

N. S. D. E. A. ASS'N ELECTS OFFICERS

FRED B. PURDY, N. N. & I. S. '05,
OF BIG STONE CHOSEN
PRESIDENT

Aberdeen Chosen as the Next Place
for Holding the Convention—In-
teresting Educational Program
Closed Yesterday Noon—Session
Was the Best in the History of the
Association.

Early yesterday afternoon the fourth annual session of the Northern South Dakota Education association closed with the selection of the place at which the convention will be held next year. Aberdeen was the unanimous choice and the association will assemble in this city one year hence, so acceptable has she been as a hostess this year.

Officers were elected for the ensuing year as follows: President, Fred B. Purdy, Big Stone; F. W. Lindeneau, Aberdeen, secretary; J. W. McClinton, Redfield, treasurer. Mr. Purdy, the president is a graduate of the Northern Normal and Industrial school of the class of 1905 and during his short career as a teacher, he has come to be regarded among the leading educators of the state.

Yesterday morning's session saw the close of the addresses. Mrs. Zillah Wilson of the N. N. & I. S. faculty opened the program for the forenoon with a paper on "A Question and Its Answer." W. A. Kerr of Milbank, county superintendent of schools of Grant county, was the next speaker. He had for his topic, "Psychology as an Aid in Teaching." Professor H. W. Mansfield, of the N. N. & I. S., discussed, "Industrial Training in the Public Schools." He was followed by Dr. Preston Search, who spoke on "Differences in Children." His address was one of the best in the educational line ever given here and was much enjoyed. He took occasion in opening his address to compliment Professor Mansfield on his deep insight in the subject he discussed.

TERRIFIC EXPLOSION AT DAKOTA FARMER

LEAKING GAS ACCUMULATES
AND IS IGNITED BY LIGHT-
ED CANDLE OF A
WORKMAN

Large Amount of Steel Ceiling Torn
Off and Every Window in East
End of Basement Shattered—Door
Blown in and Iron Lock Bolt
Bent and Twisted—Damage Will
Probably Be \$200—Nothing Short
of Miracle That No One Was
Killed.

An explosion of gas occurred in the basement of the Dakota Farmer building Friday which tore off 100 square feet of steel ceiling, besides loosening every foot of the ceiling; the windows in the east end of the basement were all blown out and a door eighty feet from the point at which the gas ignited was also broken in. This door had the iron lock bolt bent as though it were made of lead. That no one was killed or injured is considered marvelous.

It seems that one of the gas pipes leaked and the gas accumulated between the wooden floor and the steel ceiling. A workman from the gas company was at work with a lighted candle and this ignited the gas which exploded with terrific force and made a report heard at some distance. The people in the building at first thought that the boiler had exploded and exclaimed "What a luck for a few minutes."

The explosion of shined hair oil in the basement of the Dakota Farmer building Friday.

Andrews, the bookkeeper who was also in the basement at the time was somewhat singed.

The peculiar thing about the explosion was that the only windows on the east end were blown out; those on the west or front, and on the south being intact. The front windows are plate glass which may account for the explosion not breaking them, but the ones on the south side are like those on the east end ordinary windows.

The damage will probably be a couple of hundred dollars. It is nothing short of a miracle that the people in the building escaped unhurt and that the damage was not greater.

WARD HOTEL THIEVES TO PLEAD TODAY

HEARING CONTINUED FROM YES-
TERDAY AFTERNOON TO 10
O'CLOCK TODAY

Charged With Grand Larceny, the
Value of Their Boodle, All of
Which Has Been Found, Being
\$100—Bonds Fixed at \$500 Each
—Excellent Work of Aberdeen Po-
lice Force in Apprehending the
Crooks.

Charles Kinney, alias Jack Webster, and Martin Dougher, the two men who were arrested night before last on the charge of grand larceny, committed by lifting a grip of jewelry samples from H. V. Guess, a traveling salesman at the Ward hotel, appeared yesterday afternoon before Justice W. O. Jones. The men were not ready to plead and their case was postponed until 10 o'clock this morning. Bail was fixed at \$500 apiece, in default of which the men were locked up.

The goods, which the two men are charged with stealing, were as follows: Thirty-four rolled scarf pins, 11 pairs of rolled gold sleeve buttons, 1 rolled lady's charm, 2 gentlemen's rolled gold watch chains, 14 rolled gold lace pins, 3 ladies' waist sets of pins, 6 rolled gold sash pins, 3 rolled gold plain finger rings, 1 wide band finger ring, 1 rolled gold chased band finger ring, 1 baby rolled gold plain finger ring, 1 plain sample roll, 1 lady's Elgin watch, with gold filled case, 1 gentleman's leather hand grip. The total value was given by Mr. Guess at \$100. Chief Zirbes discovered the case yesterday morning in the rear of the Freeman building on Railroad avenue east.

It is the opinion of Chief of Police C. E. Zirbes that the two men will be bound over to the circuit court and will ask to go before Judge McCoy as soon as possible to enter a plea of guilty.

The quick apprehension of the men is a feather in the caps of every member of the night police force. Chief Zirbes was not notified of the theft until nearly two hours after the crime was committed. He did not hesitate to get his men into quick action. He and his men at once commenced a systematic search of the places which the men would probably frequent and the result was as the chief anticipated as soon as he heard of the crime. The feat of catching the thieves is another example of the efficiency of the Aberdeen police in catching crooks.

The men were in D. F. McPherson's clothing store Monday afternoon and acted so suspiciously that the clerks kept their eyes on them. It was well that they did for they were detected in the act of placing some goods together so that when the opportunity was afforded them they would have placed them under their coats.

The News—No Pure Drug Cough Cure Laws would be needed if all Cough Cures were like Dr. Shoop's Cough Cure is—and has been for 20 years. The National Law now requires that if any poisons enter into a cough mixture, it must be printed on the label or package. For this reason mothers, and others, should insist on having Dr. Shoop's Cough Cure. No poison marks on Dr. Shoop's labels—and none in the medicine, else it must by law be on the label. And it's not only safe, but it is said to be by those that know it best, a truly remarkable cough remedy. Take no chance, particularly with your children. Insist on having Dr. Shoop's Cough Cure. Compare carefully the Dr. Shoop package with others and see. No poison marks

Voedisch's Annual Watch Sale

not be beaten. Remember the Voedisch Jewelry Co. is the largest Jewelry and China House in the west. We import all our China and thus save you the jobbers' profit and can sell you a 100-piece Haviland dinner set for \$58.60. Our Clocks and Silverware we buy direct from the factory. We will sell you 1847 knives and forks for \$3.85 per set, 6 knives and 6 forks. We employ only the best workmen in our repair department and do not charge any more than other jeweler. Our optical department is complete and we will save you money on every pair of glasses. We use only the latest methods of testing approved of by the best opticians in the country. We make a specialty of all kinds of emblems for all lodges.

Remember, OUR WATCH SALE is Still On

Voedisch Jewelry Co. Watch inspectors
C. M. & St. P. R.

Commenced MONDAY,
APRIL 22nd, 1907

A FINE new line of watches; and prices are right. That \$14 Ladies' Watch with 25 year case cannot be beat for \$20. We guarantee everything to be as represented or give your money back or new goods. We have been located in Aberdeen 14 years and will make the guarantee good on anything purchased in this store. Our motto is "Not how cheap, but how good." If what we have sold you is right, tell your friends; if not, tell us. We have some fine Diamonds at a price that cannot be beaten. We buy in large quantities for cash and thus save you all the discounts. We import all our China and thus save you the jobbers' profit and can sell you a 100-piece Haviland dinner set for \$58.60. Our Clocks and Silverware we buy direct from the factory. We will sell you 1847 knives and forks for \$3.85 per set, 6 knives and 6 forks. We employ only the best workmen in our repair department and do not charge any more than other jeweler. Our optical department is complete and we will save you money on every pair of glasses. We use only the latest methods of testing approved of by the best opticians in the country. We make a specialty of all kinds of emblems for all lodges.

MISSING POLICEMAN VISITED ABERDEEN

SIoux FALLS OFFICER MYSTER-
IOUSLY LEFT THAT CITY
AFTER GOING OFF
DUTY

He Called at City Fire Department
Here and Gave His Name Saying
He Was on Police Force at Sioux
Falls and Had Also Been on the
Fire Department There—After
Leaving City Hall He Again Dis-
appeared and No Trace Has Been
Found of Him.

Frank A. Carter, the Sioux Falls policeman who mysteriously disappeared from that city, was in Aberdeen yesterday. He visited the city fire hall and talked with Drivers Cameron and Murray to whom he told his name and the fact that he was a member of the police force of Sioux Falls and at one time was a member of the fire department of that city.

After further conversation he walked away and has disappeared as completely as though the earth had swallowed him, though a most diligent search for him was made by the police last night.

News of his presence in this city was telephoned to his relatives at Sioux Falls and they replied to hold him until his brother could arrive today. It is thought that overwork has unbalanced him and that all he needs is a rest. The main circumstances of his leaving Sioux Falls as telephoned to the American are as follows:

He went off duty in the morning Sunday and went home. He had not been feeling well and instead of remaining home returned down town and shortly afterward disappeared.

GALLETT IMPROVES STORE

Aberdeen's Old Time Reliable Jewel-
er Shows Result of Prosperity

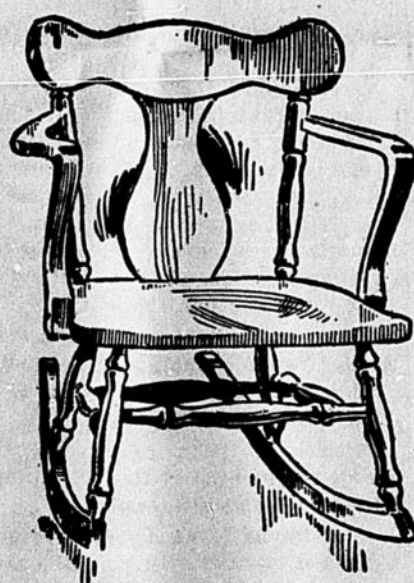
D. C. Gallett, the jeweler and optician, who has been established in Aberdeen since the year 1 in Aberdeen history, is improving the interior of his store in a manner that will be very pleasing when finished. He is having a steel ceiling put up and the walls of the store freshened with a new coat of paint. He will also make some improvements on the floor, but how extensive these will be is not yet determined.

He has also rented two rooms over his store as he has outgrown his present place of business. He thinks that he might use them as sales rooms for his piano department, which is increasing in size daily.

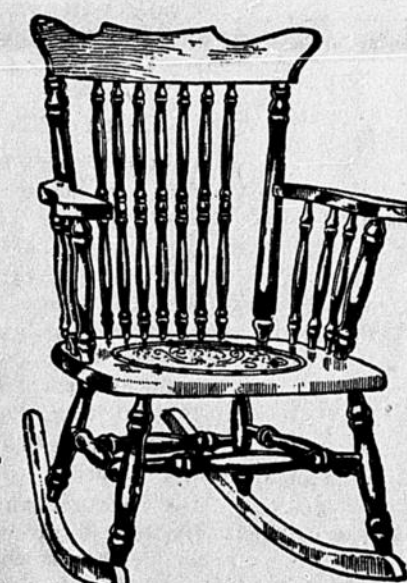
WE SOAR ABOVE THEM ALL

Quality Considered, Our Prices are Always Lowest

WITH LOW PRICES AND GREAT VALUES



\$5.50



\$3.00



\$6.50

Take
From
These
Prices

10 per
cent
DIS-
COUNT

YOU MAY THINK from this that we are having
a SPECIAL SALE—it is
not—it is only our regular price on our goods.

We Always Give Our Customers 10 per cent Discount

Others are following our plan—don't be fooled by a special sale—Come to us any time in the week or month and you will always find it. We stay with our motto at the headline, therefore, we have no old goods to make a sale on.

Aberdeen Furniture and Casket Co.

J. H. Herrett

O. A. Melgaard

MANY SIGNERS

Sioux Falls, S. D., April 24.—It was announced today that enough names had been secured on the divorce referendum petition to compel the submission of the question to the people before the law shall become effective. Up to Saturday night more than four thousand signatures had been secured, but it was decided to keep the petition in circulation for

some time longer and to secure about 1,000 names more, just for good measure.

The referendum on the Sunday law is also being freely signed and it is probable that by the time required for their filing, which is June 7, both of the petitions will have more than the required number of names.

Nothing has been heard of late of the project to print the signatures to

the divorce petition in book form, and it is not believed that this plan will be carried out. Some of the ministers feel that it would be unwise to make aggressive workers against the new law by antagonizing them by such publication.

Many are also signing the quail referendum and this will also fall within the ramparts of the referendum by the 7th of June.

Mrs. W. B. Windsor formerly of this city but now of Fergus Falls, Minn., is visiting in the city.

The subject of the sermon by Evangelist R. E. Harter at the Adventist church tonight is the "Battle of Armageddon."

The Ladies Aid of the Christian church will meet today with Mrs. Hunt. Important business is to be transacted.