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Alice Would Form Bachelor Club

Gives the Old Boys Some More Good Advice--Scores the Fellow at the Hotel--How Young Boys and Girls are Being Lead to Ruin--Would Lift Them Up

Dear Editor: As the bachelors seem anxious to hear from Alice once more I shall try to make my letter clear and impressionable. While I am a careful student of phrenology and can read features and palms with no mean ability, I shall refrain from further comments concerning necks and eyes until a liberal fee for such information is forth coming.

I enjoy reading faces and watching the build of heads. I couldn't help feeling sorry for the poor fellow out in the Hills who understood that I had made statements concerning "crooked eyes." Bless, your soul, man, crooked eyes may be set in place by an oculist and not cause the slightest difference in the personal nature. What I did say was that persons with eyes set near together were unreasonable mortals lacking in judgment, rash, tempestuous and strictly buzz fuzz. There are some people that we cannot reason with because they are people of narrow views. One sided people and usually selfish as well as stubborn, I can pick them out in glancing over an audience. Now am I understood?

Concerning the bachelor in Grand Meadow, Minn., I wish to remark that he is a strong Socialist but a good fellow, if he is the man we think he is. I suppose he sat up and took notice when we spoke of Socialism. It is a well known fact that when there is anything in view along matrimonial lines some can always butt in, can't let things alone, you know. But really, Jess, we never suspected you of being meddlesome before. So you think "the sun shines nearly all the time in North Dakota" do you? Yes, Jess, you are quite right, but don't you remember the hundreds of rainy days when the mail didn't go out and Walter got fussy concerning the R. F. D. drivers? Where was the sun then? Perhaps the "young man at the hotel" couldn't or would not meet the requirements. No doubt he had a "full assortment of bad habits" and has retired to some sanitarium to reform. Let me say to you Dear Bachelors, one and all, if you don't want to be styled "buzz fuzz" don't butt into every arrangement that comes up and argue against all common sense and reason until you make yourself very tiresome members of society. Try to weigh your reasoning and see if it is up to the standard weight for good sound logic. Don't rattle away your precious time on trash. Plenty of married men and some single men think it is smart or cute to scoff at religion and stand about in gangs making low and rude remarks about women. I consider a bachelor claim holder, who is farming his land with industry quite a hero. He means well and ought to have honor and respect in a measure equal to his honest intentions. He wants a home and ought to have a good wife before he goes crazy wondering what is going to become of him if he remains single much longer. Young man, why not be a power for good among your friends rather than an agent for evil. God has given you intelligence why not make a noble use of it? Surely there is misery and sorrow enough in this world without your contribution. Young men who have been well trained in good eastern homes will come here and play the idiot while in company with a set of hardened wretches, boot leggers and grafters who live by such knavery. We are very much in need of local societies for the protection of boys and well-meaning young men who are often times led astray for want of decent amusements either at home or within reach. My heart and sympathies are with the young people.

None of them are bad until some one older leads the way to the dark and downward path. Why not have a regular system of decent amusement for young people?

God bless the young people. I would keep them always about me and counsel them wisely. What do you think of parents who will let young girls and boys go to boot-leg dances gotten up for the sale of liquor? Cut it out young people, cut it out or your reputation is ruined, cut it out or your most sure to turn out a social and moral wreck. For God's sake let us get busy and form societies for our boys and girls.

Earnest parents, bestir yourselves in behalf of the social lives of your budding girl and thoughtless boys. Teach them self-respect or someone else will teach them no end of devilry before you know anything about it. What does a good, honest home boy think when he sees a bunch of older fellows drinking, gambling and frequenting dens of vice. He is shocked at first but gradually he becomes curious and follows the example of older and more foot-hardy men.

Do you blame that boy. No, you must rather pity him. We are told that such scenes cause the angels to weep. Then my bachelor friends and all come out and help me in this grand work. What good can a woman's club do with a problem of this nature? It is the men we want. They know all the pit folks better than we do. Now remember I want your assistance in this beautiful work. The old girls are with us always. They mean well all the time. The old boys are what we need to turn the wheel. Parents cannot keep their children at home from objectionable places unless they offer some form of clean wholesome recreation instead. Young people are just foot-hardy enough to run away if they can't go where they please. Young blood is restless and must have vent. But experience has taught me that boys will take more readily to good than to evil. So why not make the influence good for young boys. We must organize. There is no other way. I want 500 bachelor subscribers to this club right away. Call it the "Alice club" until we meet in Grand Convention next July and vote on some real name for the club. With such a club a grand wave of social reform would rise up over this beautiful land of perpetual sunshine that would prove as great a blessing to its people as its broad fields of golden grain. Now bachelors come out every man, of you and help in this social work. What are the duties of the Alice club you ask? Well here are some of them:

Try to be decent yourself. Never set a bad example for boys. Never speak coarse and rough about women in the hearing of any one. Send married men home to their families and not let them hank round the "pigs" until they are beastly drunk and have spent the money that should go to the wife and family. Go home with them if need be. Never scoff at any form of church work. All mean well to say the least. The only trouble with our church work is that scoffers prejudice the mind of youth. (Help to get up social entertainments and parties for the young people as well for the older members of society. Be faithful and zealous worker for good among your neighbor. Send in your names to Alice in care of the Independent. I wish this society to get busy all along the line. A president will be elected for each circle and I am sure the work will move on smoothly. The president must be a man highly respected by all his fellows. So now get ready for the first election.

—Alice.

Granted a Divorce.

La Bar, a White Earth citizen was granted a divorce in district court by Judge Goss. His wife left his home three years ago and went to living with his brother. His wife and brother are now living together in Minnesota.

Harvey has a retail drug store, the second in the state. Minot had the first one, that conducted by Paul V. McCoy at the present time.

Ordered His Ad Out.

Edward Nelson who placed an advertisement in the Independent, ordered his ad out of this paper, because it did him so much good. He sold over 500 bushels of fine seed wheat in a remarkably short time, and got \$1.25 per bushel for it. He says that every sale was due to the little local which he placed in this paper, at a cost of about a dollar. Advertising pays, even for this farmer.

Jones Held for Murder.

Leeds, N. D., March 31.—At his preliminary hearing held here, Paul Jones was bound over for trial at the June term of the district court in Minneapawkon, for the murder of Hans Halvorson last Thursday. He was taken to Minneapawkon and lodged in the county jail. Many witnesses were heard in the hearing and a large amount of evidence against Jones accumulated. The evidence tended to show that the gun used was that belonging to Walter Ryan, the farmer for whom Jones worked. Shot taken out of the body of Halvorson was identical with the loading size used in the other shells owned by Ryan and was found in the vicinity of the murder also corresponded with those in Ryan's shells. These shells were bought some time ago and were all of a kind. A measurement of the foot prints leading to and away from the scene of the crime, tallied with the size of the overshoes worn by Jones.

One of the most interesting pieces of evidence during the hearing was that of an 11 year old boy who testified that the day before the crime, Jones had asked him concerning Halvorson's money and he had replied that he didn't know anything about it. The boy made even a better witness than many of the adults.

The conflicting stories told by the defendant were also brought out. To one person he stated that he was away with the Ryans at the time of the murder and to another person he said he was out after the cows at the time. When called to the stand, Jones declared that he was at Ryans all the time and didn't know what he was saying when he spoke otherwise.

The defendant conducted his own defense without the aid of lawyers and was the coolest person in the court room. The officers were amazed at his coolness and are of the opinion that he has been in court before.

Sheriff Lee of Minot had a merry chase after Max Heyko, west of Benedict, last week. Max got wind of the sheriff's coming, and hitching his team to a sleigh, made a dash across the prairie for seven miles, but was captured at the Anton Sowich place. Max had his sleigh wrecked, as he frequently collided with oaks.

We recently read a horrible story of a nice young girl who thoughtlessly jerked her head back suddenly to avoid being kissed and broke her neck. This should be a terrible warning to other girls not to jerk back. In fact it would be better to lean forward just a little.

Long Drawn Out.

The Russian horse poisoning case is long drawn out. It began last week and was not concluded until Tuesday. The Russians living in the vicinity of Velva have taken sides on the question and there seems to be a lively feud between the two factions. Two brothers named Hekel, or Hegle or Heko or Hago (names which have been given in court) were arrested charged with poisoning horses belonging to a neighbor named Kazemo. Thomas acted as an interpreter, and is often required five minutes to secure an answer to a single question. Attorney Lambert defended the Hekel brothers.

One of the town knockers at Kermitt sent out of town for his printed stationery and hand bills.

A Wonderful Record.

The following article taken from the Quincy (Ill.) Whig, concerned the mother of John Drummond, a Burlington farmer, and will be read with a great deal of interest. Mr. Drummond's mother died recently at the age of nearly 90 years and was the mother of 17 children, thirteen of whom lived and married.

OBITUARY

Deborah Graham was born May 30, 1818, in Clement county, Ohio; was married to John Drummond of same county and state, Sept. 20, 1835; died at the residence of her daughter, Alice, Feb. 4, 1908, aged nearly 90 years.

She was the oldest resident, immigrating to the state in 1842, and about ten years ago thereafter settled on the w h a l f s w 30, where her father, John Graham, had laid a land warrant for which he served in the war of 1812, and it is said that this tract of land has never been deeded to any one else. She and her husband were members of the M. E. church and always lived quiet christian lives. The fecundity and longevity of the family of the family are truly remarkable. She was the mother of 17 children, 10 sons, and 7 daughters; 10 of them having been born on the old home place. Four sons, and four daughters, 76 grand children, 107 great grand children, and 10 great great grand children are all living descendants of this faithful and devoted mother. Her mother died at the age of 95, leaving 9 children, 33 grand children, 59 great grand children, and 5 great great grand children; and her great grand mother passed away at the advanced age of 105 years. Her eldest daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Rogers, is herself a great grand mother, with 4 children, 13 grand children and 10 great grand children, constituting a living race of descendants for four generations, by which the lineage of her mother has been well extended into the fifth generation. One brother, Henry, is yet living.

Her husband, whose father was a soldier in the Revolution, died about 15 years ago. She was of a quiet and retired disposition, a fond wife and mother, a good neighbor, and died as she had lived, quietly and peacefully, and in full possession of all her faculties. The funeral was preached at the residence, by the Rev. Geo. Maple, of Rockport, and the remains were disposed in the Hornback graveyard Thursday noon.

Feb. 12, 1908.

A. Kennedy has quit farming and will spend his time exclusively to deep well drilling. He has been very successful in the well business and will get water if there is any to be had.

The savings bank habit is not so bad as the cab habit—not so costly to your thinking and wallet as the cigarette habit. The man with the savings bank account is the one who never gets laid off; he's one who can get along without you, but you cannot get along without him. The savings bank habit means sound sleep, good digestion, cool judgment and a manly independence. The most healthful thing I know of is a savings bank book—there are no microbes in it to steal away your peace of mind. It is a guarantee of good behavior.—Elbert Hubbard.

A Rich Strike on Gold Claim

Minot Parties Interested in Gold Claims at Rawhide, Nev. Are in High Spirits—Untold Wealth in the Claim

The Independent received a copy of one of the daily papers from Rawhide, Nev., which contains quite an account of a rich strike of gold on one of the claims owned by Minot parties. We understand that the local men interested in the claim have refused a very flattering offer for it but have refused that amount. Rawhide is growing by leaps and bounds. What was a mountain waste six months ago is now a thriving city of 7,000 population, with some very fair buildings. A railroad is being built to the city and will be finished by June 1. Electricity will be installed soon. Prices are high. For instance the daily paper which was sent us as a sample copy comes at ten dollars a year. The article to which we referred above follows:

What is unquestionably the rich Royal ledge was encountered yesterday on the Tramp No. 2 claim, which adjoins the Royal on the north. The deposit was tapped at a depth of 6

feet and presents the same characteristics as where opened on the adjoining acreage. Both walls are in evidence, the ore body between being about 6 feet wide. This morning Superintendent C. M. Good placed a force of miners at work sinking thereon. The Tramp No. 2 was located by Mr. Good in the early days of the camp, and is now owned by him, A. P. Slocum, J. F. Moore and J. C. Simpkins, all of Minot, North Dakota.

Other claims owned by the men mentioned are the Tramp No. 1, Rose Quartz, Mabel Madeline and Silver Moon. Each is traversed by a number of promising ledges which should make into pay ore at no great depth. On the Rose Quartz a tunnel has been driven a length of 130 feet, and with a few feet more of drilling will reach contact with a ledge whose outcrop is well mineralized. It is expected that once the ore body is entered that pay ore will be a permanency.

COWS BRING PRICE

Herd of Twenty Cows Sold for \$45.00 Per Head.

Fargo, N. D., March 27.—There is a continued and growing demand for good milch cows in North Dakota, which argues well for the dairy business of the state. The farmers are beginning to realize that this is a business which brings prompt and sure returns all the year round, and there is a growing sentiment in favor of the dairying industry. Yesterday at the auction sale on the Gable farm, which was conducted by Secretary Wilson of the North Dakota State Fair association, twenty head of milch cows were sold that brought an average price of \$47.50 per head. This is an unusually large price to pay for an exceptionally good cow, and when a whole herd brings price of that kind it shows the value that the farmers are placing on them.

South Dakota is the home of the largest horse in the world. This horse is owned by H. R. Carroll, of Doland. It stands 20 hands high and weighs about 3,000 pounds and is larger than the animal owned by the International Stock Food company of Minneapolis by six inches. Several circuses have made offers for the horse, but Carroll has not yet decided to sell.

This spring when you are breaking or plowing on new, stony land, carry a log chain on the plow, as well as a pick and spade. Hitch the stone to the plow and see how much easier it is than prying it out with a lever and much quicker than taking an extra team to do it; besides it is out of the way of the next furrow. When you find a very large one; mark it. Then when you want to dig it out; back the hind axle of a good wagon over it or as near as possible, and hitch up, short. You will be surprised to see how large a stone two horses will roll out in this way if you have never tried it before.—Dakota Farmer.

A Staunch Democrat.

E. W. Straley, a farmer residing near Des Lacs, announces his candidacy for the nomination of county auditor on the Democratic ticket. The Democrats will put up a full county ticket this year, and they could not possibly select a better, cleaner man than Mr. Straley. He is a dyed in the wool Democrat having resided in Missouri until he came to Des Lacs six years ago. In his native state he held a number of offices of trust and for the past five years has been clerk of the township board of his home township, Des Lacs. His townships in excellent financial condition, having on hand at the present time \$2000 and every cent of indebtedness has been paid besides.

John Stoudt, from Page, N. D., has entered the employ of F. E. Graves, and will look after the insurance business exclusively. Mr. Stoudt, is an old insurance man and a good fellow. He will handle all kinds of insurance including fire, life, lightning and accident.

James Dalshanty of Glenburn leaves soon for his old home in Ireland where he will visit the folks for a few months.



KNUTE T. HAGEN

Republican Candidate for the Nomination for Clerk of Court, of Ward County.
For Twenty-three Years a Resident of Minot and Ward County.

Names Have Been Sent In.

The Independent is having a peck of trouble over some of the subscriptions which we received in the combination offer which we advertised a few weeks ago. Several of the subscribers have called us graters and terms not so mild, because they have not yet received some of the papers which we promised to send them.

Now in fairness to ourselves and to those subscribers we want to explain the situation. The St. Paul Daily News gave us a combination offer good for five papers including their own. We added our paper to the list and offered them all for \$2.25. We have sent the names received to the News and they in turn have sent the names to the other papers. We have sent in all the money that was required of us, and the only reason we can see why you have not received the other papers is that those papers are so swamped with work that they have not gotten around to place your names on the list. We have written to the News and received the following letter:

March 28, 1908.

The Independent,
We wish to advise you that if any mistakes have occurred, it lies with the other publications, as all the names have been forwarded promptly upon receipt. If you desire however, to have those sent in again, so as to be sure they receive them, kindly send us the list of people complaining and we will send them in again.

Very sincerely yours,

The St. Paul Daily News.

We would say that if those who have not yet received the other papers would drop us a line, we will send them in again. We will guarantee that you get the papers, but it may take a little time.

The three year old son of John Thomas, a Velva Russian, died at the hospital and the remains were shipped to Velva Friday.

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