via the Scandinavian steamers, the Danish and Norwegian lines. The new route is between the Shetland and Faroe islands, which is about 250 miles north of Scotland, consequently outside the war zone. For further information apply to Elvind Gjerdrum, Valley City, N. D. 27tt

DOCTORS TO DEVILS LAKE NEXT YEAR

Bismarck, May 12.—At its last session yesterday afternoon the State Medical association chose the following officers for the ensuing year: President, Victor H. Stickney, of Dickinson; first vice president, J. La Rose of Bismarck; second vice president, George M. Williamson of Grand Forks; third vice president, E. A. Pray of Valley City; secretary, H. J. Howe of Casselton, treasurer, W. F. Sihler of Devils Lake. The councillors are: A. S. Nicholson of Max, William H. Baldwin of Casselton, G. Golseth of Jamestown, Charles MacLachlan of New Rockford. Delegates to the American Medical association, C. S. Crane of Grand Forks with James P. Aylen of Fargo as alternate; for medical defense, C. N. Callander of Fargo. The names recommended to Governor Hanna for members of the state board are H. O. Altnow of Mandan, B. L. Meigs of Edgely, and H. W. Wautat of Grand Forks. The place of meeting for 1916 will be Devils Lake.

Miss Gertrude McLoughlin arrived Friday evening from Dazey and will spend the week-end here before returning to Dazey, where she is teaching.

Frank Wells returned home from Fargo Saturday morning on No. 3.

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GOLD MEDALS FOR BEST FIELD OF FLAX SEED

Prof. H. L. Bolley, secretary of the North Dakota Improved Seed Growers' association, announces that gold medals will be awarded this year for the growers of the best fields of resistant flax. He says:

"North Dakota improved seed growers and others take notice: As secretary of the North Dakota Improved Seed Growers association, I am authorized to announce that there will be given a very fine gold medal to the North Dakota farmer who grows the finest field of resistant flax. There will be two of these medals—one for the grower who wins, raising the flax on old flax-sick land—and one for the grower who produces the biggest and best crop on land not known to be flax-sick."

"For the purpose of this competition, all lands under cultivation less than five crops will be designated as "new land;" all land which have been under crop more than five years, one year of which has been flax, will be designated as "old land."

"These prizes are to be won on the basis of acreage, yield per acre, quality of seed produced, and the proper saving and storing of the same. The terms relative to this contest and the nature of the gold medal, etc., will be given later."

"These fields will receive special inspection during the time the crop is in boll. As a result, it will be possible to certify to the purity of the seed, making it possible for the grower to reap some added reward subsequent on selling for seed purposes. Over \$200 in cash will be awarded to growers of flaxseed in the flaxseed section of the coming annual seed growers contest."

"Lay out your plans for winning one of these prizes, and some of the cash prizes at the annual contest. It will be wise to arrange the sowing so that you can walk through the field and pull out the weeds, mustard, false flax, Frenchweed, etc. Plug two cups in an 11 foot drill. This leaves paths through which a worker can walk and reach from side to side half way across the intervening strip of flax. It will be possible to purify a large area at spare moments. Pull the weeds when they are in blossom."

"The membership in the North Dakota Improved Seed Growers Association is continually increasing. The work is arousing great interest. I feel sure that if we keep up the good work, North Dakota will have one of the greatest, most important farm organizations to be found in any state."

"How to enter for field contest: Send in your application for entry in field contests early. All those who are not already members of the North Dakota Improved Seed Growers Association should send \$1 entry fee, which will also entitle you to membership in the North Dakota Improved Seed Growers Association. Members should also make application for entry, giving location of field, etc."

HEAVY DUST STORM FRIGHTENED OBERON

Oberon, N. D., May 14.—The worst dirt storm ever experienced here occurred on Monday at about 2:30 p. m. Clouds of inky blackness seemed to be boiling in the west and northwest while volumes of dust rained down upon the town. For five minutes the darkness was that of night and then came rain. Much alarm was felt, children fainted in the school room and general uneasiness prevailed. Very little rain fell and the sun shown again shortly before 6 o'clock.

The storm approached at a great velocity and enveloped the town in darkness but there was no wind until the dust had passed, absolute calm prevailing during the passing of the dust cloud followed by a heavy wind and light rain.

The darkness was more complete for five or ten minutes than at Bismarck in 1910, during the great forest fires in Montana and Idaho. Old inhabitants of Dakota state that nothing like this storm has ever been experienced before.

Mrs. A. Beecher Cox entertained a few friends informally Thursday afternoon at her home on North Fifth avenue. Bridge which formed the entertainment for the afternoon, and Mrs. W. W. Smith received the prize of flowers for having the highest score.

Try a Times-Record Want Ad.

DEVINE TO HEAD REFORM SCHOOL

Mandan, May 14.—J. M. Devine, of Minot, has been here for the last few days familiarizing himself with the routine of the state reform school. It is reported that he will succeed Superintendent Brown on June 1.

Former Governor Devine is now secretary of the state normal board but this office will be abolished when the board of regents bill goes into effect.

Mr. Devine is one of the best known educators of the state. For several years he was superintendent of public instruction, later lieutenant governor and finally governor, when Governor Briggs died in 1898.

WILL DECORATE THE GRAVE OF SITTING BULL

Bismarck, May. 14.—Dr. A. McG. Beede, Episcopal missionary to the Indians of this state, is in the city today and brings with him the news that the lonely grave of Sitting Bull, out on the prairie near Fort Yates, is at last to be fixed up and decorated.

The Fort Yates commercial club, at a recent meeting decided to arrange for the decoration of the grave. This is to be done regardless of any attempt at judging Sitting Bull's justification or non-justification in his resistance to the authority of the United States government, but solely on account of his historic character and because of the fact that his name is so widely known. The decoration of the grave has a purely historic significance.

The club has also decided to urge the matter of securing pensions for Indian soldiers.

UNDER ARREST FOR TREASON TO KING

Jamestown, May 14.—The report has reached Jamestown that Peter Kokott, a former resident of this city and county, is under arrest in Canada charged with treason.

A recent issue of the Lethbridge Herald is said to have contained his name in a list of many others who had been arrested charged with treason against the dominion government and the king. It is believed that Mr. Kokott has strong pro-German views as he is quite vigorous in his language, he may have offended the powers there—during a state of war.

Friends here have wired to Lethbridge for further details in regard to the case. Mr. Kokott makes his home in Alberta, where he has been residing some years. It is said that he has taken out his first papers as a subject of the king—hence the trouble.

FORMER RESIDENTS ARE HERE FOR OVER SUNDAY

Mrs. Olaf Olson and daughter, Marjorie, of St. Paul, are visiting in Valley City, making a week or ten days' stay here en route to their home at St. Paul, from a visit with friends at Bismarck. While here they are stopping at the Hotel Rudolf. Mr. and Mrs. Olson are former residents of this city, and Mr. Olson arrived Friday night from points west to spend Sunday here with family. He represents the Gordon Fur Co., of St. Paul.

Albert Helms and Walter Peterson were visitors in the city Saturday from Lake Benton, Minn.

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