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## SEEDING NOW IN FULL BLAST

### THE RED RIVER VALLEY FARMERS ARE VERY BUSY NOW PLANTING GOLDEN GRAIN

Seeding operations are now in full progress all over the valley. The snow disappeared rapidly and spring came almost before we were aware of it. In a few days the fields were dry and in good condition to receive the seed. If the work is not interrupted rain most of the wheat will be in the ground by the end of next week, and in another week the oats and barley will have been seeded. A dry spring will enable the farmers to put in the crop in good shape and make certain also that every available acre will be seeded. If then the May and June rains do not fail us, the prospects are bright for a bountiful harvest. May the fields this year richly reward the industrious farmers for their toil. The outlook thus far, both as regards crop and prices, is excellent.

### BASEBALL DIAMOND TO BE PUT IN GOOD SHAPE

Magnus Pihlstrom and Frans Larson have been around to the business men of the city with a subscription list to raise funds for fixing up the ball park south of the court house. The business men have responded generously and approximately \$300 has been donated at the time of this writing. This is a move in the right direction towards the organizing of a first class ball team to represent Warren during the coming season. The improvements greatly needed are the erection of a large grand stand with bleachers and a high board fence around the diamond, and both of these improvements will be made this spring.

### Diseases of Seed Potatoes and Their Control.

There are three quite common diseases of seed potatoes, two of which are very destructive in their effects upon the succeeding crop. These diseases are the "stem blight" or "Fusarium wilt," the "Little Potato Disease" or "Rhizoctonia," and potato scab.

These diseases live over in the soil from year to year and land once infested should be devoted to crops other than root crops for at least three years. When clean ground is used each year, the diseases are perpetuated by using diseased seed or by sound seed which has come in contact with diseased seed in the bin, wagons or sacks.

Seed potatoes infected with the "stem blight" are easily recognized by cutting off a thin slice of the stem end of the tuber. If the disease is present brown discolorations are seen in the flesh in the vascular ring just beneath the skin. While all brown markings may not be caused from this disease yet if "dry rot" is associated with it one can be reasonably sure of the infection. The use of the clean seed plot together with the treating of seed is the only practical method of eradication.

The "little potato disease" or Rhizoctonia, can be identified on the seed stock as it appears as tiny corky black specks on the skin, resembling very much the "black rust" as seen on the wheat. The disease lives over in the soil and in the skin of potatoes from newly infected hills, hence the disease is easily controlled by treating with corrosive sublimate.

In treating seed potatoes for scab and the other diseases, the corrosive sublimate solution is best. It is made by using one ounce of corrosive sublimate to every ten gallons of water. The sublimate should be put in solution in a wooden vessel (never use metal for it acts on metal). By dissolving it in a few gallons of hot water it is easily diluted to the required strength.

The solution is very poisonous so every precaution must be taken to prevent stock from drinking it or eating treated seed.

One very simple way to treat seed potatoes is to get a tank large enough for 75 or 100 gallons of solution and then treat 10 bushels at one time. The seed should be soaked two hours, then cut and planted, and by arranging batches of 10 bushels while another is being treated the man can be cutting one lot. Treating them should not cost more than 1 1-2c per bushel or more than 20c per acre, an outlay which is returned many fold.

## DECLAMATORY CONTEST AT N. S. COLLEGE

An oratorical declamatory contest will be given by students of North Star College at the college chapel, on Tuesday evening April 13. The following program has been arranged and it promises to be interesting as well as lively. The public is invited to attend. A small admission fee will be charged.

- Program.**
1. Piano Duet ..... Selected Gladys Grindeland, Agnes Lundgren
  2. Oration, "Daniel O'Connell" ..... Phillips Minnie Greslie
  3. Oration, "Wendell Phillips" Curtis Miranda Sandin
  4. Vocal Solo ..... Selected Florence Anderson
  5. Oration, "Toussaint L'Ouverture" ..... Phillips George Magnuson
  6. Oration, "The American Flag" ..... Becher Oscar Satterlund
  7. Piano Solo ..... Lucile Farrell
  8. Oration, "The New South" Grady Gilbert Lokken
  9. Oration, "Murder Will Out" ..... Webster Axel Johnson
  10. Piano Duet ..... Selected Misses Wennerberg and Gibson
- Decision of Judges.

## RED RIVER AGRICULTURISTS' ASSOCIATION MEETING

The agricultural teachers and city and county superintendents of the valley met at Crookston last week to discuss the two problems: "The Standardization of the High School Course in Agriculture" and "The Rural School and the High School Agricultural Department."

H. V. Longley of Hallock, was elected president to succeed Frank H. Koos of Stephen. County Supt. of Schools David Johnson was elected chairman of the executive committee.

## O. H. Taralseth Returns from California.

O. H. Taralseth arrived home yesterday morning from his winter sojourn on the Pacific coast. He spent most of the time with his family at Los Angeles and San Diego visiting off and on with former Warrentites now residing in those cities, among whom were Peter Ruedy, Mr. and Mrs. T. Morck, Frank Jerrue, and many others. On the way home he took in the San Francisco Exposition for a few days, saw the sights in Portland, Tacoma and Seattle, in which latter place he enjoyed a visit with John E. Ostrom, then proceeding to Spokane, Salt Lake City and Denver, the long trip came to an end upon arriving in Warren. Mr. Taralseth says that the business depression on the coast is quite marked, yet there are signs of improvement. Mrs. Taralseth and the children were to start for home yesterday and will probably arrive in a week or two.

## Good Seed Bed for a Good Crop.

A somewhat late spring offers a strong temptation to put in crops with very little attention to the preparation of the seed bed. Nothing is gained by putting the seed in before the seed bed is dry enough to be worked up well, says A. C. Army, Assistant Agriculturist, University Farm, St. Paul. Most soils, if worked when they are wet, puddle and afterwards bake. Seeds in a hard-baked soil grow with difficulty. While it is important to have the wheat and oats in the ground early, it pays to prepare for them, with the disk or spring tooth and smoothing harrow, a good seed bed. This is especially true when clover and timothy are sown with the grain. A good stand of clover and timothy is usually secured on corn land that has not been plowed but has been carefully disked in preparation for the grain crop.

It pays to disk or at least harrow early in April the ground that is to be planted to corn. This allows the ground to warm up more quickly than it would if left undisturbed. The result is clean, well-prepared seed bed for the corn. At no time can corn be cultivated better or more cheaply than in April and early May before it is planted. For a fuller discussion of tillage, see Extension Bulletin No. 20.

## Like Wild Prairie Fire.

Ford sales are sweeping the country. We are swamped with orders, and new sales piling in on us every day. People of good taste and sound judgment are the ones that are buying the Ford cars. The 1915 model is a handsome car of graceful lines and fine finish, coming now with cowl hood, oval fenders and electric lighted. Price of touring car \$490 f. o. b. Detroit, buyers to share in Ford profits.—W. F. Powell & Co.

## NORTH STAR COLLEGE NOTES

Mr. Andeen of Foldahl visited at the college last Wednesday. It was his first visit.

The college building has been treated to a thoro scrubbing during the Easter vacation. All honor to our janitor.

Harry C. Anderson conducted services at Elim and Alvarado on Good Friday and Easter. He returned on Monday evening.

Miss Florence Abrahamson visited with relatives at Inkster, N. D., during the Easter vacation. Miss Ruth, her sister from Grafton, was also there.

Almost all of the students made a visit either at their homes or with friends outside of the city during the short vacation. Several of the students left, not to return; but most of them are already back at the old work, prepared to put on the finishing touches.

Orville A. Schenck who during the winter term, was assistant teacher in the Stenographic department, left for his home last Thursday.

During the Easter vacation the boarding club also took a vacation, thus giving our cook, Miss Bystrom, a well earned rest for a few days.

The college group picture is one of the best we have seen for a long time. The large picture will be on exhibition down town in a short time.

Miss Bertha Holan one of our graduates employed in the county auditor's office at International Falls, called at the college last Monday. She had been at home over Easter for a short visit.

Professor Sjostrand has been elected delegate from Marshall county to the State Sunday School Convention which meets at Brainerd, April 8 to 11th.

Miss Judith Peterson, one of our graduates now studying at Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, writes that she is anxious to have N. S. C. represented at the Lutheran Students' Convention to be held in St. Peter, April 8 to 11.

Spring has come to stay. The robins are here; also geese, meadow larks, kilderer and other spring birds.

The class in church history is preparing an interesting set of reports. The two reports to be given on Saturday are: The Luther Leagues of the Red River Valley, and a History of North Star College. Leonard Morud is preparing a report of the Norwegian Lutheran Young Peoples' societies of the Red River Valley. He is receiving some very interesting reports from the various pastors within the territory.

The English Contest will be held on Tuesday evening, April 13. A very interesting program will be rendered. To help defray the expenses an admission fee of 25 and 15 cents will be charged.

Mr. Hilleboe is seeding wheat on a part of the college grounds. He started on Monday.

## A Farewell Reception.

A farewell reception was given in honor of Rev. and Mrs. Wm. Bramscher, at the home of John G. Rue, on Sunday evening last. There was a large crowd present. The pleasant evening was spent in music and games after which a dainty lunch was served at midnight. As a token of remembrance, a few members of the Warren congregation presented to Rev. Bramscher, a fine gold watch, and a few of the ladies presented Mrs. Bramscher with a silver cream and gravy ladle as a token of remembrance. During their stay here the pastor and his wife have endeared themselves to our people, both inside and outside of the congregation he served, and the best wishes of all follow them to their new home and field of labor at Silver Lake, Minn.

## COURT HOUSE NEWS

Sheriff Hans C. Hanson and C. O. Anderson returned last Thursday from Stillwater, to which place they had taken the two men Essig and Brandt who had been sentenced by the court to serve indeterminate terms in state's prison.

Carl Jensen Westergaard, butter-maker in the Gatzke creamery, was adjudged insane in Probate Judge Holm's court last week and committed to the asylum at Fergus Falls, to which institution he was taken by Deputy Sheriff Gustafson.

License to wed has been issued to Theodore S. Szczepanski to Solo C. Trotland.

## The Oldest Settler.

The Sheaf has received quite a few communications from old settlers who state the time of their arrival in the county. Some relate also interesting reminiscences from the early days. We reproduce here a few letters and statements hoping that these may stir up many more from the fading line of pioneers. What we want to get at, is the name of that settler who has lived in the county the greatest length of time.

Adolph Elden of Alvarado, writes: "I came to Marshall Co., the 5th of May, 1879. At that time Warren was called Farley. I have lived here 36 years and have never been elsewhere since. I will send you a letter about the early pioneer days in a few days."

Andrew Anderson, of Warrenton, states that he came to Marshall county on April 15, 1881, and has lived here ever since.

Peter Dalquist, of Warren, states that he and his brother Eli fled on homesteads in town of Warrenton, on Feb. 8, 1879, and that he moved onto the land on May 22, 1879.

Alfred Willer, of Foldahl, says that he came to Marshall county with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Willer, in the fall of 1880, when he was four years old and that he has lived here ever since.

Frank Rutz, tells us that he came to town of Comstock in Marshall county two years before the railroad came and as the railroad was built thru Warren in 1878, Mr. Rutz must have arrived in the county in 1876, the exact date being April 4, in that year.

## Former County Pioneer is Dead.

Jonas Mickelson was born July 16, 1852, in Helsingland, Sweden, and died Tuesday, March 16, 1915, at one o'clock at the age of 62 years and eight months. Was married to Sarah Johnson, May 23, 1880. In July, 1881, they emigrated to America and settled on a farm at Warren, Marshall county, Minnesota. Death took away his wife in June, 1901. With his children he came to Wilson Creek, Wash., in November, 1901, where he has resided until death came. He is survived by eight children, five girls, Mrs. John Davidson, Mrs. Walford Dahlgren, Cora, Hanna and Eula; and by three boys, Annon, Felix and Eos, all residing here.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Jas. Thomson at the Presbyterian church, Wednesday afternoon. The building was filled with friends and relatives. Interment was made at the town cemetery.—The Wilson Creek, Wash., Herald.

Deceased lived in the vicinity of Warren for a number of years and will be remembered by many of the old settlers. A brother-in-law, Mr. P. Flod, lives near Radium.

## MOTHERS

Mothers! Why not protect the children by using milk from a tuberculin tested herd? — P. Frost Spaulding Farm Co.

## HOME ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT

### Home Projects for High School Students.

In this department as in the Agricultural department much of the work loses its value unless followed by practical home work. To encourage the active co-operation between school and home and to apply the training in school directly to the home is the object of these home projects offered.

Reports of all work done, certified by the parent or guardian, must be brought to the instructor in home economics at the completion of the project.

It is to be hoped that students, both present and prospective, will take up this work and that the parents will show themselves interested in the school's effort to help them as well as their daughters, and will be glad to give an opportunity to do some of the work offered.

One-eighth credit will be given for each of the first eight projects; for the 9th and 10th one-fourth credit will be given.

The project should be selected with care and then carried thru with a determination to make the work as good as possible.

1. Preparing one meal alone daily for three months. At least one-third of these meals must be dinner. With the report, menus must be submitted for seven breakfasts, seven dinners and seven suppers.

2. Preparing three meals alone for one month. In case of sickness or absence from home, six meals may be prepared by someone else and these same made up in another month. With this report, menus for seven successive days must be submitted to the instructor.

3. Baking bread once a week for four months. If desired hand in an essay of not less than 500 words on bread baking in general and your work in particular.

4. Care of two bedrooms for four months: sweeping, dusting, bed-making, etc. A three hundred word essay on the work done is required with this project.

5. Cooking meat 40 times in at least 12 different ways. A two hundred word essay on the best methods to be used with the tougher cuts of meat.

6. Making 10 cakes, 10 pies, 10 batches of cookies, 10 puddings. Doughnuts may be substituted for any two of these.

7. Making one dress, one waist, one undershirt; or, making one dress, one skirt, one undergarment; or, one dress and two undergarments.

With each piece, keep account of the cost of all utensils used, and give this account in the report.

8. Making three child's dresses, and one waist and one undergarment for a grown person. Accounts must be kept in this case also.

9. Canning 50 jars of fruit. At least 30 must be plain canned, in quart jars; the rest may be jams or preserves in quart or pint jars or jelly in glasses.

10. Canning 25 jars of vegetables, canned by the intermittent process, in pint or quart jars. (Tomatoes will not be included).

The above projects were prepared by Vera B. Baker, head of the home economics department of the Warren schools.

A number of the projects submitted by Prof. Ole Neraal are being considered by the boys.

In a short time other projects will be submitted.

Our object in submitting these home or outside of school projects is not to take from our present course but rather to enable students to graduate with more credits. Special certification will be made on the diplomas of these graduating with home credits. We desire to encourage in every possible way the doing of useful home tasks. Much of the time now spent by many boys and girls upon the streets or in some loafing place, could be better spent in some useful and helpful home task. The success of work of this kind as you will readily see depends very largely upon friendly co-operation which may be given by parents.

Very respectfully,  
—E. M. Mitchell.

## Business Farmer Tests His Seed.

The business farmer of today tests his seed grain. In farming, as in every other business, elements of chance are being removed as fully as possible.

After a farmer has selected his seed grain by the use of the fanning mill, he should make tests for purity and germination. If he is not prepared to do this, he should communicate with the Minnesota Seed Laboratory, University Farm, St. Paul.

The only safe thing is to remove elements of chance by selecting good seed, and by testing for purity and germinating power.

## SENIOR CLASS PLAY WAS GREAT SUCCESS

"The Hoodoo" Was Well Played and Thoroughly Enjoyed on April Fools Day.

The Senior Class play "The Hoodoo," was presented before a large and appreciative audience at the opera house on Thursday evening April 1st. It was one of the best, if not the best, play ever given by students of the high school. The play is in the nature of a comedy, replete with quick action and humorous situations. Each student performed his or her part in a very meritorious manner, that showed thorough understanding of the role in which each appeared as well as careful rehearsal. Too much credit can not be given to Miss Nora Bakke, of the High School Faculty, for her efficient work in training the players. The scenery in the first act was made by students of the High School under the direction of J. Nevin Johnson, manual training instructor, and was undoubtedly the most beautiful and elaborate ever seen in a home talent play in our city. The cast of characters is as follows:

- Cast of Characters**
- Brighton Early, about to be married ..... Hilmer Erickson
  - Billy Jackson, the heart-breaker ..... Frans A. Larson
  - Professor Solomon Spiggot, an authority on Egypt. Chester Hanson
  - Hemachus Spiggot, his son, aged seventeen ..... Clinton Winchester
  - Mr. Malachi Meek, a lively old gentleman of sixty-nine ..... Martin Samuelson
  - Mr. Dun, the burglar ..... Magnus Pihlstrom
  - Miss Amy Lee, about to be married ..... Adeline Lindstrand
  - Mrs. Perrington-Shine, her aunt, and Mr. Meek's daughter ..... Anna Peterson
  - Gwendolyn Perrington-Shine, who does just as mamma says ..... Agnes Sands
  - Dodo de Graft, the dazling daisy ..... Ida Copp
  - Mrs. Ima Clinger, a fascinating young widow ..... Caddie Robinson
  - Angelina, her angel child, aged eight ..... Selpha Torgeson
  - Miss Doris Ruffles, Amy's maid of honor ..... Saxton Nelson
  - Mrs. Semiramis Spiggot, the mother of seven ..... Olga Bloomsness
  - Eupepsia Spiggot, her daughter, aged sixteen ..... Lucile White
  - Miss Longnecker, a public school teacher ..... Clara Knutson
  - Lulu, by name and nature ..... Helen Mathwig
  - Aunt Paradise, the colored cook lady ..... Lucile Farrell
  - Four Little Spiggot.

Each player did so well that it is impossible almost to single out any one for special mention. Hilmer Erickson as Brighton Early and Adeline Lindstrand as Miss Amy Lee, both about to be married, played their parts very skillfully. Frans A. Larson made an ideal Billy Jackson, the heart-breaker. The part of Professor Solomon Spiggot was well played by Chester Hanson and Clinton Winchester as Hemachus Spiggot, the son, always created merriment by his drawing voice and droll witticisms. The most difficult part of all was perhaps that of Aunt Paradise, the colored cook lady, played by Lucile Farrell, in a manner that could not have been improved upon by a genuine darkey. Magnus Pihlstrom impersonated a burglar to perfection. Martin Samuelson represented a lively and love-smitten old gentleman of 69 quite realistic. Caddie Robinson played the role of Mrs. Ima Clinger, a fascinating young widow, very well indeed. Olga Bloomsness well represented Mrs. Semiramis Spiggot, and Helen Mathwig, Lucile White, Selpha Torgeson, Ida Copp, Saxton Nelson, Anna Peterson and Clara Knutson played their respective parts in a pleasing and natural manner. As the play was unfolded many exciting things happened but fortunately, as often in real life, everything ended very happily.

The proceeds of the class play was \$186.00.

## Camp Fire Girls Entertained.

The Wahnta Camp Fire Girls and guest from Pembina Camp, Thief River Falls, were delightfully entertained at the home of Miss Della Lindberg on Friday evening, at an April-fools party. After a ceremonial meeting, music, games and stunts furnished amusement for those present. A delicious lunch appropriate for the day was served, none of the girls admitting that they were fooled.

