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### CO-OPERATION NEEDED.

Now is the time for the formulation of plans by which Fargo, its thriving industries, its leading and most influential business men and its citizens in general may get together and pull as they have never pulled before. Within the past few years opportunities have opened up before Fargo, new advantages have been placed within reach, new trade territory has been made available, new blood has been infused into the business life and Fargo stands on the threshold of her great period of development.

It is up to Fargo and Fargos to make the best use of these opportunities. It is a time to avoid factional strife and to remember that co-operation is the key which will unlock the gate of future success.

The city of Fargo is one of the wealthiest of its size in the world. But Fargo has not yet begun to realize what a power it has in this wealth if wisely applied in combined effort. The city needs to develop the great power that lies dormant in the vast lignite fields in the western part of the state. Power is one of Fargo's greatest needs. The power is at Fargo's back door and within her strong boxes are the means to develop that power and to bring it to Fargo.

The city needs a direct connection with the Soo railroad. Less than fifty miles of a branch connecting line would hitch up Fargo and the great Soo system. There are single individuals in this city who could swing the proposition, and such a line would pay from the moment the last spike was driven.

Other parts of the world, notably New York and California, are finding out what a tremendous advantage there is in a great system of fine public highways. Fargo needs to take the lead in developing the highways of the northwest. Just a few miles away from Fargo lies one of the most beautiful lake regions provided for man's enjoyment to be found anywhere on the globe. The need for a level, first class highway between Fargo and the Detroit lakes is obvious, and with the right kind of co-operation with all of the communities that would be benefited such a highway for the immediate future is not an impossibility.

Great industries are planned by the farmers of the northwest, who are also realizing the advantages of co-operation. The equity people expect to establish a big packing plant somewhere within the state. Fargo has already taken steps to show that it is the logical point for the location of this and other plants.

The time is ripe for great constructive work. Fargo has an alert and aggressive commercial club that is on the job every minute. That organization should have not merely the financial and moral support of the community—more than that—it should have the knowledge that all business men of the city are on the civic improvement job all the time. All of the small-town, mud-slinging factionalism should be eliminated.

Fargo is ready for a strong pull, a long pull and a real pull, a co-operative pull, if you please, in the right direction.

### THE TERM GRINGO.

Americans on the Mexican border use the contemptuous term "Greaser" in speaking of the citizens of the republic across the Rio Grande and the Mexican comes right back with the "Gringo," which is the insulting name that is applied to all Americans.

The St. Louis Dispatch recently contained an odd account of how the term Gringo came to be used. This explanation was given to a writer in the Democrat by a Mexican of Castilian origin. In 1846-7, according to this Mexican, United States soldiers who invaded Mexico, used as their marching song a popular tune entitled "Green Grow the Leaves of the Hawhorne Tree."

They sang this song from Vera Cruz to Chapultepec and from Tampico to Monterrey and the first two words, "Green Grow," fastened themselves in the Mexican memory and soon became Gringo in the Mexican tongue.

It has been suggested that the song might have been "Green Grow the Bushes" O, which is more likely to have been the popular marching song of the United States army at that time than the other song named.

Perhaps after this invasion the Mexicans will have a new name to apply to Americans and it is likely many of them will use it with less contempt than they formerly felt toward everything American. Some of the "Greasers" are learning a very salutary lesson in respect for the U. S. A.

### THE BUNGALOW CHURCH.

It is only in recent years that people have broken away from the square, box-like houses that were built with monotonous regularity throughout the west. But there has come a decided change. The bungalow idea has been imported from the east and there has been a very decided change for the better in the appearance of the newer sections of western cities.

It is now said that this improvement

is about to communicate itself to the country church. Countryside Magazine commenting on this, says:

"Only very lately has there been any indication of a declaration of independence in the matter of church planning in this country. This is chiefly evidenced in the tendency to build churches better suited to modern church life than any ecclesiastical edifice can possibly be. Nowadays, the church is seeking to get into closer touch with the daily lives of people, to become something real and definite and personal to them.

In larger cities, this effort takes concrete form in the institutional church—an everyday church which recognizes temporal as well as spiritual needs. It recognizes the fact that the effect of the Sunday sermon may be lost unless those who hear it have a chance to work and play under reasonably pleasant conditions the rest of the week; and that it is not beneath the dignity of the church to provide such conditions, if need be.

The bungalow church, which has gained a remarkable popularity in southern California, shows how one community has solved the problem of building small churches within the means of small congregations, suited to their individual needs, without detracting from the appearance of the neighborhood."

### GOVERNMENT WASTE.

The Associated Press recently sent out two very interesting dispatches, especially interesting when they are taken in conjunction. The first was from London and read as follows:

Newspapers, which have been hard hit by the importation restrictions on the importation of paper and pulp, are calling attention to certain departments of the Government where they claim there is enormous waste of paper.

Probably the country needs no reminder of the waste of paper. The Daily Mail, "that in the extravagant use of paper the state is in a very exposed glass house." The paper then takes up various departments to show that tons of paper are wasted every year in the production of government publications.

"Huge blue books," it adds, "are produced at enormous expense. The royal commission on the treatment of sewage, which sat for years, furnished blue books which weighed forty pounds, containing 5,233 pages, and were printed at a cost of £50,000, about £9 (\$45) a page."

"It is clear that the government has only to set their own house in order to secure a very considerable saving in the consumption of paper."

The second dispatch was from Washington. Here it is:

More than 30,000,000 pounds of paper, embracing almost every kind in present day use and costing approximately \$1,250,000 a year, are used by the government printing office, making the United States one of the largest buyers of paper in the world.

Just at the present time when warnings are being sent out urging the conservation of old paper and rags, when the entire printing world is aroused over the shortage of paper-making materials, it is well to note that the United States government is one of the greatest users of paper in the world, and, as in the case of the British government, a vast amount of this is wasted.

Uncle Sam could set a good example to the rest of the nation by making an aggressive effort to stop the waste in his own household.

### THE LATEST FOR FADDISTS.

Sioux Falls Press: The modern jewelry shop, it seems, is not complete without a manicure department. Fashion calls for gilded fingernails for women, and gold leaf is the medium. It is permissible, also, for men who wear wrist watches and use perfume and the like.

### DISPATCH IS CYNICAL.

St. Paul Dispatch: It is remarkable how the new discoveries of gold in Alaska always are timed for the opening of navigation season.

### CRYSTAL.

Crystal, N. D., May 2.—Mr. and Mrs. Patrick O'Toole, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Kelly, Miss Hilda Kelly, Mr. and Mrs. T. S. O'Toole, Mrs. John Bryce and Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Fahey went to the Wednesday to attend the funeral of Thomas Brown who died April 23.

Miss Emily Porter returned home from Grand Forks this week.

Miss Jessie Vanzante of Hoople visited with friends at Crystal Saturday, returning Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Woods and Mrs. D. J. Vanzante awoke to Crystal Tuesday to spend a few hours here visiting.

Douglas McKenzie is spending a week's vacation at his home here. He will return to the university Monday.

Dr. Stutson of Winnipeg, Man., spent last week attending to farming interests.

Mr. and Mrs. James Whelan of St. Thomas visited at P. J. Whelan's on Wednesday.

E. F. Doran and Fred Hoesley went to Grand Forks Wednesday to take in the athletic program and brought home a new Buick car with them.

Mr. Van Lucen and Mrs. E. Fox of Wibaux, Mont., and Mrs. E. Fox of Michigan, N. D., are visiting at Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Dorans this week.

County Surveyor W. C. Jones was in the part of the country visiting schools this week. Miss Jones is endeavoring as many schools as possible to exhibit at the county fair next fall.

Mrs. Jake Wessler and baby of Grand Forks are visiting Philip Koch's this week.

### Tobacco Habit Easly Conquered

A New Yorker of wide experience, has written a book telling how the tobacco or snuff habit may be easily and completely banished in three days with delightful benefit. The author, Edward W. Webb, of St. Louis, New York City, will make this book free on request.

The health improves wonderfully and the nicotine poison is out of the system. Calmness, tranquillity, clear eyes, normal appetite, good digestion, manly vigor, strong memory and a general well-being are among the many benefits reported. Get rid of that nervous feeling; no more need of pipe, cigar, cigarette, snuff or chewing tobacco to pacify morbid desire.

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## North Dakota Kernels

Ryder is to have a band.

Many of the business houses at Ray are being painted.

New uniforms have arrived for the band at Valley City.

Landlord Varco is now in charge of the Rudolf hotel at Valley City.

Victor Johnson of Gorham drove a pick through his foot while engaged in mining coal.

The work of excavating for the proposed new Prevost hotel at Larimore began recently.

Extensive improvements are being made to the town hall at Buxton. New scenery will be installed.

At Burnstad a Methodist Sunday school has been organized and started with an enrollment of twenty-five.

B. W. Gilday, president of the school board, has resigned after nine years service.

Hunter is going to have a charwoman come to him this summer, either the latter part of June or the fore part of July.

The board of health of Larimore met and organized and elected Alderman C. M. Peatman president and C. N. Swanson, secretary.

The Arne school near Maddock is preparing elaborate preparations for graduating exercises on the evening of Saturday, May 6.

A basket social held at the Leininger schoolhouse near Binford netted \$30. This money will go towards buying a school library.

Albert Weis has purchased the old Commercial hotel property at Wahpeton and will probably put the same in operation again.

Mrs. W. W. Wirtz of Brinsmade had the misfortune of a fall, striking her head against the door, cutting quite a gash in her scalp.

The Kidder county board bought a dozen new chairs for the jury room and one for the judge, with some new ones for the court room.

Two box car thieves were captured at Wahpeton and were taken to Stanton. A five gallon can of alcohol was the cause of these two men's undoing.

Notable improvements have been made to the opera house at Van Hook. New stage settings have been put in and the place otherwise improved.

J. H. Clemons of Granville has been chosen by the Sherwood school board as superintendent of the schools of that place for the next school year.

The Hansboro garage at Hansboro opened with Sam Gagnon as proprietor. Mr. Gagnon has rented the place from Abe Blackborow for the coming season.

Another new firm at Sherwood is the Haan & Kittilsby. K. M. Haan and E. A. Kittilsby have formed a partnership for the purpose of handling lands and insurance.

The people of Buxton are agitating the question of having street crossings put in. The recent muddy weather has made this improvement almost a necessity.

The work of excavating on the new Valley City Grocery Co. building at Valley City has been going on steadily in spite of the weather. Building will start soon.

Elizabeth Cheshire, a little daughter of Banker and Mrs. W. B. Cheshire, of Luverne, had the misfortune to catch a finger in a door, severing the end and badly lacerating it.

O. P. Moe, who has been manager of the hardware department of the A. L. Johnson Co., at Portland for the past two years, has resigned his position and has left the employ of that company.

It is expected that the new schoolhouse at Rolette will be dedicated the latter part of this month. An effort will be made to secure Governor Hanson as the principal speaker for the occasion.

The Wahpeton Automobile club elected the following officers: President, A. B. Dickinson; vice president, W. P. Robbins; secretary, J. E. Smith; board of governors, A. G. Divet, Frank Budack and E. O. Prather.

At a meeting in community hall at Schafer, a baseball team was organized by E. E. Feir as manager. About 160 was subscribed by those in attendance, which will be used to purchase new equipment.

Geo. Evanson and Angel Hougen of near Wildrose killed a large lynx in the vicinity of that town recently. The animal was attacked by a collie dog and engaged in battle until the two men killed it with sticks and stones.

Thirty-five new families for the Ryder territory this spring, is the report of Agent Mattison of the Soo at that place. These are farming families who have emigrated from eastern states and purchased farms adjacent to Ryders.

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