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JUCKETT WRITES OF HIS TRIP

TELLS OF CROP CONDITIONS IN NORTH AND SOUTH DAKOTA

ROADS THRU STATE GOOD

MAKES TRIP FROM DEVIL'S LAKE IN TWO DAYS AND ONE-HALF IN FORD

Editor Hot Springs STAR:

Dear Sir:—Thinking perhaps your readers might be interested in knowing about the corn crop conditions and the roads as found by me on my recent trip to North Dakota I take the liberty of writing you a short sketch regarding them.

My daughter, Marie, and myself left for Devil's Lake, North Dakota on the 13th day of June, traveling with auto by the way of Rapid City, Pierre, Miller, Redfield, Aberdeen, South Dakota, Ellendale, Jamestown, and Carrington to Devil's Lake, North Dakota. We found the condition of the country generally prosperous altho backward. In North Dakota everything is spring wheat. They sow a very little flax and oats, but no corn is planted. While at Devil's Lake we made a trip to the Canadian border and found the outlook for spring wheat good with the exception of about ten miles where it was burned up. North Dakota has had very little rain this spring but the weather has been cool which is excellent for the stouling of spring wheat. On July 6th North Dakota was visited by a soaking rain over the entire state, two inches falling in Grand Forks in the eastern part of the state, and about one inch in the western part. This rain ought to insure them a good wheat crop.

The wheat outlook in eastern South Dakota is very fine and from present indication I should say that South Dakota will have the greatest wheat crop this year of any in her history. The wheat is all headed out, stands about two and one-half feet high and apparently is as level as a placid lake. It is a beautiful sight in traveling over the country to see the prosperous condition of the wheat fields in South Dakota to-day.

In the eastern part of South Dakota in the country that I traveled thru from Aberdeen to Miller about two-thirds of the crop is spring wheat and one-third corn. Corn is late this year but is of a good color and indications are good for a crop. Between Blunt, South Dakota and Pierre, there is little or no farming, but vast tracts of smooth, level prairie are being used for stock raising purposes only. One criticism regarding South Dakota is that each farmer is trying to do more work than he can do well. South Dakota does not compare favorably with North Dakota as to cultivation. The North Dakota farmers are much better farmers from outside indications, but the South Dakota farmer does not pin his faith to one crop only, like North Dakota, and in addition South Dakota farmers nearly all keep a bunch of cows, also, there are quite a few silos, which indicate that the South Dakota farmer is learning and will soon pass his North Dakota brother in the art of farming.

One thing that surprised me very much in North Dakota was the presence of alkali almost everywhere. The wells are generally deep but very strong of alkali. The Devil's Lake, with a shore line of about three hundred miles, is so strong of alkali that the water is salty and the fish have all died. The state of North Dakota has established a fish hatchery at Devil's Lake where they are trying to get fresh water fish accustomed to the alkali by putting in a small quantity of alkali in one tank and then running the fish into another tank with more alkali until the last tank has the same amount of alkali as the lake, and in that way they are endeavoring to again restock the lake with fish.

Tradition tells us that this lake was originally much larger and was fed from the overflow of the lakes further to the northeast. But farmers have drained the intersecting country and have planted it to crops so that the lake does not receive the amount of water it formerly did from the lakes farther north, and it has receded more than a mile from its original shore line.

One of the reasons they have given for the lake being so strong of alkali is that it receives no more surface water. Devil's Lake is quite a summer resort. It has the second largest Chautauqua in the United States.

Regarding the good roads proposition North Dakota has us outdone on dirt on side of the road and dumps graded in every direction, and generally graded fifty feet wide. To do this grading they use immense tractors and a machine that digs up the dirt on the side of the road and dumps it into the middle. After the road is graded in this manner then they go over it with the ordinary grader to smooth it over. The one great thing they lack however is a good drag. They may have plenty of

them but they fail to use them nearly as much as we do in South Dakota. In some places you will find roads graded for five or ten miles and the travel all on the prairie to the outside of the grade due to the simple reason that they do not properly drag the road, and it has never been used.

In South Dakota I found the best road between Aberdeen and Redfield which is a model road, well graded, and well dragged. The road over the so-called Black and Yellow trail between Pierre and Rapid City is a joke as any tourist who has been over it will testify. In my opinion it is a shame to have this road listed in the Blue Book where it will mislead travelers to pass over it with the expectation that they are to find a graded highway. The worst part of this road is between Fort Pierre and Phillip a distance of 93 miles, and fully fifty miles of this road is over gumbo flats that have never been graded and there is apparently but one single track or rut made by cars which every tourist must follow. The road is also poorly marked and many travelers get off the route. The road on the Black and Yellow trail is graded from Wasta, South Dakota to Rapid City but is not as well graded as a single time this year and consequently is rough, being mostly thru a gumbo country. Rapid City has built a splendid road out of there towards Hill City for a distance of about twelve miles, and people contemplating going to Rapid City from Hot Springs, or on east from Rapid City should take this road in preference to the road by the way of Buffalo Gap, Fairburn and Hermosa. These towns do not seem to take any interest in good roads and are doing nothing towards improving the routes passing thru.

As to patriotism at the present time as indicated by flags the Eastern part of South Dakota and all of North Dakota display much more patriotism than the Black Hills. In St. John, North Dakota, only a short distance from the Canadian line, it being a town of not to exceed five hundred people, there were fifty large flags flying in the town. Old Glory at the top of the staff, the British flag just below, and the French flag below the British. In Eastern South Dakota nearly all the public buildings have the American flag flying and a great number of the private houses as well. We found all the large bridges that we passed over guarded by soldiers, and in all of the large towns we found a great deal of war enthusiasm, especially the towns that had sent companies.

In closing permit me to say that in my opinion the only way to travel thru a country so as to gain the best knowledge of the country itself as well as its people is by auto. You are your own boss, can go as fast or slow as you please, and whenever a place of unusual interest is reached you can use your own pleasure as to how long you should stay without keeping up with any set railway schedule.

Yours truly,
ELMER R. JUCKETT.

MAKING GOOD.

Lloyd Brodus Hot Springs Boy Takes Over Haynes Agency.

A deal was closed yesterday whereby Lloyd Brodus, formerly bookkeeper at the Dineen's Service Garage has taken over the agency of the Haynes cars for Natrona and Converse counties.

Mr. Brodus is a live wire and claims to have a live car to back, and in view of the fact that the Haynes people have been making automobiles for the past twenty-five years, in fact they claim the distinction, and rightfully, that the Haynes was the first motor vehicle made.

The cars are certainly beauties and have a wonderful record behind them, and we are confident that Mr. Brodus will meet with deserving success in his new venture.—Casper Daily Press.

RICHARD HAWN MARRIED

Weds David City, Nebraska, Girl Recently and News Now Made Public

The David City, Nebraska, paper of recent date contained the following notice of the marriage of Richard Hawn, of this city, the son of Mrs. Andy Ball. Richard is well known here being a graduate of the local high school and also the Spearfish Normal. His many friends will join in extending congratulations. The article is as follows:

The marriage of Miss Dorothy Hewit, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. W. E. Hewit, of David City, and Mr. Richard Hawn, of Hot Springs, S. D., which took place in Fremont, May 12th, was kept secret by the couple until last Friday morning when Mrs. Hawn announced the news of the marriage to her parents and friends. Mr. Hawn and Miss Hewit, both of whom are students in the University of Nebraska, went to Fremont at noon May 12, were quietly married and returned to Lincoln that evening. At the close of school Mr. Hawn went to Colorado where he has a position as traveling salesman for a school supply company and Mrs. Hawn came to her home in David City. Mr. Hawn is specializing in geology at the university and has 1 1/2 years work before receiving his degree. Mrs. Hawn is a graduate of the David City high schools, class of '16, and has attended school at Brownell Hall in Omaha, as well as at the University of Nebraska.

BRITISH POSITION IS PENETRATED

GERMANS SUCCEED IN FORCING BRITISH FRONT IN BELGIUM

DEPTH OF 600 YARDS

ATTACK FOLLOWED 24 HOURS BOMBARDMENT—DEFENSES WERE LEVELED.

London, July 13—The enemy penetrated the British positions in Belgium on the front of fourteen hundred yards to a depth of six hundred yards, it is officially announced.

In advance the Germans reached the right bank of the Yser near the sea. The attack followed a 24 hours bombardment in which the defenses of the Dunes sector near the coast were leveled. The sector is isolated by the destruction of bridges over the Yser.

Petrograd, July 13—The general staff announces that the pursuit of the enemy in Galicia continues. The capture of Halicz, the strategic key to Lemberg, is confirmed.

CONCERT RECITAL

Prima Dona Will Sing Here Tuesday, July 17th

Mme. Ethel Virgin O'Neil, dramatic soprano, will give a concert recital under the auspices of St. Luke's Guild in the new music rooms of the Transfer building on Tuesday evening, July 17th, at 8:00 o'clock. Mrs. Virgin O'Neil whose operatic engagements were interrupted by the European war, is at present visiting in Hot Springs. She will be accompanied by Mrs. F. L. Hummel at the piano.

The following program will be rendered:

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| PART ONE | |
| (a) Caro mio ben..... | Giordani |
| (b) Visso d'Arte (Tosca's Prayer)..... | Puccini |
| (c) Salome Ana from Herodiade..... | Hahu |
| (d) Offrande..... | Massenet |
| Guitar and Banjo Quet..... | |
| (a) Everett Beck, T. K. Burkhauser | |
| (b) The Robin Sings in the Apple Tree..... | MacDowell |
| (c) Confidence..... | MacDowell |
| INTERMISSION | |
| PART TWO | |
| (a) Gute Nacht..... | Franz |
| (b) Wohin..... | Schubert |
| (c) Who Knows..... | Ernest Ball |
| (d) The Little Winding Road..... | L. Donald |
| Guitar and Banjo Quet..... | |
| (a) Everett Beck, T. K. Burkhauser | |
| (b) Song of Sunshine..... | A. Goring Thomas |
| (c) The Star..... | Rogert |

In your plan include a course in the Mankato Commercial College. Our catalogue will interest you. Send for one today.

REPORT OF CONVENTION

Miss Anna V. Bray Writes of Epworth League Convention at Sturgis

The fourth annual convention and institute of the Rapid City district, Dakota conference, Epworth League, convened at Sturgis, June 26 and 27, 1917.

We were very fortunate, indeed, to have with us Dr. Schermerhorn, the newly elected president of Dakota Wesleyan, who delivered some very inspiring addresses.

Mrs. D. B. Street, National Secretary of the Bureau of Hospitals presented a very vivid word picture of existing conditions in our own United States.

Miss Grace Bayne, our friend and deaconess nurse from the Rapid City hospital brought us a few echoes from her field of service.

Dr. Minty gave us some very practical suggestions as to how Epworthians may employ the recruiting methods of our military friends in winning recruits for our chapters.

On Wednesday evening the orchestra from the Deadwood M. E. church, motored to Sturgis and favored us with two selections, for which we were very grateful.

Thursday morning the Sturgis commercial club furnished enough cars to take the delegates to Bear Butte. Part of the crowd wended its way to the summit, there to enjoy a picnic dinner, but some of us were obliged to return speedily, since time and trains wait for no one.

Every delegate went home feeling that the convention had been a splendid success.

We adjourned Wednesday evening to meet in Belle Fourche in 1917.

The delegates from this city were Miss Anna Bray and Miss Maud Layman.

BUILDING SILOS IS PATRIOTISM.

More Silos Mean More Dairy Cows—More Butterfat for Soldiers

Brookings, S. D., July 13—Only three thousand of eighty thousand farms in South Dakota are equipped with silos, which means that enough corn fodder in this state is going to waste every year to feed a million and a half more cows than we have at present. According to Prof. C. Larsen of South Dakota State college, a half million more cows would produce a hundred million more calves, and enough skim milk to feed these calves and a million more pigs. The extra amount of butter obtained from the wasted fodder thru silos would supply an army of 400,000 men for a year. Therefore, "a silo on every farm" should be the slogan of every South Dakota farmer as an indication of his patriotism.

"The farmer who has a silo need never worry about a late corn crop," says Professor Larsen, "for if the season is late or if the frost comes early, he has plenty of good corn for the silo. The silo is the farmer's safety valve in crop production. It certainly is a fact that corn is considerably behind its normal growth this year so that there is some danger of not getting a matured crop."

"The use of silos and silage in South Dakota is not an experiment for they have been thoroughly tested in all their different phases. There are many kinds of silos—but do not devalue the building of one just because there are so many from which to choose. The main thing is, build a silo."

RACE MEET WAS A HUMMER

THREE DAY MEET LAST WEEK PLEASED LARGE CROWDS

HUNTER DERBY BIG EVENT

ASSOCIATION WELL PLEASED WITH RESULT OF SECOND RACE MEET OF THE YEAR

The race meet last week which closed Friday afternoon at the race track on College Hill was a hummer. It drew good crowds, pleased the horsemen and was a success for the management. The crowd was perhaps not as large on the last two days as it might have been owing to the busy season of the year for the farmers but there was a good attendance from other cities and towns in this western country and the meet turned out to be a big success in every way.

The management was under the direction of the Black Hills Racing and Stock Growers Association and they are to be congratulated on starting something that is doing more to advertise Hot Springs than any other one thing that has been started here in years. Between fifty and sixty thoroughbreds were here and the horsemen are loud in their praise of the track and especially the treatment accorded them during their stay here.

The last day's card of races was perhaps the best of the three. Every race was filled but the most interest was displayed in the Hunter Derby and the race lived up to all expectations. The purse was given by the Hunter Company, the head of this firm being one of the best boosters for the race course in the city and a man who backs his words with his money. Every horse entered in this race was out for the money and most of them have raced on all the big tracks as a glance at the entries will show.

Ivy Baldwin, one of the big attractions made one of the best balloon ascensions during the afternoon that has ever been witnessed in this city. Ivy always delivers the goods. Everything during the three days passed off smoothly and Chief of Police Dalbey reports that the crowd was so orderly that not an arrest was made or trouble of any kind encountered during the entire celebration.

The people of the city and the association were so pleased with the success of the meet that they have announced another two day meet on August 10th and 11th and as practically all the horses that were here and also a number of others are still in the Hills at Rapid City and Deadwood, this fact should assure good entries for every event.

The result of the third day's races on Friday afternoon is as follows with the name of the horse, where owned, owner, driver or jockey and the time:

First race, free-for-all trot and pace, one mile, purse \$250.00: The Major, Alliance, Neb., McGinley, driver, 1st; Freda, Stanton, Neb., Shoemaker, driver, 2nd; Empire Express, Alliance, Neb., Mollring, driver, 3rd; Time 2:22; 2:22; 2:21.

Second race, pony race for locals, 1 1/4 hands, 1/2 mile, purse, \$50.00: Little Joe, Aaberg, 1st; Fox, Martin, 2nd; Ginger, Aaberg, 3rd. Time :27. Nigger also ran.

Third race, 2:30 trot and pace, one mile, purse \$200.00: Star Conga, Crawford, Neb., Wilson, driver, 1st; Will E. Wynn, Custer, Young, driver, 2nd; Snibal, Custer, Young, driver, 3rd. Time 2:35; 2:37 1/2; 2:34 1/2.

Fourth running race, free-for-all, 3/4 mile, purse \$125.00: Viola, Longmont, Colorado, Moran, 1st; Little Dan, Cody, Nebraska, Collins, 2nd; Planetary, Valentine, Neb., Jonas, 3rd. Time :36 3-5. Mamie Golden and Tom Thumb also ran. This race was a dead heat between Viola and Little Dan and was run over with the above results.

Fifth race, relay race, one and one-half miles, purse \$100.00: Aaberg string, 1st; Martin string, 2nd; Gunning string, 3rd. Time 3:45 1/2.

Sixth race, consolation, 1/2 mile, purse \$200.00: Blaze B., Indianola, Neb., Mead, 1st; Big Foot, Wasta, S. D., Barnes, 2nd; Joe Glenn, Buckingham, Colorado, Pinkstaff, 3rd. Time 1:03. Wild Rose, Proctor-Not-Ware and Stormy Jordan also ran.

The seventh and last race, The Hunter Company Derby, one mile, purse \$300.00: Links Lady, Sioux City, Iowa, Jonas, 1st; Grosvenor, Bridgeport, Nebraska, Howard, 2nd; Paw, Cody, Nebraska, Collins, 3rd. Time 1:45. Innovation came in first in this race but was disqualified for jockey Gibbons riding six pounds under required weight. Celebration and Stormy Jordan also ran.

As some of our readers may have missed last week's Star and the results of the first two days we give them below. They are as follows:

First race, 2:20 trot, one mile, purse \$225; Foxy Jay, Rapid City, Kerns, driver, 1st. Alice Creighton, Blair Nebraska, Owens, driver, 2nd. Waunetta C., Miller, S. D., Sessions, driver, 3rd. Alto Express, Custer, Young, driver, 4th. Time: 2:21.

2:30 1-5; 2:20 1-5.

Second race, free-for-all running race, 3/4 mile, purse \$100.00: Our Queen, Sioux City, Jonas, jockey, 1st; Celebration, Longmont, Colorado, Pinkstaff, 2nd; Little Dan, Cody, Nebraska, Collins, 3rd. Time 1:50. Blanche W. and Big Foot also ran.

Third race, 2:30 pace, one mile, purse \$200.00: Empire Express, Alliance, Nebraska, Mollring, driver, 1st; Shady G., Stanton, Nebraska, Shoemaker, driver, 2nd; Will E. Wynn, Custer, Young driver, 3rd; Star Conga, Crawford, Nebraska, Wilson, driver 4th. Time: 2:22 1/2; 2:24; 2:27 1/2.

Fourth race, free-for-all running 5-8 mile, purse \$150.00: Nadine H., Bridgeport, Nebraska, Howard, 1st; Innovation, Bridgeport, Nebraska, Gibbons, 2nd; Paw, Cody, Nebraska, Collins, 3rd. Time 1:02. Joe Glenn and Blaze B. also ran.

Fifth race, free-for-all running, 3-4 mile, purse \$175.00: Links Lady, Sioux City, Iowa, Jonas, 1st; Indianola, Indianola, Nebraska, Mead, 2nd; Grosvenor, Ardmore, S. D., Howard, 3rd. Time 1:19. Lemmon Joe also ran.

The results of the second day of the races are as follows:

First race, 2:25 trot, one mile, purse \$200.00: Foxy Jay, Rapid City, Kerns, driver, 1st; Alice Creighton, Blair, Nebraska, Owens, driver, 2nd; Alto Express, Custer, Young driver, 3rd. Time: 2:28 1/2; 2:33 1/2; 2:31.

Second race, free-for-all running 5-8 mile, purse \$150.00: Nadine H., Bridgeport, Howard, 1st; Planetary, Valentine, Jonas, 2nd; Bon Ton, Indianola, Nebraska, Spargur, 3rd. Time: 1:03 1/2.

Third race, 2:18 trot or pace, one mile, purse \$225.00: The Major, Alliance, Nebraska, McGinley, driver 1st; Freda, Stanton, Shoemaker, driver, 2nd; Waunetta S., Miller, S. D., Sessions, driver 3rd. Time: 2:17 1-5; 2:18 1-5; 2:18. The first heat of this race established a track record for this track.

Fourth race, colt race, 3/4 mile, purse \$100.00: Mamie Golden, Wasta, S. D., Barnes, 1st; Blue Addie, Bridgeport, Nebraska, Gibbons, 2nd; Pactor-Not-Ware, Belle Fourche, 3rd.

ARRIVING IN DEADWOOD

Getting Ready for Race Meet Which Begins July 19th

Seven horses have arrived at the Deadwood Amusement park, where a three day race meet will be put on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of next week, July 19, 20 and 21. Forty horses are now located at Rapid City where a race meet will be on the latter part of this week and it is expected that practically all of them will be moved to Deadwood for next week's events.

Thirty stalls are being erected in the northwestern corner of the Deadwood park at a point where plenty of paddock room can be provided. The horsemen now working out at the park appear to be well satisfied with the track. The combination of Wasp tailings an clay is working itself down into a good surface, on which the horses seem to find a safe footing. Manager Ed Cessna announces that the stalls will be finished by the middle of the week and that general arrangements are well advanced so that they will be completed well before the opening of the meet.

In addition to trotting, pacing and running races, there will be a card of automobile and motorcycle races during the three days.—Lead Call.

ORGANIZATION OF HOME GUARDS

State Council of Defense at Pierre Makes Appeal

While we anticipate no great need for their services in loyal, orderly, South Dakota, there may be some purpose and a desire for organization in the larger places. The plan proposed is that only able bodied men, from eighteen years of age, up, shall be enlisted, and that any member later enlisted or commissioned in the Federal service shall be entitled to an honorable discharge.

The organization shall be similar to the South Dakota National Guards. When companies are regularly organized and reported to the State Council of Defense, the officers will receive commissions from the Governor. The terms of enlistment shall be for the war, and until peace is concluded.

Those enlisting shall take an oath to bear true faith and allegiance, to serve honestly and faithfully within the state of South Dakota, to obey the orders of the Governor and the appointed officers.

There will be no funds to pay the guards, unless the legislature shall later provide for it.

A law has been passed, authorizing the distribution of unused arms and accoutrements now in the national arsenals, for use of the State Guards. It is not known just how many can be obtained but the Council has made application for enough to equip several companies, and would like to hear from those interested as soon as possible.

Before the South Dakota National Guard leaves, and while they may be secured to assist in drilling, would seem a more fortunate time to get the Home Guard started.

FOR SALE: 160 acres 3 miles northwest of Celrichs, best land on Horsehead. Enquire Mrs. M. Lennox, 2804.

BOAT CAPTAIN: "BUT THE YANKEE SHIP SAW ME FIRST!"



—Evans in Baltimore American.