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## FIGHTS WITH WOODEN LEG KNOCKS OUT OFFICER

### Policeman Parker Laid Up For Week Because Drunk Attacked With Wood Leg

After having gotten William Stephens, a drunken, one-legged shoestring "salesman," inside the jail last Saturday night, the prisoner turned upon Marshal Tupper and Officer Parker and before they could subdue him, Parker was severely injured and has been laid up since and is off his beat. One of the cripple's main means of defense is his wooden leg which he used most vigorously in this instance and Parker's ankle and foot bore the brunt of the effective work of the wooden leg.

Stephens drew ten days on bread and water in the recorder's court and thus is spending his time at present. If the proper authorities do not see fit to prosecute him for assaulting an officer as soon as his time is up, he will be given twenty seconds to get out of town and never come back.

Parker expects to be back on his job tomorrow or Sunday.

## OFFICIAL SCORE

Following is the official score of the Independence Gun Club at their last shoot, out of a possible fifty:

Dr. Allin	46
E. N. Johnson	41
J. J. Fenton	45
Claude Skinner	41
Pearl Alexander	39
Chas. Williams	35
Ray Lacey	42
W. H. Cockle	43
Nat Withers	40

From March 14 to 20, the Gilbert Trophy Cup will be contested for and every member of the local club is urged to be present and shoot.

Yes, yes, Annie, "spring has come."

## TEACHERS HAVE BIG MEETING

67 of Them Attended and Listened To An Excellent and Instructive Program

The Teachers' Institute held in Independence Saturday was, according to County Superintendent Seymour, "one of the best ever held in the county." 67 teachers were present besides a number of others interested in schools and school work. The following made addresses on various subjects: H. J. Hockenberry of Portland; F. H. Shepherd of the O. A. C.; Miss Katherine Arbutnot of the O. N. S.; J. A. Churchill, state superintendent, and Miss Alice Joyce of Portland. There were vocal solos by Mesdames E. E. Paddock and Claire Irvine.

"The professional spirit of the teacher was excellent," says the county superintendent. "many teachers coming from across the county and having to start the night before in order to make the trip. All of them expressed themselves as well pleased with the meeting and said that they had derived much good from it. The professional teacher and the teacher who has her work at heart, always gets much from a county institute."

## COMING IMPROVEMENT

There are a few problems in the way of beautifying our city that are hard to solve. Much credit is due the unflinching efforts of our Civic Improvement League for the way they are endeavoring to bring about much needed changes. But do not forget that we all have our individual part to perform in this great movement.

The announcement comes of the exchange of the feed barn at the approach to the steel bridge on the west side of First street, by J. G. McIntosh. This property has long been an eyesore to the town, as tourists get a wrong and sometimes a lasting impression of a city by its first appearance to them. This property passes into the hands of a local man, Irvin Baun, who will remodel the same and give this part of our city a more attractive appearance.

Let the good work go on until we have a city beautiful of modern homes and attractive business houses.

Contributed.

## RECORD OF THE SPOTLESS CITY

### NO NOT INDEPENDENCE

#### The Way It Would Be Here If the Civic Improvement League Had Its Way

Subject to the wishes of many members of the Civic Improvement League, the Monitor here publishes a short description of Grand Forks, North Dakota, the "model spotless town." The ladies hope that the article will be read in full by all and that it will prove a stimulant for the annual "Clean Up Day" soon to arrive:

"The streets are as clean as a freshly swept kitchen floor. The groceries and food shops are as immaculate as a pantry. Everywhere there prevails the neatness and order that is characteristic of a well kept house. That is Grand Forks, the model spotless town. And it is that way because the eye of the Woman's Civic League is ever upon it. It is a little over five years ago that the League, of which Mrs. Scott Rex is president, was organized. They are a group of two hundred energetic women who determined to set their city to rights. They formed a Streets and Alleys Committee and a Pure Food Committee and went out to see what could be done.

A vigorous clean up week crusade started the improvements. It was pointed out that the neglected condition of one back yard might bring typhoid fever to spread to every house on the block. And a new community feeling about cleanliness enforced general co-operation. The city was districted with a club woman superintending each ward to see that every back yard and front yard, too, was attended to. And at the final inspection when Mrs. Rex and a committee went through every street and alley of the city to see that it was in shape, Grand Forks was in fairly good order. But the women wanted it that way continuously. So they purchased and placed throughout the city fifty galvanized iron rubbish cans. Then they got two ordinances passed, one with a penalty of fine and imprisonment for throwing refuse in the street, and the other providing for the municipal collection of garbage.

North Dakota has a model pure food law, but the State Inspector got around so seldom that there was opportunity for plenty of violations between his visits. Dr. May Sanders and her committee who looked through the stores found that food was being sold which was neither pure enough nor clean enough to meet housewifely standards. And they talked the situation over with Prof. Ladd, State pure food commissioner, asking him if a woman food inspector wouldn't be a good idea. Prof. Ladd promptly said that any woman food inspector was worth four men.

So the League went to the city council and secured the ordinance empowering Grand Forks to create this office. Mrs. R. M. Sprague a member of the League who is also a member of the Federation State Health Department was appointed food inspector in the summer of 1910.

With Mrs. Rex and the Civic League behind her, Mrs. Sprague's almost every suggestion has become in effect a city ordinance."

## TEA FOR BENEFIT OF LIBRARY

Will Be Held on March 17, the Sixth Anniversary of the Organization

March 17th, St. Patrick's Day, will mark the sixth anniversary of the organization of the Public Library in this place.

The event will be celebrated with a "Green Tea" at the home of Mrs. P. M. Kirkland, the arrangements for which are in charge of a committee from the Civic Improvement League.

The Library opened in July, '09 with a few hundred books; these have been increased until there are now more than one thousand volumes on its shelves. The report of the Librarian shows that in the two months from Dec. 16, '14, to Feb. 17, '15, 1,497 books were loaned and 360 persons availed themselves of the reading table, where are found many of the best magazines of the day.

The city tax of a mill, which amounts to about \$270 per year, is not sufficient to meet the running expenses of the Library and to provide new books to satisfy the demands of its 500 regular patrons.

It is to provide for this deficiency that the Library Board at various times during the year makes a public appeal for funds. A liberal response on the part of its friends will enable the Board to make our Library a credit to our town, an institution that will meet the requirements of a growing community.

Contributed.

## GIVES BABY LIQUOR

Angus McKinnon, who was a telegraph operator in Independence at one time, is in jail at Oregon City charged with giving liquor to a boy, three years old. The boy died from alcoholic poison.

## APPRECIATES DINNER

Editor Monitor—Last Saturday more than seventy-five out-of-town teachers attended a local Polk County Institute in this city. Needless to say those who attended for what they could get out of it, carried away in admiration and visions which, practiced in their home schools, will make them better teachers. Not the least of the pleasures of the day was a chicken pie dinner, served by the ladies of the W. C. T. U. in the basement of the Methodist church for the convenience of the teachers. And incidentally a large number of them availed themselves of the delicious opportunity. As one of that number, the writer wishes to express his gratitude to the ladies who prepared and served the meal. Your whole hearted hospitality not only made us feel at home, but your dinner, served so royally, made us feel in a keener way the blessings of good fellowship. The impression you made was so good that numbers of the teachers remarked they enjoyed this institute more than any of the year and that henceforth no institute would be complete without a chicken pie dinner.

L. O. Gilmore.

## CUT SALARY

When the legislature recently returned to the sheriff the duties of tax collecting, it also reduced the salary of the county treasurer. In Polk county it means a reduction of a half, and Mr. Holman, who has been receiving a salary of \$1500, will only get \$750 after May 22. Candidates for county treasurer will be scarce in the future.

The Monitor always leads.

## THE UNSIGHTLY MUST VANISH

### CLASSED AS NUISANCES

#### It Will Be "23" For Certain Structures If City Fathers Have the "Punch"

The city council with the exception of Councilman Goetz has declared war on dilapidated and unsightly barns and other buildings. Last year's council started something of the kind which petered out for some reason or other, but the present council is not dismayed or discouraged by previous attempts of the like and will go ahead anyway. While last year's start was made on Seventh street, this time the beginning will be made in the center of the city. An ordinance granting power to the Board of Health and city council to proceed in the leveling of undesirable structures has been passed and the first building to get in bad with the powers that be is a barn in the alley between C and Monmouth streets belonging to W. F. Campbell. The city council has declared that it must go. Its going will be watched with keen interest.

## DIED

Mrs. Thomas Eck died at her home in Independence Wednesday evening, March 3, at the age of 34 years, 11 months and 3 days. Besides her husband, she is survived by her father, Thurston Wright of San Francisco, and two sisters, Mrs. R. R. McGregor of Lead, South Dakota, and Mrs. Clyde Paschal of Okotoks, Canada. Mrs. McGregor was present when her sister died.

The funeral services were held this morning at the residence, Rev. Stewart officiating, and interment was in the Odd Fellow's cemetery.

Mrs. Eck had been a resident of Independence two years during which time she made many friends.

James C. Watts, a former resident of this city, died at Wren on February 17. His wife and daughter are living near Independence at the present time.

## BUENA VISTA

Buena Vista, March 3—The Parent-Teachers held an interesting meeting here this week. Supt. J. A. Churchill made an address on the Standardization of High Schools showing the necessity for all high schools to come up to the new requirements.

County Supt. H. C. Seymour gave an illustrated lecture showing the work being accomplished by the Boys' and Girls' Industrial Clubs over the county.

The school program was enjoyed by all. The Buena Vista Band honored the school with its presence and responded loyally to the many encores.

## HOUSE BURNED

A house in North Independence belonging to Hanna Bros. burned to the ground Tuesday night. It was occupied by a widow woman who saved most of her furniture. The fire department was not called out as the house was out of the water limit.

## FARMERS SEE COUNTY COURT

Ask For Larger Appropriation For Road Work and Request Is Granted

A large number of farmers living in road district No. 7, just south of Independence, of which Charles Durrell is overseer, journeyed to Dallas Wednesday and went before the county court and asked for a larger appropriation for road purposes than had been allotted them. The court, after listening to the wishes of the visitors, granted the request.

## SUPTS. HERE

State Superintendent Churchill and County Superintendent Seymour were in Independence the first of the week and consulted with the school board and teachers relative to school affairs and more especially in the interest of the standardization of high schools as outlined by the state board of education. From here, they went to Buena Vista.

The state superintendent has been in nearly all the schools in the state and complimented the board here for its fine showing and apparatus installed in the several departments of the school, namely, physics, manual training, domestic science and art, saying the requirements were far ahead of any school in the state of twice its size, which encourages the board very much in standardizing a school.

Teachers must have life diplomas, or a diploma from a standardized college, of which there are only four in this state.

## PARENT-TEACHERS

A most interesting session of the Parent-Teachers Association was held at the public school building last Tuesday afternoon. Most improving suggestions and discussions were exchanged and a beneficial result was obvious. Miss Elizabeth Cooper reproduced a paper—"The Arts of Belgium"—before the association. The next meeting will be April 6.

## BOYS AFTER CUP

A beautiful silver cup is now on display at Rowe's Jewelry Store, which will be given to the Boy Scout who has the highest average in a physical contest now on. Much interest has been aroused among the boys in the city. A similar cup will be awarded on July 15 also.

## EVIDENCES OF PROSPERITY

### FOUND EVERYWHERE

#### All Signs Indicate a Plentiful Year and Independence Will Reap Its Portion

## NO BONDS SOLD

The city council has given up selling any improvement bonds for a spell at least. Wednesday night only one bid was received and it wasn't satisfactory. Bond buyers are either shy on cash at the present time or a combine has been formed among them.

## NO QUARANTINE

The epidemic of rumps in Independence caused a report to be circulated that a general quarantine was probable. "Nothing in it," said Dr. Butler this morning, "to quarantine for mumps is almost an impossibility."

## H. & H. FOOT VISE

The Howard and Holland Foot Vise manufactured by Howard,



Holland and Mix of this city is bound to be a good seller. It beats anything of its kind on the market.

## ASSESSORS AT WORK

The assessors started work Monday on their annual tour. C. E. Huntley has the Independence district and J. S. Bohannon covers Monmouth and Suver.

The price of hops continues to advance. The hop growers by combining have the speculators guessing.

## WAR SUFFERERS.



—Harding in Brooklyn Eagle.

## THE WAR ORPHANS.



—King in Chicago Tribune.