

Barnes County Makes Hit at St. Paul Show

St. Paul Dispatch: Judging of the corn in the First National bank corn show started today. Each exhibit contains ten ears.

Prof. R. A. Moore of the University of Wisconsin, who is judging the corn, said that the show is remarkable in view of the poor corn year over the country.

Among the excellent samples judged were the 26 exhibits from Barnes county, North Dakota. This exhibit is in much demand and was entered in the First National show after the one at Valley City closed. It will be entered in the show which opens at Fargo, N. D., on Jan. 8.

St. Paul Daily News: Interest in the big corn exhibit, where more than 10,000 ears are on display, continues daily. The register in the lobby of the bank today showed many registrations of visitors from North and South Dakota, Wisconsin, Montana, Oregon, Idaho and Washington.

An exhibit that is attracting much attention is that from Barnes county, North Dakota. T. M. Lee, secretary Middlewest Loan & Trust Co., Valley City, N. D., who had charge of this exhibit, was in St. Paul Friday.

There are 26 individual entries and the corn is of unusual size and quality. A special sign has been placed over this exhibit.

The corn show, which continues until Dec. 31, is open daily from 8:30 a. m. to 6 p. m. Prof. R. A. Moore, University of Wisconsin, who will do the judging, is expected to arrive Sunday.

St. Paul, Dec. 21.—"The northwestern states have made the most amazing progress in corn raising that can be recalled in the history of the production of this grain in any particular section of the United States," according to Prof. R. A. Moore of the Wisconsin agricultural college, who made the awards for the men's exhibit in the first national cornshow held in the new mammoth Hill railroad building, this city. The trophy cups were given by the First National bank and Northwestern Trust Co.

Prof. Moore said: "Minnesota, the Dakotas, Montana, Idaho, Washington and Oregon have a wonderful future in the production of corn and this means a corresponding progress in livestock raising." There were no sweepstakes, the competition being confined to the districts of the seven states named.

Following are the awards for the North Dakota districts:

District No. 1, first T. L. Walstad, Milton.

District No. 2, first, P. J. Seefeld, Martin; second, A. C. Lewison, Rugby.

District No. 3, first, Matt Weigel, St. Anthony; second, J. Christianson, New Salem.

District No. 4, first, J. L. Ongstrat, Gilby; second, H. L. Ongstrat, Gilby; third, O. Jensen, Grand Forks; fourth, Clarence Spangler, Inkster.

District No. 5, first, E. M. Grannared, Delamere; second, A. J. Tehle, Wapeton; third, Otto Mund, Milnor; fourth, E. R. Fritch, Leal.

A number of young folks went out in the jitney to Getchell school No. 3, in District 6, to attend the box supper and social given Monday night by the pupils of that school, at which Miss Bertha Schroeder is teacher. A good time was enjoyed and the neat little sum of \$30 was netted, which will go toward the purchase of an organ for the school.

DEATH OF J. M. HUMMELL OCCURRED TUESDAY A. M.

Tuesday morning, about 2 o'clock, J. M. Hummell passed quietly from life into death, while his mortal body lay in the repose of peaceful sleep. Mr. Hummell has been hovering on the brink for some time, and his going was not unexpected. The funeral services will occur at the residence on Euclid avenue Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, Rev. Vermilya conducting same. Interment will be made in Woodbine cemetery. A more extended obituary will appear later.

SIBLEY TRAIL

Mrs. Fred Otte and son, Charley, returned home Thursday from Rochester, Minn., where they have been receiving medical treatment.

Miss Kate Weller, returned home Saturday from Dazey, where she has been working the last couple of weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Otto spent Sunday at the C. Schwenger home. James Algeo was a Dazey caller Saturday.

Matt Drise was in town Friday. Miss Alice Sowden spent Sunday with her parents at Valley City.

Innocent Man May Be Serving Prison Term

St. Paul, Dec. 20.—That Frank H. Kethman, serving a life sentence in Stillwater for the murder of Dr. T. S. Egge at Moorhead, Minn., Sept. 6, 1909, did not kill Dr. Egge, but that the real murderer is living at Houston, Minn., and has confessed, was the startling situation outlined today to Attorney General Lyndon A. Smith.

Through letters received by C. A. Nye, now district judge at Moorhead, who was one of the attorneys for the defense in the trial, the information is being followed up. Attorney General Smith was one of the attorneys for the prosecution and secured the conviction of Kethman with Attorney N. I. Johnson of Moorhead.

That a man who lives at Houston has confessed to the murder and stated that he has Dr. Egge's watch is the information the attorney general's officers are working on.

Nothing is known at the attorney general's office of his connection with the case. The Egge murder was a sensational crime. The trial was held at Moorhead and attracted widespread attention. Kethman was convicted on circumstantial evidence.

Former officials of Clay county last night gave no credence to the story of a confession.

"Frame Up" Says Witherow
J. M. Witherow, of Moorhead, city attorney of Moorhead at the time of the murder and who went to the home of Frank H. Kethman, 736 Ninth street north, Fargo, with Acting Captain of Police Mullin and Officer McLean of Fargo and placed him under arrest, said last night that he thought it was a "frame up."

Never Found the Watch
"It is true," said Attorney Witherow, "we never found the watch which was torn from his pockets and it may be that some person has been given the watch and now has a good 'dream story' to tell. The circumstantial evidence was such as to leave no doubt of Kethman's guilt. Wet blood was found on his clothing when we entered his home and he refused to talk."

North Dakota Classed in the Zone of Plenty

The St. Paul Sunday Pioneer Press consisted of about 100 pages and was one of the greatest booster editions of the Northwest ever issued. North Dakota is one of the states that go to make up the zone of plenty, and among the things said of this section, is the following:

Today North Dakota is entering on a new era of settlement and farm development; North Dakota during 1915 has made long strides along these lines. Today the trend in North Dakota is toward smaller farms and more of them—toward diversified farming—and toward more farmers. The great small grain state of North Dakota is on its way to become a still greater state of all of the grains and of corn and of potatoes and of hogs and dairy cows. And to join in this new era of development, North Dakota, on its low-priced lands, has room for three new farmers for every one she has now.

A continuous stream of Eastern farmers is coming into the state; men who are accustomed to the practice of mixed farming, who are bringing these methods of farming and economy with them, and who are applying them to the 160-acre farms of North Dakota with the result that increased profits from diversified crops and products are now being realized. These methods are being adopted by many of the older settlers of the state. Today these increased profits from smaller farms can be at once realized all of the way from the Red River valley to the west end of the state.

Alfalfa and corn are successfully grown throughout the state. During the season of 1914 corn matured as far north as the Canadian boundary, yielding over 50 bushels of shelled corn per acre. Thousands of acres of alfalfa have been seeded, and where the farmer has prepared and seeded his alfalfa field according to proper methods he has been uniformly successful. The farmers are cutting their alfalfa fields three and four times each season with average total yields per acre of between three and four tons. In several instances much larger yields were recorded.

Editor Polk, of the Dazey Commercial, was a business caller at the county seat Tuesday.

A Handsome New Line of Silk and Crepe Waists At \$1.98 to \$6.00

CHAFFEE'S

Valley City's Leading Dry Goods Store

Our Store Will Be Closed All Day Saturday, December 25, Christmas Day

Look at These Special Bargains

NEVER in the history of our store have we given such phenomenal values in Winter Coats as we are giving right now. We want to sell every Winter Coat in stock before January 1st, and we are going to do so if prices will do it.

We feel perfectly safe in saying that you have never seen such stylish Coats sold at such ridiculously low prices at this time of the year. If you expect to buy a Coat this winter it will pay you to take advantage of this sale.

Coats That Sold Up to \$20, Now \$1.98

There are 19 good warm coats in this lot which were carried over from last year—they come in black and colors in sizes 14, 16 and 36. Last season they sold from \$10 to \$20. Take your choice of the lot, now at..... **\$1.98**



New Winter Coats at \$4.95

In this lot are 18 New Winter Coats which have been selling from \$10 to \$20, and the others were carried over from last season and include values up to \$25. They are all good styles and come in a good range of sizes, colors and materials. They are positively the best coats you have ever seen **\$4.95**



All Other New Coats Now Half-Price

Snappy new styles in Plain and Fur Trimmed Plushes, Corduroys and heavy cloth Coats—more than half of which were received last month—they come in a good range of colors and in all sizes from 16 to 47—they have been selling at \$17.50, \$20, \$22.50, \$25, \$27.50, \$30 and \$35. If you want one of these stylish Coats you had better come in at once **Half-Price**

Our Entire Stock of Children's Coats Go Now at Only HALF-PRICE

Dresses That Sold Up to \$15
Skirts That Sold Up to \$10
Sweaters that Sold up to \$6.50

Your Choice of This Lot **\$3.75**



Fur Scarfs That Sold From \$5.00 to \$13.50, Go Now at \$1.98

We have nine good Fur Scarfs in black and brown, which were carried over from last season. They are all good styles and in perfect condition. At these prices every one ought to be sold the first day. They sold at \$5.00, \$6.00, \$6.50, \$7.50, \$8.50, \$9.50, \$10.00 and \$13.50—they all go during this sale at **\$1.98**

We are also selling a lot of Fur Sets at Special Prices

We Have a Splendid Line of Useful Christmas Gifts

Getting Too Much Liquor

Chief Swanson, on Monday morning, gathered in one Andrew Nelson and 12 quarts of booze. He has been receiving large quantities of liquor for some time and the authorities have been watching him, with the result that he was taken into custody on the charge of bootlegging. Tuesday morning he waived preliminary hearing before Judge Moe and will plead guilty at the coming term of district court.

Mrs. Richard Adcock gave a 6 o'clock dinner Sunday evening, at her home near Cuba, to a group of people who were gathered for the purpose of making preliminary arrangements for the Christmas tree to be held in the Cuba school on Thursday evening of this week. After the business was dispatched and the splendid dinner partaken of, cards were the pastime of the evening.

The Grand theater installed a fine new piano Saturday which they purchased from Eivind Gjerdrum.

Miss Emma Von Dumar will leave Thursday for her home in Little Falls, Minn., to spend Christmas.

WANTED—Competent girl for general housework. Modern house, highest wages. Mrs. Lee Combs. 14-3-17

MARKET REPORT

Tuesday, Dec. 21, 1915.

Minneapolis Close

- No. 1 Northern—1.20 1/4 @ 1.21 1/4; arr. 1.19 1/4 @ 1.20 1/4.
 - No. 2 Northern—1.16 1/4 @ 1.18 1/4.
 - No. 3 Northern—1.12 1/4 @ 1.15 1/4.
 - Dec. Wheat—1.20 1/2.
 - May Wheat—1.21 1/4.
 - July Wheat—1.20 1/4.
 - No. 1 Durum—1.16 1/4 @ 1.18 1/4; arr. 1.16 1/4.
 - No. 2 Durum—1.12 1/4 @ 1.15 1/4.
 - No. 3 White Oats—40 1/4; arr. same.
 - Barley—56 @ 61 1/2.
 - Rye—89 @ 91; arr. same.
 - Flax—2.08 1/4 @ 2.11 1/4; arr. same.
- #### Duluth Close
- Hard Wheat—1.20 1/2.
 - No. 1 Northern—1.15 1/4; arr. same.
 - No. 2 Northern—1.16 1/4.
 - Dec. Wheat—1.19 1/4.
 - May Wheat—1.21 1/2.
 - July Wheat—1.22 1/4.
 - No. 1 Durum—1.18 1/4; arr. same.
 - No. 2 Durum—1.15 1/4.
 - Dec. Durum—1.19 1/4.
 - May Durum—1.20 1/4.
 - No. 3 White Oats—40 1/4; arr. 39 1/4.
 - Barley—55 @ 63.
 - Rye—89 @ 90; arr. same.
 - Flax—2.12 1/4; arr. same.
 - Dec. Flax—2.10.
 - May Flax—2.16 1/4.

STEWART

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rohde, Mrs. Will Rohde and daughter, Marion, and Bob Croft spent Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. Will Potter.

Ludwig Alnes called on Will Potter Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Clancy spent Monday with Will Potter.

Mrs. Will Rohde and son, Henry, and Mr. and Mrs. Will Potter drove to Valley City Friday to do their Xmas shopping.

Henry Rohde and Minnie Ruecker attended the basket social and dance in the Froelick school Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rohde, Alice Tabbert and Minnie Ruecker were Valley City shoppers Saturday.

Everybody is looking for Santa Claus.

Will Potter and ePter Clancy, Sr., assisted Val Potter with his butchering Monday.

Frank Potter called on Bob Croft Monday evening.

Will Potter called at the Joseph Starke home on business the first of the week.

George and Louise Schafer, Mr. and Mrs. Will Potter and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rohde and Alice Tabbert spent

Sunday at the J. H. Miller home. Willie Miller returned to his home Sunday, after spending the past week with his grandparents.

WANTED—Live agents to sell an article needed in every home, factory, store, garage and automobile. It sells easily and a liberal commission is offered. Kajami & Instanter. Lock Box No. 58, Forest River, N. D. 23-4-wp

The Q. A. E. club met Monday evening with Mrs. Gisellus, at the Rudolf hotel, and enjoyed another of their pleasant evenings. Cards and conversation occupied the time and refreshments served by the hostess closed a very enjoyable meeting.

Change in Management of Metropolitan Bakery

George W. Morrissey is now the sole proprietor of the Metropolitan Bakery, having recently taken over the interest of his partner, N. J. Hanson. Mr. Morrissey has a new baker engaged and will soon be in a position to furnish his patrons with a full line of bakery goods of a quality equal to any on the market. He will have a modern and up-to-date establishment and deserves the patronage of the public.