

From Wednesday's Daily

G. E. Haggart, the Fargo contractor, was among the many looking after business matters here yesterday.

The state examiners are checking up the office of County Treasurer C. A. Fisher.

Miss Johanna Mittvet, one of the teachers in the Ritchie school during the last year, left last night for her home in Minnesota.

Rev. Thos. E. Nugent has been invited to make an address at a picnic to be held at the Green consolidated school on Friday evening.

The Odd Fellows who went out to Spiritwood Lake yesterday to picnic got home late last night having had a fine day in spite of the fact that it threatened rain all day.

J. W. Carroll, of Lisbon, N. D., former commandant of the Soldiers Home at that place, is here today attending the G. A. R. convention. H. J. Rowe, the present commandant, is also here.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Iverson, of Willmar, Minn., arrived in the city last night and will spend a day or two in the city visiting friends and looking after business matters.

Miss Laura Dillon, science teacher in the local High School for the past year, left last evening for her home in Peoria, Illinois.

An eight pound baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Dwight at Riverside hospital Tuesday morning. Mother and baby are getting along nicely.

C. A. Fisher and wife and daughter Mary, and Mrs. Sophia Lampman and daughter Lillian, were the members of a party that autored to Fargo yesterday morning returning home last evening.

James W. Nielson has moved his abstract office into the rooms formerly occupied by J. W. Rowland in the basement of the Pray building one door west of the postoffice.

Miss Gertrude Ness of Valley City has accepted the position as stenographer in the offices of County Agent George Isle. Miss Bessie Vosika, who has held the position, will leave for Sioux Falls, S. D., to accept a similar position.—Mandan Pioneer.

Lee and Clifford Ferguson autored to Fargo yesterday to attend the Retail Merchants convention. The boys got back home about 2:30 this morning which is rather a late hour for young men to be out, but they had a good time and did not leave Fargo until about 12:30.

Mrs. Chas. E. Jones, of Lisbon, N. D., will talk at the Camp Fire this evening at the Normal auditorium, using slides to illustrate the work for crippled children. Mrs. Jones' work started this winter at Bismarck in an educational campaign to show our obligation to the crippled children of this state.

The literary section of the Valley City Community Club will meet on Thursday evening at 8 o'clock at the home of Mrs. C. E. Allen, 223 West Park Ave., to consider the program for the coming year. All members of this literary section and all others who think of becoming members, are urged to attend this important meeting.

A note from Postmaster W. W. Smith this morning says that they are just getting settled in their cottage at Shoreham, Minn., and they want the paper sent to them there. He says they seem to get away with a lot of ease so that the air down there must be stimulating. Summer visitors and cottagers are commencing to arrive says Mr. Smith. Fishing fair and catching more than they can use.

The tide changes in North Dakota. It is not the Smiths nor the Joneses who are found in great numbers. In the Adjutant-General's office at Bismarck it has been found necessary to prepare a special index for the Andersons, Olsons and Petersons. These names predominate among the names of the ex-soldiers who are listed for the bonus, being far in excess of any others.

Officers of El Tizri Temple No. 8, D. O. K. K. of Minn., are sparing no pains in their endeavors to make the coming ceremonial June 15 a big event for the present members, the neophytes as well as the city and state in which No. 8 is the only temple now holding charter. It is understood that several members of the Valley City lodge are planning on taking this degree at that time.

The school election yesterday was indeed a tame affair only about two hundred voters taking enough interest in the election to go out and cast a vote. The candidates themselves did not vote.

Mrs. Aslaug Olsen Wright, head of the piano department of the State Normal School, will present three of her advanced pupils, Gertrude Bale Pearl Olson and Charlotte Stull, in recital in the Normal School Auditorium tomorrow afternoon at 4:30. Her students will be assisted by Marion Coyne, soprano, and Iver Noren, violinist. No admission will be charged, and an invitation is extended to all to come to the recital.

Dr. C. O. P. Smith has just returned from Detroit, Michigan, where he has been taking medical treatment. Mr. Smith is still quite weak and will not resume his practice in the city yet, but intends to go down to the Minnesota lakes in a short time to

recuperate further. The large number of Mr. Smith's friends in Valley City will be pleased to know that the gentleman is getting along as nicely as he is, and will wish for his early and complete recovery.

The Curren Construction Company was successful in getting one job of road work in Barnes county yesterday when the bids were opened. They have the contract for building seven miles of road between here and Sanborn on the Red Trail. Commencing at the end of the four mile stretch of the Heimes road and going through the big slough just south of Sanborn. After it is completed the trail will go just south of the town instead of through the town of Sanborn.

Major John M. McDowell of the field artillery, Minneapolis, will arrive in the city tomorrow for federal inspection of Company G. If the members of the company do not report in numbers of 50 or more, organization of the company cannot be completed, and Valley City runs a chance of losing the company. Members of the company are asked by Captain R. J. McDonald to report at the city hall at 7:30 p. m. on Thursday. As this is the final and federal inspection it is imperative that all members be present, according to officers of the company.

The Barnes County Farm Bureau will hold its annual meeting at Chautauqua Park next Saturday, June 11. At this time Hon. Joseph M. Devine, late commander of the training school at Mandan, will be the chief speaker and we look for him to give the members of this organization a real live talk on matters that will be of interest to them in their work. At one time Mr. Devine was governor of the state and also superintendent of public instruction. Should the weather be fine we look for a large crowd at the Chautauqua Park next Saturday.

All children who are unable to pay their way to the show Friday afternoon will be admitted free, according to an announcement today by Manager Miller of the Grand Theater. He urges that women and children attend the show on that day. "One Man in a Million" is the picture that will be shown on the two days. It is said to be one of the best pictures being shown on the American screen today. You will see: The exciting attack of a hundred and fifty dogs on two government agents; the big hearted love of a despised saloon lunchman for everything that lived; the most extraordinary parrot actor the screen has ever seen, and the best cast picture of the year.

A further reduction in the price of Ford cars, trucks, sedans and coupe automobiles is now in effect according to the Embertson & West local representatives of the Ford factory. The new prices are quoted below: Touring car \$510, roadster \$465; coupe \$695; sedan \$760; truck \$495. The prices quoted at f. o. b. Detroit. The selling price of the roadster at the factory is \$25 higher than pre-war prices and the selling price of the touring car is \$55 higher than before the war. The sedan, truck and coupe sell at the factory for a lower price than was ever reached before.

They are telling a good one on Dr. O. A. Laughlin today. He had been out to Spiritwood Lake to the I. O. O. F. picnic and was returning home last night, accompanied by a couple more of the band boys. They were hitting along a good clip, but some how or other Dr. O. A. didn't seem to be riding like a good car ought to, and he mentioned the fact that "this Heimes road is sure hard, isn't it?" He told one of the boys to look and see if he had a flat tire. They looked but the tire was missing entirely, and they had been running on the rim for about three miles, according to the TimesRecord's informant. They looked for the tire, but were unable to find it, and by that time Laughlin had another tire on the wheel and they came into town.

Joe Johnson, 42, of Fargo, was nearly scalped when his automobile turned turtle in a ditch about three miles east of Valley City yesterday afternoon about 4 o'clock. Jack Sheehan of Fargo, a passenger in the car, was not injured. Johnson was taken to Riverside hospital immediately after the accident by Art Stern, who travels for the Stern Candy Co., of this city. Johnson was bleeding profusely, and was badly scratched up. His left arm is badly cut. He claims he lost control of the car. The car went into a small ditch. Johnson is a traveling salesman for Arbuckle Bros. He was reported getting along as well as could be expected today at the hospital, and it is not believed he is injured internally. The scalp wound on Johnson's head was the worst wound suffered from the accident.

A very pretty wedding was solemnized at the farm home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Whitcher in Getchell Prairie township yesterday at two o'clock when their daughter, Miss Edna became the bride of John J. Noekel, a farmer living a few miles south of Valley City. Rev. Thomas E. Nugent, of the local Congregational church performed the ceremony, in the presence of several friends and relatives of the two families. Charles Whitcher and Helen Noekel acted as the groom's and bride's attendants respectively. The rooms were very prettily decorated for the occasion. A light repast was served after the ceremony. It is understood the young couple will make their home south of the city.

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William Cullen arrived in the city last night from Los Angeles, Cal.

M. SinSlaun and family, of Minot, N. D., were guests at one of the hotels of the city last night.

Attorney C. T. Hoverson is up from Fargo and is looking after legal matters before the district court.

The General Aid of the M. E. church will meet in the church parlors Wednesday afternoon, June 8, with the Ideal Circle as hostesses.

Col. J. H. Fraine, who headed the gallant North Dakota First Regiment while in France, was a visitor to Valley City last night.

George Isensee came up from Fargo yesterday and hearing of our ball team went up to see the game last night. George is a good roofer when he has an opportunity to root but last night was not the right time for him to get in action.

The Valley City base ball club left this morning for Fessenden and Minot and we hope the boys will bring back a few games to their credit to give us a little encouragement.

Mr. and Mrs. E. I. Bergan and son Ralph Burnette arrived by car Friday evening from Wanbay, S. D., to spend a month with H. J. Bergan and family.

General Henry Beal went to Lisbon today, where he will attend a meeting of the executive board of the Old Soldier's Home, of which he is a member.

Rev. F. L. Bohnhoff is to leave today for Eurika, South Dakota, where he will deliver the commencement address to the graduates of the Eurika College.

H. H. Jensen, formerly connected with the C. C. Chaffee Company of this city, was here from Jamestown yesterday where he is employed, making preparations to move his household goods to that city.

Mrs. L. W. Hubbard and children returned from Fargo last evening after spending a week at Fargo. While there Mrs. Hubbard attended the El Zagal Shrine party and were guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Dadey on Ninth avenue.

The Scandinavian Ladies Aid will meet on Wednesday afternoon June 8 on the farm of Milton Stenham, about four or five miles southeast of town. In case of rain it will be postponed until Thursday. Everyone welcome.

Lew Whitson was recently up at Carrington and landed a couple of dandy roofing jobs, one on a big hotel and one on a large garage. Lew is one of the best roofers we have in the country and is picking up a lot of work here and there along these lines.

Mrs. C. C. Chaffee and Miss Louise Wheelock left on No. 1 this morning for Everett, Wash., to make their future home. The best wishes of all the people of Valley City go with them. Miss Helen will remain here for a few weeks visiting around before she joins the rest of the family at Everett.

The painters that have been painting the postoffice have completed their work and left last evening for Denver, Colorado, where they have a similar job. The postoffice now presents a spick and span appearance with a new coat of white paint, something that has been lacking since the building was erected.

Four deputy state enforcement officers headed by Wellington Wright after a thrilling race, captured three whiskey runners and two cars seven miles east of Jamestown late Saturday afternoon. Officers fired several times, four shots hitting the rear of one of the cars. The men gave their names as George Bellezea, James Maher and Joseph Golden. Their hearing will be held Friday, the bail being fixed at \$1,000 each. Forty-six cases of booze were confiscated, according to officers. Al Personius, resident engineer of the state highway commission working out of the Valley City office at Jamestown, told Sunday of seeing the chase, the cars passing him on the road at a high rate of speed. After they had passed him he heard shots, and it was perhaps at that time the capture was made.

Miss Chrissie Budge of Grand Forks was appointed secretary of the Minot Normal school by the board of administration in session in Minot yesterday. The board, represented by George A. Totten, Robert Muir and J. I. Cahill held a meeting in Minot yesterday while en route from Dunseith to Bismarck and went over details of the management of the Minot institution with Dr. Levi H. Beeler, the new president. Miss Budge has been associated with a firm of auditors and will assume her duties in Minot at once.—Minot Daily News. Miss Budge's friends in Valley City will be pleased to hear of her fine position. She was employed in Valley City by Combs & Ritchie, lawyers.

The annual Barnes county Y. M. C. A. tennis tournament was held Saturday in Valley City on the court at the Normal and the one belonging to the Episcopal church. There was a large entry list from the county and the honors were divided. Jake Carlson of Grand Prairie, took the boy's singles; Helen Carrol, of Valley City, took the girl's singles; Chester Stixrud and Wayne Benson of Litchville carried off the honors in the boy's doubles; Florence Holcomb and Mayme McKay were high in the girl's doubles. Tennis is a nice clean sport where both boys and girls can play and it should be encouraged more. The business men of Valley City very willingly gave prizes for the events, and the secretary is loud in his praise for the articles contributed. He says they were better than he expected or asked for.

Ed Johnson, arrested with John Thorpe and John Miller in Valley City about a month ago by local authorities and taken back to Moorhead charged with the theft of suits and overcoats from the E. C. Wragg Cleaning parlors is a parole violator from Walla Walla, Wash., according to word received by Chief of Police J. B. Erickson, of Moorhead yesterday from Leavenworth, where fingerprints of the three were sent. Johnson was sentenced from one to five years in the state prison for burglary. Miller has served time at Portland, Ore., and was paroled from Walla Walla after having served two years of a two and one-half to 15 years for burglary. Thorpe has no record. These are the first results from the Bertillon finger print system installed recently in the Moorhead station.

Cloudy skies did not dampen the ardor of the Odd Fellows and their ladies this morning or deter them from going to Spiritwood Lake for the picnic advertised to be pulled off today. Early this morning the automobiles lined up for the trip and it kept Fred Colby busy marshalling his autoes and getting the loads under way. Two big trucks from the State Teachers College took loads over to the lake. The Municipal band also went and if the weather man is only decent to the bunch today they will have a good time. A large number took the day off and went to Spiritwood. They will be joined at Rogers by a bunch from that town and at Wimbledon will be joined by others. When they get out to the picnic grounds there will be a big crowd. Rev. J. S. Wilds was taken along. He is the official story teller for the party and while he is not up on piscatorial events he has a fund of stories that will keep the crowd good natured if he gets a chance to tell them.

On Friday of this week the Barnes County Sunday School association will hold its annual convention in Valley City at the Chautauqua park. Several scores delegates, representing churches and Sunday schools or every denomination and creed are expected to attend. The program has been prepared for some time, and provides for band concerts, song exercises, speaking, etc., besides the regular business sessions.

S. S. CONVENTION HERE THIS WEEK

The program follows: 9:00—Executive Committee Meeting. 10:00—Devotional—Rev. Fox. 10:15—How My Church is Dependent Upon the Sunday School—Rev. Nugent. 10:45—Divisional Conferences: Administrative—C. A. Armstrong. Teen Age Boys—Geo. B. Caley. Teen Age Girls—Margaret Shearer. Juniors—Mrs. Stroud. Primary—Mrs. Root. 11:30—Recreation and Games for children—Miss Nellie Whitcher. 12:00—Picnic Dinner. 1:30—Prayer—Rev. Moe. Musical contest by the schools. Violin solo—Florence Larson. 2:15—Business: Report of Nominating Committee. Election of Officers. General Business. 3:00—Address—Dr. Robertson of Fargo. 4:00—Recreation Stunts: Children Under Ten—Miss Whitcher. Adults—Mr. Caley. 4:45—Band Concert—Valley City Band. 6:00—Picnic Lunch. 6:45—Devotional and Song Service led by Rev. Wilds. 7:30—Address—Dr. Robertson. 8:30—Adjournment.

The fourth annual picnic of the Barnes County Farm Bureau and Live Stock Association will be held at the Chautauqua park, Valley City, June 11th. The program will be largely that of entertainment, music being the principal feature. The program will be very brief, leaving the members free to visit and get acquainted. An effort is being made to secure Frank O. Lowden, former governor of Illinois as the main speaker for this meeting. Up to the present time however, nothing has been received from Mr. Lowden as to whether or not he would be able to attend. At present there are nearly 750 members in the Barnes County Farm Bureau and over 60 in the Livestock association. It is expected that all of these and all others interested will attend. This meeting is absolutely free to everyone. Those coming should bring their own lunch. Coffee or lemonade will be served at the park.

LOWDEN MAY BE HERE FOR PICNIC

The men of the township, numbering 30, came to the school early in the morning, bringing teams, spades, shovels, road scrapers, a road grade drill, a disc and a plow; while others brought loads of gravel to be used on the driveway and playgrounds.

It is needless to say that the school grounds has been greatly improved and the people of the community feel justly repaid for their efforts in going to the school and contributing their day of labor.

The school now boasts of a beautiful curved gravelled driveway leading from the highway to the main entrance way and out again. Another addition is the cement walk at the front entrance way, also one leading from the left entrance and one at the right entrance to the gravelled playground. The rest of the lawn has been filled in with black loam and been seeded to grass.

Plans are to make various improvements during the summer vacation which will aid in making it a better school. They recently purchased one hundred dollars worth of playground apparatus, which funds were taken from the proceeds of a carnival which was given a month ago. Green township is up and doing which can be easily seen through the efforts of the people to make their school one of the best in the county.

SEEING THINGS AROUND ROGERS

Word comes to the city that there is considerable excitement around Rogers owing to the fact that a strange animal has been seen around those parts which those who claim to have seen it say is a lion. Many blunderbuses, revolvers and old muskets have been hauled down from the garrets lately, oiled up, ammunition rounded up, and a hunt after the strange animal has been in progress the past few days. It is reported that one man who was on horseback was chased by this supposed lion but the fleetness of the horse put him out of reach of this dread animal. No such excitement has been manifest for years as is prevalent up in that region at this time. It is a known fact that this is a law abiding and sober community and no stills or home brew have been located around there so that it cannot be laid to anything of this kind. The first time the animal was seen it was reported on the Heimes farm and many other claim to have seen this lion. In fact Frank Cook made the statement yesterday that about a week ago he and some one else saw a strange animal two miles east of town playing in the wheat fields, which resembled an animal of this character, only that the

one he saw had a slim body but was long and tall. This animal has been seen for several days by the neighbors in that locality and may be the same animal that has visited the Rogers district. Posses are being formed and the boys are going out after its scalp. It is barely possible that some wild animal has escaped from some show and worked its way up the river and out on to the prairies and that the rumor is well founded. We know Frank Cook to be a man of sober habits and also the folks around Rogers to be the same kind of people so you cannot accuse them of using home brew and then seeing things—although those who have used it say that it has a tendency to make people see things.

FLAG DAY IS SET ASIDE BY FRAZIER

Governor Lynn J. Frazier has proclaimed Tuesday, June 14th as Flag Day. His proclamation:

"That our commonwealth may fittingly observe the one hundred and forty-fourth birthday of the stars and stripes, I hereby designate, Tuesday the 14th day of June of the present year as Flag Day and direct that this day be dedicated to exercise appropriate to the ideals for which our colors stand; that the flag be displayed from public buildings and the homes and that flags be worn on that day.

"In these times of international stress the responsibilities of citizenship demand our keenest attention and fullest cooperation that the principles for which our fathers and brothers fought and died may not be lost sight of, that selfish interests may not be confused with the common good, and that profiteering and profiteers who prey and fatten on the vitals of our nation, may be kept outside the pale of the confidence and respects of the patriotic, liberty and home loving citizens of North Dakota."

WHEAT GROWERS TO MEET HERE ON 13TH

The North Dakota Wheat Growers association will hold a meeting in Valley City, N. D., on Monday, June 13th. Mr. N. K. Wick, a farmer of Eddy county is the state organizer and has started a big drive to pool 30,000,000 bushels of North Dakota wheat by July 10th.

A series of meetings will be held in every county throughout the state within the next 30 days. These meetings are held for the purpose of explaining the 100 per cent compulsory pooling of wheat. Mr. A. Slaughter, a farmer of Oklahoma, also national organizer will speak here. Every farmer who grows wheat should avail himself and attend at least one of these meetings.

Mr. Wicks is in charge of this drive for membership in this wheat growers organization and actual wheat growers are selected from different places, speakers as well as solicitors. Wheat growers only can join this association and therefore wheat growers will be selected to do the work. Farmers have come to realize that the time has come when they must do something for themselves if they ever expect to get anywhere.

The North Dakota Wheat Growers association is organized under the Aaron Saparoe plan. He is the most experienced man in this country in co-operation. He started this plan only four years ago on a four year contract in California, which he has organized so well that the rasin growers are now signing a 15 year contract. The work has just started in North Dakota. Aaron Saparoe has been engaged by all the different states as the legal counsel, state and national. In many states the bankers and business men volunteer their services in assisting the farmers in putting this great world wide cooperation into effect.

NEW IMPROVEMENTS IN GREEN TWP.

Green Consolidated school was the scene of much activity Saturday, June 4th. The men of the township, numbering 30, came to the school early in the morning, bringing teams, spades, shovels, road scrapers, a road grade drill, a disc and a plow; while others brought loads of gravel to be used on the driveway and playgrounds.

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TO START FROM HERE ON TRIP

Plans for a gigantic livestock tour of the Holstein Breeding circuit of

New Salem, Morton county, which will start from Valley City, were announced today by Max Morgan, livestock specialist of the North Dakota extension division.

The tour will be held early in July, and more than a hundred cars full of farmers, bankers and county agents from all parts of the state who are interested in dairying are expected to attend. The trip forms a part of Mr. Morgan's program to increase the number of dairy cows in North Dakota.

Cars full of farmers accompanied by the county agents will assemble in Valley City from Barnes, Richland, Sargent and other eastern counties early in the morning and will start driving west, meeting the groups from Stutsman, Dickey and Foster counties at Jamestown. Along the road parties will be picked up from Emmons, Kidder and McLean counties. A delegation has promised to attend from Golden Valley county, and a number of other counties are expected to come into line on the trip.

The next morning the visit of the circuit, which has already gained much favorable advertising for North Dakota in the farm magazines of the country, will begin, with the first stop scheduled at the farm of John Christianson of New Salem, the oldest member of the circuit who last year was proclaimed by the Country Gentleman to be the best farmer in North Dakota.

Talks will be given at each of the stops and Prof. J. H. Shepperd of the Agricultural College will be in charge of the program. Gordon W. Randle, director of the extension division, will also be on the program.

NEWS FROM THE NEAR EAST

Beirut, Syria, Monday morning, May 9, 1921.

Dear folks at home— Some how a letter from you would make me feel very happy. I've been trying to settle down to work to you but ever since we arrived Thursday evening something has been happening to take up time. I know I have been so busy occasionally coming down, in spite of the fact that Doctor Newton and Miss White my two best friends here were with me. Some how as though some of you were in trouble and now I hope it is foolish fear on my part. First coming down I met a Swede who traveled all over Norway. In talking to him I saw mother and felt some of the wonders of the lovely Northland which she came and wished with my might that she and father were here with me. She to see her home land and father to see again his places as he saw years ago, before dreamed even. He should not fit them much changed. Cypress, Rhoda, Adalia, Smyrna, Alexandria, Mesina Tripolie, etc., lastly beautiful Beirut of which I have heard him speak. Beirut is much like Trilivon, with its tile roofs of rose and sweet tinted stucco homes. It is not modern at all. Everything is old and dusty in the city. The city is in control of the French government, who have improved the roads and streets. We passed olive trees, sur o dry, to low queer flat covered roofs, arches, to palm trees, cypress and pine. The yard here is wonderful. I live with Mrs. Hoskins, a missionary whose husband died recently, in the same yard is a chapel, a Presbyterian building and our headquarters, located in the Theological Ich building. Here is an infusion of flowers everywhere. Underneath the date palms, one sees geraniums, forget-me-nots, daisies, asters, everything, while over the arched entrance, hang clusters of roses, deep scented. It certainly seems like the oasis we pictured as children. I shall leave here tomorrow for Sidon.

My work is going to keep me very busy. I shall have charge of the boy's orphanage for three weeks, then take over the girl's orphanage too. This puts me in charge of 700 or so Syrian children. I shall be busy no doubt but that will be good for I shall be rather lonely. There are eight Americans all told in Sidon, but I am the only woman in the Near East there and besides two men. The others are missionaries. I am sorry my children are not going to be Armenian for I can talk Turkish rather well (which is their language) and I shall not be able to learn Arabic in so short a time. However I shall do the best I can.

Miss White received a message from her mother saying she was better. She will work in the office here. Doctor Newton went to Jerusalem, Egypt, Cairo, etc., on his way to Berlin to take up some new work in medicine. After a month in Berlin he will be in New York City again. I sent home with Cox's Shipping Agency two boxes of stuff, my wonderful rugs, etc. I believe I shall have them taken out later and if I do I shall write instructions to Janet Hodges to send them home to you. I hope that you are taking good care of my books and things. You know I am in hopes of having a home someday, with mother and dad with me. I have hopes of being home or near home by Xmas. My contract ends Nov. 15. It is very peaceful here. No war or conflict.

Now I shall have to close this letter. I received one check from the treasury department. The envelope I am sending. The draft No. 54977061, one month. That is the only one I have had out of 27 months, so I trust that I shall be able to find the others coming to the bank. Am going to bring Col. White something from out here. I remember Mrs. White had a weakness for shawls so I may bring her a Persian shawl. This city is full of missionaries, who are all very good to us. Shall have a lot more to write when I get to work. Best of love in the world, ALMA.

Please find out who the minister is from Valley City. I'll look him up.