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### Fargo Paper Praises Valley City Educators

Under the heading "Two North Dakota Educational Brochures," the Fargo Courier-News the first of the week gave the following appreciative reviews of two Valley City publications, with mention of two well-respected Valley City educators:

Two well gotten up educational brochures come to our desk from state institutions, and both happen to be mailed from Valley City and are of unusual interest.

The monthly Bulletin of the State Normal school contains the 23d annual report of the scholastic year 1914-15 with the general announcement for next year. It is a beautiful specimen of the printers art, contains some excellent engravings of students, buildings, grounds, etc. There are no more beautiful surroundings than those of the Valley City school, and from the presentation of work and qualifications of the faculty one would think there are no institutions where teachers can acquire a better equipment for their lifework. Dr. G. A. McFarland, the veteran North Dakota educator, loved of the alumni and respected by all has a record which is enviable, or practical achievement and also of maintenance of high ideals. The paragraphs descriptive of the life and spirit of the school are especially interesting.

The State Board of Education issues the Fourth annual report of the State Inspector of Consolidated, Graded and Rural schools for the year ending June 15, 1915. It is full of vital facts and statistics which set forth the growing work of this branch of educational work under the supervision of Prof. N. C. Macdonald.

The Times-Record also appreciates the reference to the character of the work on the books referred to as being "beautiful specimens of the printer's art," seeing that both were done in the regular course of work at this shop.

If you desire more information about Barnes County, write any man or firm whose names appear in this issue. They will be pleased to answer you.

#### PROGRESS IN AGRICULTURAL CLUBS FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

There has been an increase of more than 41,000 in the membership of various boys' and girls' agricultural clubs conducted by the state agricultural colleges and the department of agriculture in the northern and western states. At the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1914, there were 110,077 members in the various club projects in the 33 states covered by this work. At the close of the present fiscal year, June 30, 1915, the membership was 151,194, exclusive of the enrollment in the mother-daughter canning clubs.

This work is being carried on cooperatively in 26 of the 33 states in the northern, central, and western territory by the department of agriculture and the extension departments of the state college of agriculture. In practically every state short courses for boys and girls and special demonstration schools have been held at the colleges and in the field. During the past year 1,557 club members attended the mid-winter courses at the colleges, 968 of these having their expenses paid by local contributions as a recognition of their achievements in club work. Of the 38 club members who, as champions in their states, districts, or counties for 1914, have become recognized as national all-star club members, 31 are now attending high schools, agricultural, or other colleges, three of the remaining seven have already graduated from high school, and one will go to an agricultural college this fall.

Experience has shown that the work in the boys' and girls' clubs can be carried on with even greater success without the aid of large cash prizes and awards. The net profits from the work itself have been found to be the best possible incentive. The members have their attention directed to problems of farm and home management, crop rotation, soil building, etc., and in practically every state in which the work is being carried on a large number of club members are

now working out three and four-year rotations of crops. The profits which they derive from club work they are spending on getting an education, or for purchase of pure bred stock and labor-saving machinery. Many are even buying land and thus acquiring an invaluable sense of dignity and independence.

In the canning work, 938 public demonstrations were held during the year, with a total attendance of 118,367. These demonstrations were held primarily for the club members, but parents were always invited and, as a matter of fact, more than half of those present were grown men and women. One of the great advantages of this club work, indeed, is the fact that it serves to stimulate the parents as well as the children.

#### North Dakota Leads Whole United States

North Dakota leads the United States in composite conditions of all agricultural crops. This information is given out by the national government through the office of the agricultural statistical department of the federal building in Grand Forks. No other state in the union surpasses North Dakota in point of all crop conditions and productions.

North Dakota's crop scored 126.5 per cent as the average. Its nearest competitor is Oklahoma with an average of 126.1 per cent.

Here is how the first five states of the union rank: North Dakota, 126.5; Oklahoma, 126.1; Kansas, 124.5; South Dakota, 122.1; Nebraska, 120.0.

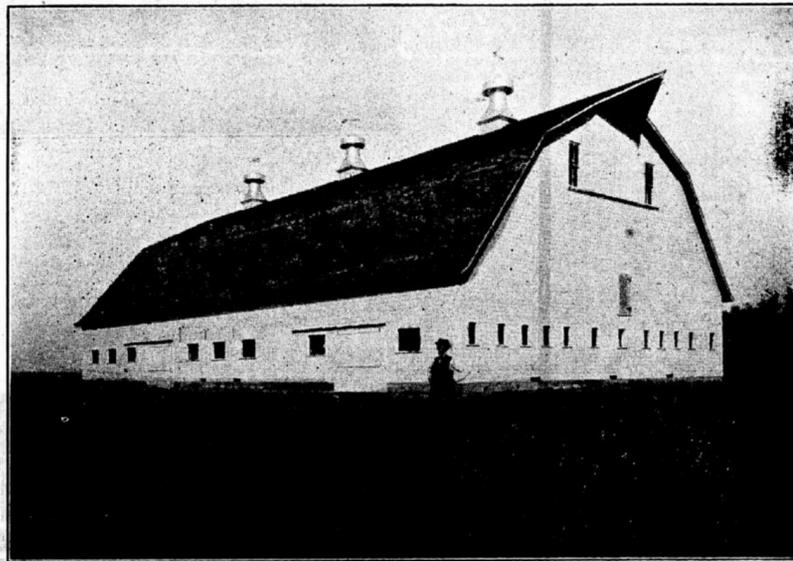
North Dakota raised 13,000,000 more bushels of wheat than any other state in the union.

In the production of oats, this state ranks fifth, with an estimate yield of \$5,962,000 bushels. The barley crop captures third place with a yield only a little less than 2,000,000 bushels short of California's yield, the banner barley state of the union.

Almost half the flax seed raised in the United States is produced in this state. Of the 18,171,000 bushels estimated for this year in the nation, North Dakota will furnish 8,023,000.

If ever any community had reason to invite people to come and enjoy prosperity, North Dakota certainly has. In the words of the boy on the street—"We are there with the goods."

#### UPTODATE BARN IS BUILT IN BARNES COUNTY



One of the most uptodate barns in Barnes county is that just recently finished for the King brothers, who for some years past have been building up a fine herd of cattle at their place south of Valley City. The Times-Record takes pleasure in giving a description and picture of the big structure.

This barn is 58 feet wide and 100 feet long, height of hay loft from floor to peak is 26 feet and will hold about 200 tons of hay. The outside concrete foundation is two feet thick at the bottom and 12 inches at the top of the ground, on this the sills are anchored every few feet. On top of the sills and between the studdings concrete is put in eight inches thick and 12 inches high, thus making a concrete base inside the stable, so that there is no woodwork at the bottom to rot out.

There are 42 concrete footings for posts to carry the upper floor, these footings are three feet at the bottom and two feet at top of ground. One end of the barn is for horses and is all independent from the other part, having a double walled flooring partition and will hold 25 horses. The other part is for cattle, with two feeding alleys and arranged for four rows of cattle and will hold about 70 head. The floors in both the horse and cat-

tle barn are of concrete, in the cattle part the mangers are also of concrete. Stanchions for the cattle are of the newest and best kind of steel. Hay chutes are made to run nearly up to the roof, with doors to swing into the chutes and to use at different heights of the hay in the loft. There are also plenty of large ventilating chutes to bring in fresh air and to take out foul air. The barn is built as strong as possible all through. From all the 6x6 posts upstairs that carry the purlain plate there are strong, long irons running down and fastened to posts below. There are long 2x8 braces running from, and fastening to joist at the outside of the second floor and passing on each side of 6x6 posts and striking and spiked to about the center of the top rafters. The inside walls are of flooring, the ceiling in the whole barn is four inch, beaded on edge and center. All the lumber throughout is of the best kind.

The cattle part of this barn will be filled with full-blooded Aberdeen Angus and Holstein cattle and from this herd a limited number will be sold from time to time.

The working plans for this barn were made by P. O. King, of Eugene, Ore., the father of the King brothers, he also came here to help have it

built in the strongest and best way possible.

#### Potatoes Are Whoppers

In the window of Mason & Pray's office is a display of potatoes that would do credit to Ireland, reputed to be the home of the succulent tuber. There are six of the mammoth beauties and the six tip the scales at 12 pounds. They were raised by Herman Starke at his place northwest of Valley City.

Walum, N. D., Oct. 17.—O. M. Ronglein, whose farm is located less than two miles southeast of here, can easily claim the coveted distinction of being the champion potato raiser of this section of the state. He has just completed digging a crop of tuber beauties which for size and soundness cannot be excelled anywhere. From four acres a total of 1,028 bushels resulted, thus making an average of 257 bushels to the acre. On one quarter acre 99 bushels and 25 pounds were secured. Four of these potatoes weighing five and three-eighths pounds, are on exhibition at the Farmers' State bank here.