

Community Program, Wednesday and Thursday--Attractive Bargains by Business Firms.

On Wednesday and Thursday, December 18 and 19, there will be staged in Bismarck the first of a series of four entertainments to be offered by the Federated Community Association, a state organization conceived and launched by North Dakota people. The purpose underlying this movement is the creation of a finer and more healthy community spirit, the absence of which, in many places, is a distinct handicap to community progress.

The entertainments, all double numbers, will be given by an entertainment and a lecturer, the latter of whom will give short snappy talks on subjects of general community interest. In every case, however, the entertainment feature will be given special emphasis. The various companies, which rank among the

best efforts.

The purpose of the Federated Community association, which is entirely non-sectarian and non-political—is educational, not financial—there is no stock on which to pay dividends. The men doing the field work and managing the movement are receiving modest salaries.

The profits, if any, will be expended in developing and enlarging the field of operations as the intention is to make the movement permanent and continuous.

The objects and purposes of the association as set forth in the articles of incorporation are as follows:

a. The promotion of the social and intellectual standing of its members.

b. The promotion and fostering of community co-operation.



best on the platform, have been selected because of their fitness for this kind of work.

A most unusual feature of this whole undertaking is the extremely low price of admission (ten and twenty-five cents). Nothing equalling these programs in quality has ever been offered before at less than fifty and seventy-five cents. These extraordinary prices have been made possible only by the contributions to the work made by citizens of Bismarck.

These citizens some months ago completed arrangements for these events. Mr. Geo. F. Beaman, advance representative of the association has recently spent two days in the community, attending to details of advertising and arranging for a special Market Day sale by the local merchants, on December 18 and 19.

For the afternoon program all local business houses will be closed from 2 p. m. to 3:45 p. m. in order that business and professional men and their employees may take advantage of the occasion. The evening programs will begin promptly at 8 p. m.

The program for the first Community entertainment will be given by The Royal Male Quartette and Dr. W. A. Shaw, whose cuts appear in this issue.

The Royal Male Quartette and Orchestra has had several very successful seasons on the lyceum and chautauqua platform and comes to us with recommendations of the most flattering nature. Their programs are usually full of "pep" and variety and their appearance in the various communities of the state will furnish delight to all.

Dr. W. A. Shaw is a speaker of great energy and enthusiasm. He has been described as combining the strenuousness of Roosevelt and the wit of Twain. He has a variety of interesting themes but the problem of community building brings out his

c. To advocate and promote the conservation of local man and money power in each community.

d. To emphasize the dignity of labor and the importance of agricultural pursuits.

e. To improve the present systems of merchandising and to encourage the "Trade-at-Home" idea.

f. To promote the erection of Community Buildings and to encourage the beautifying of the community surroundings.

g. To furnish clean, wholesome entertainment of a high class and to provide lectures on topics of community interest.

h. To promote and stimulate immigration.

i. To encourage scientific management to the end that better farming methods may be attained.

j. To assist in creating new markets and improving general marketing conditions to the end that producers may secure better returns for their efforts.

k. To encourage the development of the natural resources of the state of North Dakota, and elsewhere.

l. To establish community clubs and direct their activities.

m. To designate, establish, publish and circulate an official magazine and to raise and provide funds for its support.

n. To do any and all things which will tend to promote, foster and encourage co-operation between individuals and communities in the state of North Dakota, and elsewhere.

Farmers' Elevators Complain.

North Dakota farmers' elevators see something radically wrong in the national railway administration's system of distributing grain cars. Farmers' elevators, in complaining to the state railway commission, declare that the present system of the