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It is now a month and a half or more since the armistice was signed and hostilities ceased, and it is figured that sessions of the peace conference will begin now in a few days. We think it is time the allied powers got down to business in real earnest and cleaned up this war proposition as soon as possible so that the whole world can settle down to the work of reconstruction. There seems to be too much pomp and display over in Europe instead of the getting down to the real business at hand. The world at large and particularly the soldiers over in foreign lands are anxious to get this matter cleared up so that they can come home. We would feel about as they do if we were in their place.

—BUY W. S. S—

The North Dakota legislature will convene at Bismarck next Tuesday. All important legislation has been prepared in advance by the league leaders and it should not take very long to put through all the measures they want. Now that they have declared the constitutional amendments duly carried every important measure they have asked for has been gained and we can see no reason why the session cannot be brought to a close in about half the time set by the constitution. It would be a saving of thousands of dollars to the tax payers and besides with all the measures prepared by the leaders assured they should be pushed through the legislature rapidly thus giving an opportunity for early adjournment if they really want to start a reform and save some money.

—BUY W. S. S—

The Times-Record received Monday morning a special dispatch from the United Press announcing the sudden death of Col. Theodore Roosevelt, expresident of the United States. A clot of blood on the heart was the cause of death. In the death of Mr. Roosevelt the United States loses one of its foremost citizens—a great statesman and a world character. As president of this country for seven years he was the instigator of many reforms and was known as the wielder of the "big stick." He has been a power in American politics and his death removes one of the most prominent republican candidates for the presidency in 1920. The Times-Record editor has always been a great admirer of Theodore Roosevelt and we do not hesitate in saying that in our judgment the greatest American statesman has passed away.

Green be the turf above thee,
Friend of my better days;
None knew thee but to love thee,
None named thee but to praise.
Tears fell when thou were dying,
From eyes unused to weep;
And long where thou art lying
Shalr tears the green earth steep.

—BUY W. S. S—

For a long time the Masonic brethren of this city have been considering the building of a temple in this city suitable for their needs and at a recent meeting of the Masons it was the opinion that a move in that direction should be started and a committee was appointed to look up locations and report to the lodge. Dr. C. E. Spicer, presiding officer of the Masonic lodge would like to have those who have suitable lots to submit their proposition to him not later than January 10th at which time the matter will again be taken up. The Masons certainly need a home of their own and if they decide to go ahead and build the city can rest assured, that a fine structure will be built. The locations needed must be not less than 50x140 nor more than 100x140 and must be in a suitable location, not necessarily right in the heart of the city, but convenient to the main part of the city. If any of our people have lots they want to dispose of that would be suitable for this purpose they should get busy at once and list them with Dr. Spicer. It might be well to state that inflated values will not be considered. The lodge will want to pay a fair and legitimate value for whatever lots it buys, but it will not and does not have to pay any excessive prices as is sometimes put on real estate when a public building needs a location.

—BUY W. S. S—

One lone woman has been elected to parliament in England as a result of the recent election. She will be a mighty lonesome member among the several hundred of the male sex. Two years ago we elected one woman to the United States congress but she failed to be re-elected and now we have none. This is not disparaging the women folks at all. We really think that in the very near future many of them will be elected to the congress because universal suffrage is going to be a reality in this country before very long and naturally there are many bright women who will be candidates for office and who will be elected. The reason our only woman congressman was defeated was because she took the wrong stand when war was declared. Miss Rankin, of Montana, was the woman congressman. When war was declared against Germany she voted "no" and to the loyal American citizen who was smarting under the atrocities committed when the Lusitania with its human freight of men, women and babies were sent to the bottom by a Hun submarine, this sort of a vote did not appeal to the people of Montana and she was beaten for renomination at the primaries. Not satisfied with the rebuke she got at the polls at the primaries Miss Rankin joined the nonpartisan league and ran as a candidate for United States senator and of course got properly trimmed up as she should have been. This shows that it was not the fact that Miss Rankin was a woman that she was beaten, but it was because of the attitude she took at the time of a declaration of war. Nearly every senator and congressman who took the same kind of a stand was defeated on the grounds of service and principle just the same as the men.

—BUY W. S. S—

WANT "HAPPY ENDINGS"

Why the unhappy ending is the stock weakness of the beginner at story writing is easy to explain. Stories with unhappy endings are easier to write! The human mind is naturally subjective and sad: vocuplaries in every language have many more adjectives, verbs and adverbs to express sorrow and gloom than to express happiness and light-heartedness.

This subject lends itself nicely to a debate, but as far as the men in the war hospitals are concerned the argument has only one side: "Give us happy endings!

A Red Cross nurse tells of a serial story that had been read by two of her patients, one of whom was depressed for a whole day because the heroine died.

"I wish I'd never read it," he complained. "I fell in love with that girl. If I ever found one exactly like her I'd certainly ask her to marry me!"

One very sick man in a Canadian hospital had started an adventure serial on the ship that brought him to America. The story was such a lurid affair that it actually increased his fever. He died the morning the next installmen was received.

Books with happy endings, books that will entertain and help pass away the weary weeks of convalescence, are needed at once for our wounded men in hospitals. Send your gifts to your public library. They will get to the soldiers without delay.

BOOK HELP SURGEONS

"It was in a hospital ward in the Neuilly Hospital that a man told me that he passed around his wife's letter to the other men in the ward until it was illegible from handling.Their longing for 'something to read he said, lying there listless and idle, made him feel selfish in keeping its cheery, interesting chat all to himself."

It was an American girl who had gone over to be a nurse's aid in a hospital in France, who spoke. During a long, irksome convalescent to keep a man's mind occupied she had learnt was a pretty difficult task. In this she said she found books were the biggest sort of help. "Men so despondent and depressed by their condition that they refused to co-operate with the doctors and nurses, would block their own progress again and again because their interest in life was gone," she explained. "Often the only way we could arouse them would be through finding out what job or occupation they were in before they enlisted. It nearly always proved to be the thing they were most interested in. The next step would be an interesting book on it whatever it was—salesmanship, bee culture or electricity. And very often pretty soon the patient would be musing over instances of his work and telling us about it or asking for other things to read. And of course this renewed interest never failed to mean improvement in his condition."

Books are badly needed for our wounded men in hospitals in America. Take or send your gifts to the public library.

CLARK CITY

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stillings were Valley City visitors Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Keiley entertained a number of their friends at dinner Xmas day.

Mrs. McLees is visiting friends in Fargo this week.

Mrs. O'Neil of Candyohi, Minn., came Xmas morning for a visit at the home of her daughter Mrs. Eugene Hinchberger and family.

Miss Mary Alex and Don Campbell, were guests at the E. C. Thompson doe Xmas evening.

Mrs. Roy Cowdrey and little son came home from an extended visit at Valley City last Thursday.

James McLees went to Fargo Wednesday evening where he expects to enter the Dakota Business college.

Mss Lizzie Gordon will attend the Valley City Normal school this; winter.

VALLEY CITY'S FIRST WAR ORPHAN

Collection receipts received Christmas eve, and New Year's Day, have raised the French War Orphan Fund for the Fatherless Children of France, Inc., to the sum of $42.34, or more than enough for the adoption of Valley City's first little child.

He is number No. 52546, and his name is Francois Raman. He lives with his mother at Rue du Bey, in Blida Algerie. Thirty-six dollars and fifty cents keeps this little boy under his mother's love and guidance for a whole year. The remaining $5.84, will go towards Valley City's second adopted child. Everyone is entitled to write to Francois, his letters will be most appreciative and he will tell much that will be of interest to boys and girls, as well as grown folks, alike. Some letters will be published, that all may enjoy them.

Address his mail, like this.
For FRANCOIS RAMON,
5 Rue due Bey,
Blida, Algerie.

SECURES GOOD POSITION

Miss Effie Lund, a former student of the Normal school, writes that she is teaching the 4th, 5th and 6th grades in the Millarton public schools and that the position is very pleasing to her.

Middlewest Trust Company Moves Into New Home

Thursday, January second, was a sort of gala day for the youngest banking institution of Valley City—the Middlewest Trust Company—which moves into its fine, up-to-date modern banking house. It is with no small degree of pride that this institution looks back into the five years that have gone, as it is just five years ago that this institution opened its doors for business in this city, and if the officers and directors of the Middlewest Trust Company today appear to have more than usual pride in their achievements we guess they are entitled to

Col. Frank White, President

it, for they indeed made a great success of the business and from a lightweight infant of five years ago the company has developed into one of the strong banking institutions of the states with about a half million business, which is certainly a great achievement and shows that the business has been successfully managed and to the officers and directors is due praise and credit for the success attained. When the new bank or trust company started up five years ago Col. Frank White, of this city was chosen as the president of the company, and his wide acquaintance, personal magnetism and strict integrity make him an ideal officer to head the institution. The colonel is in France at this time, doing his bit for the government, and while he is there the other officers are keeping "the home fires burning," but the doughty colonel is still president of the institution, and when he comes marching home again, which we hope will not be long, he will undoubtedly stick his feet under that new fumed oak desk in the modern office that is arranged for the officers of this institution in the new building and continue to give advice to the patrons of the institution.

Associated with Col. White in the management of the company it T. Melvin Lee, the secretary, and J. E. Jones, assistant secretary. As hustlers and hard workers you could not find two better men in the county. Mr. Lee is a bundle of energy and never tires of working for the success of his company. He is on the job early in the morning and you can find him on the job late at night—never tiring in his efforts to serve those who want to do business with the institution. He is conservative yet liberal—combining good sense and judgment with his executive ability and to him is going a

T. Melvin Lee, Secretary

great share of the credit for the success attained by this company.

In J. E. Jones Mr. Lee has had a most capable and efficient assistant. He is one of the pleasantest of men, unassuming and business like and has made for the institution many warm friends. Mr. Jones, like his chief, is always on the job, early and late, and is always to be got when he is wanted and he is ever ready to serve. With such a bunch of officials the institution is bound to be successful. Then we must give Elsie Schulze and Miss Gracia Amundson, who are associated with the office force, much credit for able work accomplished. When the chiefs were sick with the "flu" these helpers kept the institution going in good shape, showing their efficiency for the positions they hold. The force as a whole is a very good one and well organized, working together for the good of the institution in perfect harmony.

Something over a year ago the officers of the company decided that they would build a fine, modern banking home for themselves and the machinery for doing so was put in motion. First came the selection of a location, and after looking around the institution decided on a corner occupied by the Myhro, Aldahl Mercantile Co. A deal was made and the corner passed into the hands of the Middlewest Trust Company. Then came the selecting of plans for the building. This was a job that required much thought and figuring but finally this was done and the contract was let to the R. Billingsley Company, of Minneapolis, who broke ground for the structure shortly after the contract was let, on the 27th of June, 1918. From that time on until the new building was occupied the contractor and his force has had some job. First the old building had to be torn down and the new one erected, and with the war conditions existing the getting of material and labor made the task of the contractor a hard one, but he built a building that is a credit to himself and which will stand as a monument of good work for ages. In this he has been most ably augmented by his efficient foreman, Mr. Kayser. The building is a two story and full basement brick, stone and concrete fire proof structure. To fully get the many modern features about it requires a visit to it personally. Working from the basement up we find below several very light and well ventilated office rooms. W. J. Brown will have a barber shop, C. B. Christianson, a tailor shop in the basement and then there are one or two rooms not yet rented besides the fine room which contains the heating plant.

On the first floor or banking floor, the first thing that catches the eye as one enters the fine banking room, is the splendid harmony prevailing in fixtures and decorations. The bank fixtures are of fumed oak, with brass rush fixtures and the basis and wainscoting are of marble. The various apartments or cages are all open from one end to the other so that any person on duty or all of them can be seen at a glance from the front end where the officers have their desks. There are a couple of consultation or private rooms at the front end where people can transact business in seclusion and secrecy. Then comes the raised platform on which are the desks of the various officials. These are so fixed that the officers can be seen at any time and keep in touch with the pa-

J. E. Jones, Asst. Secretary

trons of the bank. In the rear end is the vault room which is one of the most modern contrivances of present day banking. The gates leading to the vault lock automatically and only the officials can get into the same. When a gate is opened a bell rings giving warning all over the bank. From the upper vault there is a spiral stairway leading to the fire and burglar proof vault below. Then at the rear of the bank main building comes what is the most interesting and important room of all—a rest room—for the use of the public in general, equipped with toilet and lavatories for men and ladies and easy chairs, etc., for them to rest at will. In this room can be held directors meetings of the bank or any other outside corporation who desire to use the same. It is finely lighted and arranged and is a modern room that is to be free for those who desire to use it for business purposes or for a rest room.

On the upper floor of the building are some very fine office rooms. In the front end is a suite of three rooms now occupied by M. J. Englert, attorney. He certainly has fine, well lighted rooms, thoroughly modern in every particular, and if his legal mind does not work well under such favorable conditions we do not know what could move him to greater deeds in his study of law. Then next door we find the Dakota Construction and Engineering Company domiciled in a suite of fine rooms and then adjoining this company is Eugene McFarland, architect. There is another set of rooms back of these not yet rented. The entire building is finished in oak with hardwood floors, the halls being of terraza the same as the main building below, the stairway being of the same material and all absolutely fireproof.

We do not want to forget the lighting and heating system of this institution, the credit for which is due our local firm, the Valley City Heating and Plumbing Company. The electrical work and fixtures in this bank are certainly fine, all being on two way switches and lights everywhere. Each officers desk is equipped with individual telephone connection as well as light and every arrangement for telephoning and lighting has been put in so that convenience is one of the main words of completeness in this institution. The heating plant is a fine one and our local firm is entitled to much credit for the splendid work done in this building. There are many details we have omitted in this write-up but we have covered most of them. When a business institution in this city puts up such a magnificent and up-to-date modern structure it is worth the space to tell of it and we can promise any who follow the same sort of a write-up. In the meantime to Messrs. Lee and Jones has fallen the brunt of getting this fine structure built and equipped during the absence of Col. White and to them we want to say "well done good and faithful servants." The Middlewest Trust Company has a model bank with all the latest up-to-the-minute features in it. It is a credit to its officers and stockholders and we know that everybody will join with us in wishing it continued prosperity.

DR. SQUIRES WRITES FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR WINS APPOINTMENT FROM NATIONAL INSTITUTION FOR MORAL INSTRUCTION FOR BEST CODE.

(Normal Budget)

The following article is so good in its thought, style, and conciseness that we present it to "Normal School Budget" readers in its entirety. It appeared in the October-November number of the "Educational News Bulletin," the official paper of the state department of Public Instruction at Bismarck. It will benefit every one who reads it with care.

"Two years ago the National Institution for Moral Instruction announced a competition for the drafting of a moral code for use in the character training of children, the code to be in two parts for the ages of 9 to 14, and 14 to 18. A code writer was appointed for each state. Dr. Vernon P. Squires, dean of the College of Arts of the University of North Dakota, being appointed for North Dakota. Dr. Squires' code was pronounced by the National Institution for Moral Instruction to be among the best presented, and readers will immediately recognize its worth."

A Moral Code for Boys and Girls

Introduction — Virtue consists primarily in being right rather than in merely doing right. Yet it is a positive force, and is attained only through activity. In the following pages the fundamentals are set forth in a positive way. Mere dont's have been avoided, where possible. An attempt has been made to make the greatest principles of conduct real, intelligible, and vital, and to state them as tersely and forcefully as possible. The aim has been to stimulate the imagination by means of a few definite and dominating ideas vividly expressed, trusting to the good sense of teacher and pupils to work out the minor details.

1. Be Clean

1—Be Clean in Body. Dirt is dangerous. It looks bad; it smells bad; it is bad. So keep your hands and face clean, and keep clean all over. Eat clean food, for no other kind is safe; when your clothing gets soiled, wash it or brush it. Keep everything about you clean and neat. Water and soap, brushes and combs are signs of civilization; use them.

2—Be Clean in Speech and Habits. Do not say or do things you would be ashamed to have your mother or teacher know about. Such things are not manly or womanly; they are silly and harmful. Vulgar words and vulgar acts hurt you and hurt your best friends. Profanity is foolish and offensive; it defiles the lips and the heart. Take pride in being clean all through.

2. Be Strong

Some people do not think of strength as a duty; but it is is; everything depends upon it. People who are sick cannot do much good or have much fun. Therefore, guard your health. Eat nourishing food—not too much, but just enough. Get sufficient sleep; go to bed early; rise in good time. Take plenty of exercise; play outdoor games; work around home. Breathe fresh air by day and by night. Avoid tobacco in any form, it stunts growth and impairs strength. Avoid strong drink of every kind; it is especially bad for growing boys and girls. Your body is given you to use, it is your machine; take care of it, treat it well, and it will serve you well.

3. Be Industrious

Life is active; one must do something or die. You should then try to do something worth while. Some of your activities you take up merely for the fun of doing them, these are play Some you take up with an object in view; these are work. Both are worth while; but as you grow older you will understand better and better the value and dignity of work. This it is that makes civilization possible; this provides us with homes, food, clothing and all the comforts we have. Everyone should honor work and all faithful workers; everyone should work himself. So learn to work, to love work, and to work well. Work in school; help in the work at home; try to find something to work for. You should not work all the time; but do not be lazy; do not shirk; do not waste time. Take pride in your work; always do your job promptly and well; a task well done always gives satisfaction. Work when you work and play when you play.

4. Be Obedient

1. Be Obedient to Parents and Teachers. A little bird grows up in a few weeks; practically all the lower animals become able to take care of themselves by the time they are a year old. But human beings take a much longer time. And the reason is this: The birds and animals can get along without being taught many lessons. But children cannot; they must have a great number of lessons from parents and teachers. Nature, therefore, so arranges things that boys and girls grow very slowly and learn very gradually. Parents and teachers are provided to help them. Accordingly, whoever wishes to grow in the right way must be teachable and obedient. He must remember that parents and teachers know what is best and must be willing to heed them. Obedience is thus a most important thing. It is necessary for real growth.

Be obedient, then, to your parents. They love you and know what is really good for you. Be obedient to your teachers and to whoever else is in charge of you. You can never learn to give orders to others unless you first learn to obey others. Unruly soldiers never become good officers; disobedient children do not grow up to be noble men and women. It is sometimes hard to be obedient. You cannot always understand the reason why you must do so and so. But obedience is always worth while.

2. Be Obedient to the Laws. Laws are made for the good of all, and all good and thoughtful people obey them. The President of the United States obeys the laws so does everyone else who loves his flag and his country. The laws of our land do not mean to interfere with anything that is right and good, or punish anyone who does the right. Therefore, we should obey them, for that is to be loyal Americans.

5. Be Fair and Square

1. Be Fair in Your Play. You know you do not like the playmate who does not "play fair." It breaks up the game; it spoils the fun. See to it then that you always play fair yourself—that you give everyone else a fair chance, that you do not, for example, take advantage of a little fellow just because he is little and cannot help himself. That is a mean trick; never do it. It is not fair either to lie or to cheat in any way. The only "square way" is to tell the truth, to play honest and to be honest.

2. Be Fair in Your Work. The same rule holds in work as in play. It is mean at any time to cheat or steal or lie. Some foolish people may think that such things are "smart" or funny, but you know they are not. The people who persist in thinking that these things are "smart" generally find themselves in jail before they get through. We all want other people to give us a "square deal." We ought then to give it to others; we should be prompt and reliable—true in word and deed. It is especially mean to deceive those who love us and trust us—our parents, teachers, employers, and friends. That is about the meanest thing there is.

6. Be Kind

1. Be Kind in Your Thoughts. Most people, old and young, have pretty good hearts. Remember this and think kind thoughts about them. Even boys and girls who are sometimes mean are not mean all the time. They have good points. Think of these and talk about these rather than about the mean things. We generally find what we look for; the bee finds honey because he is looking for it and the worm finds rottenness for the same reason. So look for good in your playmates and acquaintance. Think kind thoughts about them. Say kind things about them. Don't be a telltale. You will thus be happier yourself and will make others happier.

2. Be Kind in Act. Doing is still better than thinking. Remember how often you have been made happy by someone's kindness. Acts of kindness are, in fact, the little streams that form the great river of human happiness. Everyone should help to swell this river. You should do your part. Be kind, then, to your friends. Be kind and forgiving to your enemies, if you have any; they won't be enemies long if you so do. Be kind to all animals; be kind to everybody and to everything, especially to the weak or unfortunate. You can be kind in many ways,—in words, in little favors in helpfulness, in curtesy and good manners, and in good cheer. Kindness is the greatest thing in the world.

7. Be Brave

1. Be Brave in Act. There is a difference between being brave and being foolhardy. The difference is one of motive. If you jump into the river at a dangerous place in order, if possible, to save someone's life, you are brave; if you jump into the same dangerous place and risk your life just to show how bold you are, you are showing bravado, not true bravery; you are not brave but foolhardy. Avoid taking chances for foolish or trivial causes. But when duty—real duty—calls, do not hesitate. Dare to make a sacrifice; forget yourself, take the chance, be brave. It is brave to fight? Not usually. It is generally brave not to fight for one's self. Fighting for someone else is different. That has to be done sometimes. But true bravery is always mixed with kindness. That is the test.

2. Be Brave in Word. Dare to tell the truth; dare to stand up for what you think is right. A lie is the mark of a coward; it is the outward sign of an inner fear. Of course, you should not be rude and blurt out everything that comes into your mind. If you dislike a person, you do not have to say so. Silence, as they say, is oftentimes like gold. In fact, it is often a braver thing to keep still than it is to speak. Keep still when something hurts you; keep still when someone is mean to you; keep still when you feel like saying a mean thing to someone or about someone. Here, too, true bravery is mixed with kindness.

8. Be Modest

Finally, be all that you can be, but do not brag about it. Keep your virtues to yourself. Avoid making yourself conspicuous. Be modest in dress, in speech, in manner. You have rights and you should stand up for them; but it is better to sacrifice a little than to claim too much. Be respectful to those older than yourself. Be curteous to all. Use good language. Love your country, honor the flag, reverence religion, respect the rights of all, be modest in your thought of yourself.

HIGH SCHOOL IS DEFEATED

In the first basket ball game of the season at the Armory last evening the Alumni defeated the High school team by a score of 34 to 19. The game was rather loosely played but at certain times both teams showed flashes of good team work. J. Bowen proved to be the individual star for the high school securing 15 of the 19 points while Davidson and Cook were the principal point getters for the Alumni. Following is the line up:

Alumni		High School
Davidson	c	Busdicker
Cook	f	Bowen
F. Bowen	f	McFadgen
Nelson	g	Larson
Bakken	g	DeLancey

Summary—Field baskets: Davidson 5, Cook 8, Nelson 2, F. Bowen 2, J. Bowen 5, Busdicker 2; free throws J. Bowen 5. Referee, Dale.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred von Borgersrode passed their Christmas vacation at Minneapolis and other points in Minnesota. Mr. von Borgersrode is advertising manager of the "Budget."