

ROADS BOOSTERS
ELECT OFFICERS

President I. J. Moe, of the North Dakota Good roads association returned from Grand Forks Wednesday evening, where he had been attending the first annual meeting of that association, which convened there simultaneously with the annual meeting of the county commissioners of the state.

The officers of the association named at Minot, were: President, I. J. Moe, Valley City; Vice president, W. L. Holbein, Bismarck; Secretary, A. L. Ross, Stanley; Treasurer, J. L. Bell, Bismarck; and Mr. Bell and Mr. Halblum, respectively, might have their offices together.

In making plans for an extensive road building program for North Dakota, the state was divided by the association into 13 districts. The director of this district was named by the association as L. F. Wolfer, of Jamestown.

The principal address of the meeting was that given by Senator McGary, the great "road" man of Minnesota, who discussed the Babcock amendment, and the characteristic likeness of the amendment which is before the legislature at the present time in this state.

After the adjournment of the meeting of the Good Roads Boosters, they met with the county commissioners. President Moe, and Senator McGary both addressed this body, and it is believed that the county commissioners as a whole are very kindly disposed toward the proposition.

Mr. Craig of the State Highway Commission also spoke to the commissioners, and showed with figures what saving it would mean to automobile drivers of the state, if the Good Roads amendment is passed and put into effect. The figures showed that the saving would total approximately \$22,000,000 to drivers of automobiles and other vehicles. Of course these figures are based on computations estimated after the amendment is in full force, and the full line of trunk highways completed.

President Moe reports the meeting a great success, and that the people of Grand Forks seemed very kindly disposed toward the proposition, and extended many courtesies to the officers of the association.

A drive for membership in the association will be started soon, after an executive committee of the association has named directors in each of the districts.

POLITEST CITIZEN
WILL BE SOUGHT

Do you want \$5?
There is a citizen in the city that wants to find out the name and features of the person that is the politest in Valley City. This person has offered a prize of \$5, and has secured a detective, rivaling the ability of Hawshaw, to ferret out this said polite person. This sleuth will be about the city all next week, beginning Monday, and he is told, and the winner of the prize as selected by the detective, will be announced by Rev. J. S. Wilds of the English M. E. church on Sunday evening, January 30.

The identity of the detective is unknown, and his or her whereabouts may take him or her into grocery stores, cafes, hotels, banks and perhaps every business house in the city and maybe some residences.

This same idea has been worked in other cities, and has proved a big success, being first staged, we believe by the Minneapolis Journal and maybe some residences.

While the identity of this detective is known to the Times-Record, it is no one connected with this paper, but the detective will perhaps make a semi-weekly report as to the progress being made. It was thought for a time that the name of the most unpolite person would also be made public, but this idea was dropped, as it is the wish of the person inaugurating the campaign to create no hard feelings, but rather to furnish a little amusement for the city during the coming week.

Watch out for a grouch next week, as you may be the first one the detective encounters, and if you have a grouch on your chance at winning that \$5 is about as big as an atom.

SMALLPOX MAKES
ITS APPEARANCE

General health conditions in the city thus far this winter, have been exceptionally good, according to Dr. E. A. Pray, city health officer. Influenza, which has prevailed for the past two winters about this time, is entirely absent this year. Some grippe has been noted, but none of the cases reaching the dimensions of the previous years. There has been some chicken pox, and also one outside case of diphtheria, but otherwise Valley City has been remarkably free from contagious diseases, which is something that could hardly be expected, considering the mild open winter which has prevailed. However there is one disease, that has made its appearance, and which everyone should do their best to avoid coming in contact with. This is smallpox, two or three cases of which were reported to Dr. Pray yesterday. The city health commission urging that as many people as possible be vaccinated, and thus obviate the danger of catching the disease.

SHOW 100 PER CENT
INCREASE LAST YEAR

Valley City Lodge No. 6, I. O. O. F. is working hard to increase its membership in 1921. An increase of 100 percent in membership was made during 1920, and the lodge hopes to equal this in 1921. The goal which the lodge is striving for at the present time is the location of the State Odd Fellows home in Valley City.

Some action was taken on this last year, when a trustee's committee eliminated all but five cities from the right to secure the home, namely Valley City, Kenmare, Wahpeton, Dickinson and Devils Lake. However, it appears that some of the other lodges in the state are not going to abide by this decision, as it is understood that the Bismarck lodge is working hard to increase its membership and obtain the home.

Plans were formulated at a meeting held recently to put on an active campaign for members and make a drive for the home. It is believed that it will be attempted to refer the proposition back to the grand lodge meeting, which convenes in Bismarck in June. Local members are of the opinion that this cannot be done, and that the board of trustees has the full power to act and select a site for the home.

Valley City members of the lodge are especially pleased with the record made by the lodge in the past year, and the progressiveness shown, and believe that the board of trustees will be disposed to consider kindly Valley City's request for the home.

PIN BUSTERS MAKE
GOOD AVERAGES

Valley City pin busters are rolling up some good scores, as evidenced by the individual and team averages made during the past week. It had been planned to send a team to the bowling tournament at Grand Forks, which was held last week, but the proposition failed to go through, and the team stayed at home. The averages made during the past week, compares very favorably with those made by the bowlers at Grand Forks last week, and if the Valley City team had participated, they would have perhaps secured some of the splendid prizes offered.

The averages were:

Team	W.	L.	Pct.	Pins
N. W. Nursery	3	0	1000	2562
Sterns	3	0	1000	2457
And. Clo.	2	1	667	2550
V. C. Groc.	1	2	333	2187
San. Groc.	0	3	000	2377
Clubs	0	3	000	2228

Individual averages—three games:

Fuller	592	197-1
Edrmon	574	191-1
Krug	542	180-2
O. Dahl	539	179-2
Schroeder	538	179-1
Krogh	536	178-2
Carroll	534	178
Burch	531	177
O'Hara	509	169-2
Johnson	506	168-2

LEGION SMOTHERS
FARGO K. OF C.

The Fargo K. of C. team were smothered under by scores by the Valley City American Legion team Friday evening at the High School gymnasium. The final score was 58 to 11. The K. C. team has been playing strong basketball up to the game last night, but they were either off form or never played a real game, as the baskets were made so fast by the American Legion team that the score keeper nearly succumbed. The K. C. team was clearly outplayed in every stage of the game, the ball being in play near the Valley City basket the biggest part of the time. The K. C. team started out with a very strong five men defense, but a few long distance field shots by the Legion boys soon convinced them that they must cover their men, no matter what part of the floor they were on. The first half ended 35 to 8 in favor of the Legion team.

The line-up and summary follows:

Fargo	Coleman
Bowen	Marek
Tracy	Knudson
Bakken	Duffy
Pfusch	Breyer

Stewig was substituted for Tracy and Scarlet for Bakken for Valley City.

Field baskets—Bowen 9, Tracy 5, Cook 6, Bakken 1, Pfusch 3, Stewig 4. Free throws—Tracy 1. Fargo: Field Baskets—Coleman 1, Knudson 4. Free throws—Coleman 1.

KOEHN-SAUNDERS NUPITALS

Miss Grace Saunders, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Saunders of this city, was united in marriage to Mr. John W. Koehn, on Wednesday, January 19, 1921, the marriage ceremony taking place at the M. E. church at Moorhead, Minn.

Miss Ella Pederson, of Hope, N. D. was the bride's attendant and Mr. Tony Koehn, brother of the groom, was best man. The wedding took place in the presence of the bride's parents and a few friends.

After the wedding ceremony, a four course dinner was served at the Gardner hotel.

The happy couple left in the evening for a short wedding trip to the Twin Cities. They will be at home in Valley City after February 1.

Both of the contracting parties are well known locally, Mr. Koehn being in the employ of the Dakota Engineering & Construction Co., and Miss Saunders has attended the Normal here for the past three years. Congratulations are extended.

STATE FARM BUREAU
DIRECTORS NAMED

A meeting of the members of the Barnes County Farm Bureau was held in the court house at Valley City on Saturday, Jan. 15, for the purpose of electing directors for the permanent State Farm Bureau Organization, which will be perfected at Fargo Friday, Jan. 21.

Each county is allowed one director regardless of membership, and one additional director for each 500 or major portion thereof. Four directors therefore were elected from this county.

One man was chosen from each commissioner's district. The two townships comprising district No. 4 were combined with district No. 1 and 5.

The members present voted that the chairman appointed a nominating committee. This nominating committee was composed of Vernon Grant, Mrs. James Thoreson, H. M. Hanson, Frank Heimes and Matt Miller. The nominating committee nominated the following two men in each district.

Dist. No. 1—Henry T. Lee of Fingal and T. H. Bruns of Valley City.

Dist. No. 2—A. C. Nelson of Fingal and H. M. Hanson of Kathryn.

Dist. No. 3—E. A. Duff of Fingal and W. S. Emery of Valley City.

Dist. No. 5—Martin Conlon of Eckelson and James Brimer of Sanborn.

These men were balloted upon by the members present and the following men elected.

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MINOT LEGION TO
PLAY HERE FRIDAY

According to a telegram received late Saturday, the Minot American Legion team will arrive in Valley City Friday, to try conclusions with the local Legion quint—a game which has been solicited for some considerable time by the Valley City five. It is almost certain that the game will be a close one, as both teams have been defeated only once thus far this season. The Minot team had one scalp taken from their belt Friday, when the Havre, Montana American Legion team defeated them by a score of 21 to 13. They clashed again Saturday, but the result of that game is unknown. Havre fans expressed the belief, however, that the Minot Legion team would take the second game, after they had secured a rest, as they had been riding on the train considerable time before the first game, and were not in very good form. As regards records, by school teams, Valley City and Minot compare very favorably with all their teams. The Minot High School team lost to Kenmare recently, by a score of 19 to 15. The local High School has the same record of only one defeat, while the local Normal team has a record of all victories and no defeats. Each Legion team lost one game and won the others by big majorities.

The game Friday evening, promises to be a hummer, and local fans confidently express the belief that the local Legion team will show the kind of material they are composed of, and come out of the smoke of battle victorious.

OBITUARY

Knut Berg was born in Tonset, Norway, November 15, 1889. He came to America with his parents fourteen years ago. In July, 1917 he enlisted in Co. G, 164th Infantry. With this company he served a little over two years. While in France his right hand was injured. From this, infections set in which affected his health generally. He died at St. John's Hospital, Fargo, Jan. 15, 1921, after almost a year's serious illness.

He is survived by his mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. M. K. Berg, Galesburg; three brothers, E. M. Berg, Fertile, Minn., P. M. Berg, Galesburg, M. M. Berg, Kathryn; and two sisters, Mary Berg, Valley City and Mrs. Dan Olson, Grand Forks.

J. H. S. THOMSON,
President. Com. Club.

HIGH SCHOOL LOSES
TO JAMESTOWN HIGH

The Valley City High School team lost their first basketball game of the season, at Jamestown Friday night to the Jamestown High School by the score of 15 to 13. As indicated by the score, the game was a close one, the two teams being quite evenly matched. However, one handicap which beset the Valley City boys was the smallness of the gym, the locals being used to the big oor which the Valley City High School boasts. The smallness of the gym making good team work partially impossible and dribbling, which the local team lays considerable stress on, was almost out of the question. The first half ended 8 to 5 in favor of the Jamestown five. Upshaw of Jamestown College refereed the game, and declared it was one of the fastest and most evenly matched games he had witnessed for some time. Part of the team returned home Friday evening, and the remainder will come down today. It is not likely that the Jamestown five will appear in action here for local fans, as they are not on the Valley City schedule at the present time. This is to be regretted, as Valley City would like to meet the Jamestown boys on their own floor.

QUEST STARTS FOR
POLITEST PERSON

The politeness sleuth is wending his way about Valley City today. Although not starting at a very early hour, we understand that before night he expects to have his opinion formed of several people in the city, as regards their politeness. It will be almost impossible to "spot" him as in his regular routine of business, he will perhaps not be recognized. Maybe he will make his selection today. Maybe it will not be before the end of the week, but nevertheless you can be assured that he is out, strolling around looking out for business, and at the same time prepared to pick out the person who will win the \$5 prize which is offered for the politest person that he finds during this week.

Maybe he has just finished talking to you. If you showed any marked degree of politeness, that will perhaps go down to your credit. If you exhibit a grouch, well, he has formed his opinion of you, and decided that there are other people in the city who would appreciate that \$5 more than you would, and at the same time treat a human being with a more marked degree of kindness.

His selection will not be limited to age or sex. A child six years old may win the prize, as easily as a person ten times that age. So don't exhibit a grouch simply because you think you have no chance of winning, and once you get those smiling features and polite actions, cultivate them and continue to do so, long after the detective is forgotten about. The world will like you so much the better if you do.

BUSINESS MEN

You are invited by the school board, Supt. Hanna and Athletic Director Fagin to attend the class at the High School "gym," for exercises of any kind desired by those attending. The time is tonight and every Tuesday at 8 o'clock.

Remember there is no cost attached to it—it is free, a pair of soft soled shoes is the main requirement.

We are told that the people have invested their money and credit in this new building and are entitled to some of the benefits. Director Fagin is a tireless worker and is doing excellent work. He has a large class of ladies Wednesday evening, and he is very anxious for as large a number of business men for Tuesday evenings.

Come out all you office men, clerks, bankers, and also you tired or retired farmers and speculators—it will limber up those stiff muscles and joints. Come all you lean, thin, corpulent men, it will do you good—it's all free.

J. H. S. THOMSON,
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COST OF LIVING
HAS BEEN LOWERED

The burden of readjusting prices has not all fallen on the shoulders of the farmers, even though that opinion may be expressed.

Valley City merchants have also been big losers, in the present downward trend of prices. Valley City merchants and also those in other cities are doing business on a smaller margin of profit than ever before. They are also unanimous in agreeing that prices as they stand at the present time will not decrease to any great extent during the coming summer, being marked down to lowest level at the present time and while this statement is only a prediction, it is pretty authentic.

An interesting feature of the downward trend of prices is the possibility that clothes, shoes, etc., will be lower this spring than a year ago. The highest prices ever paid for ladies' and men's suits, shoes, etc., were paid in March and April, 1920, it is said. While figures in connection have been reduced, with the possible exception of cheaper grades, have witnessed little reduction. The merchants as yet have not purchased their spring shoe stocks, and until the buying is completed an accurate estimate cannot be made on the prices which will prevail for them during the spring and coming summer. Ladies suits and coats, however, are known to be reduced in price as compared with a year ago. This reduction approximates 25 per cent.

RATE INCREASE
IS NOT LIKELY

Considerable controversy is ensuing between the patrons of the Sheyenne Valley Light and Power Co., of this city, and the citizens of Nome, N. D., patrons of the company. The Nome Tribune has the following to say of the meeting held in Valley City Monday night, at which representatives of the patrons and company were present.

"The joint meeting of representatives of the patrons of the Sheyenne Valley Light & Power Co. from the various villages held at Valley City on Monday night, was attended by a committee from this village, consisting of Henry A. Wilberg, Olaf Rund and Dick Pugh. Every village but Fingal was represented.

"The big feature of the meeting was the learning that the contract entered into between the village and light company holds good. The company seemed to be of the opinion that this contract or franchise was of no value and that the railroad commissioners could and would throw it into the discard, but recently a decision of the state supreme court held that the contracts in force were to remain in force and could not be changed by the railroad commissioners.

"At the meeting Monday the manager, Schmidt, attempted, to get an agreement on the part of the representatives to recommend a change in the terms of contract—some of them minor possibly—but no one would agree to such changes.

"The company will now amend its application to the railroad commissioners and will attempt to get the limit allowed by the franchise, namely 18 cents per K. W. H., an increase of three cents for the Nome patrons. The Tribune is in favor of fighting this increase on the grounds that the contract distinctly says that no change of rates shall take place except at the end of each two year period and the end of the first two year period was up on the 12th of June last.

"The complaint on service was mainly from Nome and it is the opinion of the Tribune that we should demand better service before an increase in rates is made.

"The president and manager of the light company, Schmidt and Stee, have agreed (through Schmidt) to appear before the local patrons within a few days to present their case and a call will very likely be put in for their appearance very soon.

"LOOK IN MAIL BOX"
SMITH'S REQUEST

"Look in your mail box."

That was the request issued today by Postmaster W. W. Smith. Special delivery mail will in the future be delivered without receipts, and when personal delivery cannot be effected, the following regulations shall be implied:

If possible, specials must be delivered to the addresses, if not, delivery may be made to the person or persons authorized to receive the addresses or firms ordinary mail.

When specials are taken to a residence and no response is received from the door-bell or otherwise same will be left in the mail-box hall or under door.

The special delivery system is designed to expedite and not to insure or safeguard mail. Valuable articles should at all time be registered or insured.

Complaints have been made at the post office in regard to receiving special delivery letters several days late. Owing to the habit of many people of meeting the postman, they forget to look in the mail boxes. Under the new order regarding special delivery, the carriers have instructions to leave the letter in the box if there is no one to receive it, Mr. Smith said.

ESSAY CONTEST ON
"THE DAIRY COW"

The North Dakota Dairymen's and Buttermakers' Association is sending out this notice to the boys and girls of the state notifying them that their fourth annual "Essay Contest" will be held in connection with the 27th annual convention of the association. The subject chosen for this year's essay is an easy one to write on and should be of interest to the young people of the state. Previous contests have been very successful and beneficial and it is expected even more boys and girls will enter the contest this year on account of interest in dairying throughout the state.

The North Dakota Dairymen's and Buttermakers' Association also invites children and their parents and friends to attend its 27th annual convention which will be held at Jamestown on Feb. 8, 9 and 10.

Rules of Contest

1. Who may enter? Any boy or girl between the ages of 12 and 16 years inclusive, who is a resident of this state.

2. Subject of essay "The Future of the Dairy Cow in North Dakota."

3. The length of the essay must not exceed 1000 words.

4. The essay must be the result of your study of the subject. You may get your information from any book, bulletin, paper, or person, but you are to arrange this in your own words and submit it in your own writing.

5. Write your name, address and age at the end of your essay.

6. The essays must be mailed to O. A. Barton, Boys and Girls Club Leader, Agricultural College, North Dakota, to reach him not later than Feb. 5th. Essays received after that time cannot be considered for prizes.

7. The essays will be carefully read and graded by a competent committee headed by O. A. Barton.

8. Prizes—First prize, \$25; second prize \$15; third prize \$10.

The prize winning essay will be read at the Jamestown convention as a part of the regular program, and will become part of the permanent record of the association. It will also be printed in the annual report of the association and published in the leading newspapers of the state, as well as in dairy and agricultural papers of the United States.

OLD LICENSE TAGS
ARE STILL GOOD

Valley City motorists may drive their cars under the old 1920 license tags without fear of arrest until the new schedules and registration blanks are received, according to local officials who have been asked for information in regard to the new licenses.

A letter received from the Motor Vehicle Registration department at Bismarck is to the effect that the copy for the new schedule was sent to the printers on Dec. 29, 1920, and this, together with the registration blanks will be sent as soon as available.

The schedule for 1921 is different from the 1920 schedule and the registration department warns against using the old schedule in filling out the application blanks.

BASEBALL LOOP
AGAIN TALKED

The proposal for a baseball circuit of western North Dakota cities and towns has often been proposed. The Dickinson Press invites discussion of the subject again with the following article.

"Slope towns with athletic leanings are already laying plans for the opening of the baseball season. Already a concerted move for the establishment of a circuit or league, including towns along the main line of the Northern Pacific, has been started. The promoters include some of the most enthusiastic fans in the state and it is their plan to boost the proposition in an endeavor to create sufficient interest in the project so that all details may be arranged and the league organized and in working order before the season opens in May."

"Tentative plans provide for a league composed of six or eight teams, including Dickinson, Bismarck, Mandan, Jamestown, Valley City and perhaps Enderlin or Hankinson. Such a loop would no doubt meet with approval by local fans. Valley City had one of the strongest teams in the field last year and some baseball chatter can already be heard, regarding a team for 1921. We hope to see results produced next summer, instead of continued discussion of the proposition.

ROBERT BURNS

The immortal Scottish bard whose 162nd birth anniversary will be celebrated today by Scotch people and others throughout the world: Royal Robin—princely peasant, O' that thou couldst now be present, Beauty, worth and wealth would meet ye.

Every race on earth would greet ye, Rendering all with one acclaim. Tribute to thy deathless fame.

Boundless empires feel thy sway Under every sky today, Raptured hearts within us swell, Never while the mountains frown, Shall the star of Burns go down.

—William Murray.