

THIS is Bob Carlson. The following is an interview I recorded with Mrs. W.W.(Mabel) Lorshbough at her home in Fargo, North Dakota. The interview was held on October 12, 1974, at 1:30 ~~W~~p.m. Also participating in the interview were Colonel E.G. Klapp, Jr., and Mrs. Lorshbough's daughter, Elizabeth Lorshbough.

Bob: When did your family come to North Dakota, Colonel Klapp?

Col. Klapp: Oh, one grandfather came in 1880 and the other came in '81. One ~~had~~ came up from the middle part of Texas and the other one came up when he was a young man and homesteaded in North Dakota.

Bob: One was your grandfather?

Col. Klapp: Both were my grandfathers. The one grandfather ~~settled~~ homesteaded near Dickinson and my other grandfather came a year later from Texas.

Bob: What was the name of your grandfather who homesteaded near Page?

~~Col. Klapp: Both were my grandfathers. The one grand~~

Col. Klapp: L.B. Hanna. He later became governor.

Bob: Yes! And your other grandfather's name was?

Col. Klapp: Isaac Klapp, Isaac P. Klapp and I distinguish that because there's a W.J. Klapp that lived across the street from us...

Mabel: There no relation to us!

Col. Klapp: No, no. No relation! But, you see, if you look in your ~~Mark Twain~~ history you'll see W.J. Klapp and if you look in your American History you see Isaac P.

Mabel: He was an attorney.

Col. Klapp: Yes, he was an attorney.

Mabel: There isn't anybody around here that knows much about Ben now anymore.

Col. Klapp: No, I wouldn't think so.

~~Mabel: No, they've been in our church but...~~

Col. Klapp: O.k., now what?

Bob: What do you remember about your Grandfather Hanna?

Col. Klapp: Oh, I remember a great deal about Grandfather Hanna.

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I don't remember too much about Grandfather Klapp because he passed away when I was ~~twenty-four~~ <sup>24 ?</sup> years old. I can't remember him as a person. She'd know him a lot better than I would, but Grandfather Hanna I knew quite well because he lived right next door to us all the time I was growing up.

Bob: Did he remain in Page or keep his residence in Page?

Col. ~~Hanna~~ <sup>Klapp</sup>: Well, he ~~was~~ was in Hope originally and then he started a lumberyard in Page. Then, when people built their houses he sold the lumber ~~business~~ <sup>company</sup> and he started a drugstore. He was in the drugstore for a while and then ~~some~~ people started coming in ~~and~~ borrowing money from him. So, he borrowed ~~some~~ <sup>a little</sup> money from an ~~unt~~ <sup>unt</sup> of his back East to settle up with the bank in Page. Then he got into a little state ~~man~~ politics as a senator. In the meantime he was busy as a banker. He came down here ~~man~~ <sup>man</sup> bought into the First National Bank, and became vice-president. ~~of First National that bank.~~ So, they moved here ~~man~~ <sup>man</sup> about 1895 but they were in Page prior to that.

Bob: How would you assess your grandfather's personality? ~~I know that's a difficult question for people who know people closely but I still ask it.~~

Col. Klapp: I didn't know him that well. I knew him as a grandfather and not as a person. As I look back on it now, he was truly a fine man, ~~and very truly person~~ a very friendly person, and very easy with people. He was a good businessman and he was also very stern on occasions. I remember that side of him. Mabel, what was he like? What was Grandfather Hanna like?

Mabel: ~~I knew that when the North~~ Oh, I didn't know him too well. I know when the ~~North~~ North Dakota was christened in 1908...

Col. Klapp: Right, the battleship North Dakota...

Mabel: He went on a trip from Great Falls to Clinton ~~Massachusetts~~ Massachusetts, where the battleship, North Dakota, was christened and I was on that trip. There were only two, three people on it that I remember. ~~I wish I had a list! Mae know that we had on the train but then~~

~~the name of the people.~~ I remember Governor <sup>and</sup> Mrs. Hanna and a man by the name of Major Butson Buttsville. Have you ever heard of him?

Bob: No.

Mabel: That's how I remember <sup>just</sup> because of his <sup>name</sup>. Major Butson Buttsville and Jessie Walker were the only ones that I remember on that trip. I used to know them when they lived down on the ~~corner~~ <sup>corner</sup> of course.

Col. Klapp: My grandfather was a very energetic man and a very aggressive <sup>business</sup> man. He had a bank here of his own and he was mixed up in all kinds of things. He started the original ~~street~~ <sup>street</sup> railway system here.

Mabel: He was a good friend of my father's, but not too much. ~~He was a political friend.~~ *Politically, I mean.*

Col. Klapp: He was also influential in ~~the electric~~ <sup>the electric</sup> power plant here, but he was a very active man in business. At the same time he was a <sup>good</sup> politician.

Elizabeth: Now, his grandson takes after him.

Col. Klapp: To a degree <sup>but not the</sup> ~~was a~~ politician. ~~was~~

~~Elizabeth: Not civics.~~

Col. Klapp: He was a very busy man, though.

Bob: What business was your grandfather I.P. Klapp in?

Col. Klapp: ~~When~~ <sup>When</sup> he came up from Texas, he started a bank here but it wasn't a very successful bank. He sold it out and <sup>he</sup> got into real estate business. You'll find his name on the road abstracts for the whole Red River Valley. At one time or another, he owned land all up and down the Valley. He was quite successful. Right after the ~~fire~~ <sup>fire</sup> in Fargo, he started a new building the day after the fire. ~~Now~~ I

~~called it the Broadway Pharmacy, believe it is now the Broadway Pharmacy.~~ <sup>It was</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~Hotel~~ <sup>Hotel</sup> that Grandfather Klapp built and started working in <sup>it</sup> the day ~~ate~~ <sup>after</sup> the fire.

Mabel: *Oh, the Elliott Hotel wasn't there then before the fire then?* ~~Yes, the Elliott Hotel. That hotel wasn't there before the fire.~~

Col. Klapp: ~~Well~~ Well, if it was, it was not in that building 'cause it burned down.

Mabel: No, I know! I was there. I remember that fire ~~was~~ pretty well. What was the name of the building?

Col. Klapp: Well, as far as I know my dad always ~~is~~ called it the Elliott Hotel. So, what they called it ~~prior~~ prior to that I don't know.

Elizabeth: The building went crescent to the ~~the~~ valley there.

Col: Klapp: Yes, the ~~it~~ it went crescent to the Broadway Pharmacy there.

Bob: From whom did he buy the land that he owned in the valley?

Col. Klapp: Oh, I ~~if~~ could go back and check, but I think almost everyone. You'll find her husband's family's name on lots of property around in this region. You'll find my ~~grandfather's~~ grandfather's name a lot because he had his office right across from the ~~Abstract~~ Abstract Company and when people came in looking for a sale he was right across the aisle. So, he might end up being the middle-man, you know. He might own the property a year or two and then sell it off. He was very active in real estate all his ~~life~~ life.

Bob: When did he die?

Col. Klapp: He died in 1942.

Bob: When did your family come to North Dakota, Mrs. Lorshbough?

Mabel: About 1870, <sup>or by</sup> he may have come in '69 but ~~that~~ that wasn't to Fargo here <sup>at that time.</sup> I think he came to Moorhead in the fall of '69 and had a store in Moorhead before he came to Fargo. The story about his coming and everything has been written up. We have it in our scrapbooks. I don't know all about it but he came to Brainerd. ~~I don't know how he got to Brainerd but he came to Brainerd.~~ Then I guess he drove from Brainerd <sup>[to]</sup> here. They had a store <sup>they</sup> called Oak Lake ~~town~~ <sup>by Glyndon</sup> and that must have been down by Glyndon. I think it was called Oak Lake. Then he had a store in Moorhead ~~too~~ before he came to Fargo and <sup>that was</sup> before the railroad. <sup>too</sup> It's all written up in the scrapbooks that we have.

Colonel <sup>Louis Berry</sup> ~~Ambery~~ was a pretty good friend of my father's and he's written up a pretty good history of him in the books. ~~In fact he bought in fact he bought the first lot ever sold in Fargo and that is where Shotwell Ready To wear Sh. Shotwell Ready To Wear Store is on~~

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In fact, he bought the first lot ever sold in Fargo and that is where Shotwell ~~ready-to-learn~~ store is on Broadway and Main just right across from the Fargo National Bank. That was the first lot ever sold in Fargo and we had the deed to it. He wrote his name across ~~it~~ <sup>the paper</sup> and wrote on the bottom of it, "I wish I'd bought more"! He was in real estate, sold farms, and things of that type.

Bob: What ~~my~~ was your father's name?

Mabel: ~~Newton K. Hubbs~~ Newton K. Hubbard.

Bob: Was he married when he came here?

Mabel: No, he came ~~it~~ <sup>here</sup> it must have been 1870. He had a store in Moorhead and then he came over <sup>here</sup> probably in '71. I'm not too sure. I'd have to look it up in the book. My mother came in '76. They ~~met~~ <sup>met</sup> in Ohio. My father ~~came~~ came from Massachusetts. Then just before the Civil War he heard about oil lands in the midwestern or I think ~~it~~ it was in the central ~~from~~ from Rockefeller. He decided that he wanted to go into the oil business and he wrote to his father and asked him for a thousand dollars to invest it. He thought that it was a ~~the~~ good thing to do.

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Before he got the money, the Civil War broke out and he ~~then~~ decided to enlist. He wrote his father and sent back the check and said he was going to enlist. ~~He enlisted in the Civil War~~ He enlisted in the Civil War. He was in Ohio at the time. He was in the service for three years and three months <sup>and 1/2</sup> and he was in prison for nine months. After the war ended and he got out of the service ~~he~~ <sup>and</sup> went back <sup>to Ohio</sup> and taught school. Somehow or other <sup>he</sup> he met my mother around there and they were married in ~~1876~~ 1876. They came back to Fargo. He had the Headquarters Hotel before that and they lived at the Headquarters Hotel. That was the first hotel here. There were smaller hotels here, but that was quite well-known. They said it was the social center <sup>of</sup> ~~of the~~ the town. ~~That burned in.~~ <sup>We caught it</sup> well, I don't remember. ~~I'll get that book where and we'll get those dates right.~~ The railroad people built that hotel originally. After it burned, they ~~said~~ said they couldn't afford to rebuild. My father

rented, managed, and owned the furniture. He lost all that. After the railroad wouldn't build it, they wanted a hotel and he and a group of Fargo men got together and decided they'd rebuild. They ~~rebuild~~ <sup>rebuilt</sup> the Headquarter and that's the one that escaped the "Big Fire" of 1893. <sup>That</sup> ~~It~~ was on the opposite corner of where the fire started. It was, you know, where the Woolworth building is. ~~It was down there across the tracks, south of the tracks, and the hotel was built there, and the tracks right in front of the hotel. That lasted until~~

Elizabeth: It was built in 1872; ~~and~~ it burned in '74; and it was rebuilt in <sup>90</sup> ~~ninety~~ days.

Mabel: Yes, it was rebuilt in '74 and they rebuilt ~~it~~ <sup>90</sup> ~~in ninety~~ days.

Elizabeth: It escaped the "Big Fire" of '93, but was later burned in 1897.

Mabel: He gave up the hotel shortly ~~after~~ they were married, I guess. He was in real estate, farm lands, and what not.

Col. Klapp: Did he build this house, Mabel?

Mabel: Yes, in 1896 <sup>and then</sup> ~~he~~ went to Belfourt, Michigan, to a sanitarium. He wasn't well part of his life. We stayed here until school was out in '96. Then we went to Ohio ~~I~~ and we decided to ~~stay~~ <sup>I</sup> there because I wasn't getting any schooling here. The reason for that was ~~because~~ because I went ~~south~~ <sup>south</sup> every winter. I came back to school and after the second grade I didn't learn anything in the ~~southern~~ <sup>southern</sup> schools. So, we were gone from Fargo for <sup>10</sup> ~~ten~~ years from 1896 to 1906. He built all these houses along <sup>10<sup>th</sup></sup> ~~tenth~~ Street ~~and along here~~ along here, and he built this house in 1905. <sup>A</sup> ~~The~~ man that wanted to rent it decided he didn't want to pay the rent. My father had asked for it or he ~~was~~ agreed to. He was pretty well off at the time, ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> he ~~was~~ said, "If you ~~don't~~ don't want to live in it, I'll come back and live in it myself." So, we came back to Fargo in 1906 and been here ever since. ~~(next sentence cannot~~

~~understand)~~ He died in 1909, so this house has been a vacant lot and

probably will be for as long as I'm around for the neighbor children to play in.

Bob: Was the Headquarters Hotel that ~~the~~ Northern Pacific built on the same site where your father rebuilt it?

Mabel: Yes, yes.

~~Elizabeth: Right back of the Woolworth Company.~~

~~Mabel: But the tracks. But the tracks went right in front of the hotel.~~

Elizabeth: Right north of where the station is now.

Mabel: Now, the station, you know, is on the south side of the tracks.

~~Course, we don't know what happens what's going to happen to that.~~

~~Col. Klapp: Ya, we do.~~

~~Mabel: That's your <sup>job</sup> job!~~ (It was the social center of the town in the early days. All <sup>the</sup> history tells about that.

Elizabeth: ~~What~~ about the Custer Widows?

Mabel: Oh, ~~you~~, in ~~18~~76, shortly after my mother came here, was the Custer Massacre. I don't know how far the railroad was then, but, anyway, these seven widows ~~stayed here, they didn't go~~ through all night <sup>to the cities. They</sup> stopped here and they stayed at ~~the~~ Headquarters.

There was seven widows stayed there from the Custer Massacre. My mother hadn't been ~~there~~ very long and she said that my father told her that she could go in and pay her respects to these widows. She said it was the hardest thing she had ever done in her life. She was pretty young and to go in and see these seven ladies, Mrs. Custer, sisters, and sister-in-laws. They stayed at the Headquarters Hotel the first night and then <sup>they</sup> went on to ~~the~~ Cities. Apparently, the trains didn't run at night in those days because they stayed there that night. That was the highlight of my mother's experience at the hotel.

Bob: What was your ~~mother's~~ mother's maiden name?

Mabel: Elizabeth Clayton Hubbard <sup>and</sup> she came from Plainville, Ohio. They met in Ohio.

~~Col. Klapp: Now, Walter, your husband, his family came here in~~

Col. Klapp: Now, Walter, your husband, and his family were here in the early days, too, weren't they?

Mabel: ~~Oh~~ I think they came after the fire and Governor Hanna was in Page for a while. My husband's father, W.J. Lorshbough, was in the abstract business.

Bob: When were you born? ~~if I may ask?~~

~~Mabel: March 7,~~

Mabel: March 7, 1883.

go — Bob: Do you recall the fire of '93?

Mabel: Oh, very very much! I was ~~ten~~<sup>10</sup> years old and old enough to remember the fire! Yes, I can remember it just as well as if it was

yesterday. It was the last day of school and one of these terribly hot ~~de~~ June days, the ~~seventh~~<sup>7th</sup> of June, and the wind was blowing from the ~~south~~<sup>south</sup>.

We had gone back to the school in the afternoon for some reason and about ~~one o'clock~~<sup>1:00</sup> they dismissed all the children in the schools and we were sent home. A friend of mine that lived up the street from us, W.W. Smith, ~~Pearl~~<sup>-- Pearl</sup> and Hazel Smith—you've heard of them—he said

that he would take us down as far as we could go and see it. So, we went as far as we could with the horse and buggy. ~~It~~ It seems that I had a new pair of shoes for the last day of school and, of course, we had to walk ~~quite~~ quite a ~~bit~~<sup>bit</sup>. We couldn't go too close to the

fire, but it was all going north. When I came home I had a terrible blister on my heel. That made a big impression on me. Then everybody was so afraid that the wind would change and if the wind ~~would change~~ had

changed from the north then it would have come back and the south side would have been burned. Both sides of Broadway was burned. It went down to NP Avenue on the right hand side of the street and then, where the Fargo National Bank used to be on the northwest corner, it crossed there and then it went entirely north. It took both sides of the street and all the rest of the north side.

Bob: Was it ever determined how the fire started?

Mabel: Well, there was a little grocery store about three doors from



Moody's

~~Moody's~~ Store. That's where the new Fargo National Bank is. The story is that the woman who owned it threw some hot ashes out in the backyard. That was the story and I think that is the true story. There were other ideas, but they said she threw hot ashes out there and the wind was very strong and it was a little wooden building and it caught there. It went right across the street and took that whole block and then across the street.

Elizabeth: It was a three million dollar fire!

~~Col. Klapp: It must have been terrific!~~

Mabel: ~~The whole~~ <sup>it</sup> north side was taken. I don't know how far. I know that one fireman went to his home later in the day and found he didn't have a home. They had fire departments from all over this northland. They didn't have very much, but everybody tried to help. ~~Despite every one's efforts~~ It burned <sup>it</sup> completely. ~~Have you seen the anniversary picture that's so good of it? There's one newspaper that had a picture of it.~~

~~Elizabeth: It was the 75th anniversary picture. It~~

~~Mabel: It was either the 50th or the 75th Anniversary picture that is very good. Well, well, in one of those books that you got the other day there's a picture it shows, well, just the whole north side. Show it to him.~~

~~Bob: M-m-m-m,~~

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~~Mabel: In that ~~other~~ book that we got the other day there's a picture of the Marshall <sup>Lewis</sup> Livery ~~Stable~~ which was the ~~Livery Stable~~ and that is where the Gardner is it still called the Gardner <sup>-- is</sup> it still called the Gardner <sup>[Hotel]</sup> that's where ~~the Gardner~~ was. We had a horse at this Livery Stable and is now the Livery Stable.~~

~~Col. Klapp: Yes.~~

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~~Mabel:~~ We had a horse and we didn't have a barn so we kept our horse and buggy down at Marshall Lewis Livery Stable. While the fire was going on they brought the horse and buggy home and tied it <sup>out</sup> up in front of our house. Across the street to the northeast corner was

the Columbia Hotel. Mr. Matthews, Sam Matthews, who had been with my father in the Headquarters, ~~we~~ ran the Columbia and I had a cousin who was a clerk there. There were several houses back of the hotel on that street and my cousin lived in a house back of the hotel. Roberts Street, wasn't it?

Col. Klapp: Roberts Street, yes.

~~Elizabeth: Wasn't the hotel across from the Gravel, now where the library was?~~

Mabel: Yes, across ~~from~~ <sup>[is]</sup> where the ~~Robert~~ Columbia ~~was~~ Hotel was! They got things out pretty well from the hotel. My cousin lived in a house north of it, so somehow or other he got somebody to bring his household goods up and deposit them in our side yard and all his household goods were there. Then, in the hotel they had a big

~~Elizabeth: ...stuffed head of a big wasn't it a bear?~~

Mabel: ~~...the~~ bear's head over the office. A great big bear's head. They brought that up and that was in our son's yard! That's one of the things I remember. I don't know how long things were there, but Frank finally found a place to live.

Elizabeth: Ya, his house burned.

Mabel: Well, ~~among~~ the house that ~~was~~ he'd been in, but he got his furniture out before it was burned and brought it all up here and put it in the yard! ~~My~~ I don't remember what happened after that, but I remember having that animal's head out there in the yard for some time.

~~Now, that Robert's house that was over here ~~that~~ was not burned! Now, what street was that on? I don't know why it escaped that!~~

Col. Klapp: It was on Roberts Street, but I don't know why it didn't burn. It was across the street from the hotel.

Mabel: It was on Roberts Street, but apparently the fire didn't go on that side of the street.

Elizabeth: It was probably on the west side of the street where the post office is now.

Col. Klapp: Yes, where the post office is now.

Mabel: It was on the north side.

Elizabeth: It didn't go on that side.

Mabel: Then the house was moved over here.

Col. Klapp: Yes, they moved it up on Eighth Street.

Mabel: It's one of the older houses on Eighth Street. I ~~just~~ don't know why that wasn't burned in the fire.

Col. Klapp: I don't either.

Elizabeth: It was across the street!

Mabel: ~~It~~ <sup>the fire</sup> stopped somewhere, but I don't know where it stopped. It went way up to the Great Northern tracks, I guess. It smoldered for several days, but the wind didn't change and everybody was just ~~the~~ holding their breaths for fear that the wind would change and take the south side of Fargo, too. ~~because~~ <sup>because</sup> ~~It~~ would of ~~the~~ wind was terrific!

Bob: Were many people hurt in the fire?

Mabel: No, not too many. I don't remember reading about it. They seemed to get away. I don't remember about that part. I ~~don't~~ don't think so. I ~~do remember~~ <sup>know that there was</sup> one fireman lost his home and he didn't know it until he went back. Course, they didn't have automobiles. We didn't have anything but horses to lug the things away, but they got the things away somehow. The majority of the people though lost everything they had.

~~stop~~ Bob: What did the fire fighting equipment look like then? What sort of vehicles did they use to fight fires?

Mabel: Well, I can't tell you. It's on one of those pictures in that book that you've got there.

Elizabeth: One of them that was supposed to be out of the Bonanza Bill that was out of the "Fargo Fire" was to have been had down in Rochester. Was it down in that museum there?

Col. Klapp: Yes.

Elizabeth: I understood that one of the fire departments was one that fought in the "Fargo Fire".

Mabel: I really don't know much about the fire department, but there is a lot written up about it.

Col. Klapp: They just finished completing their history.

Mabel: Elizabeth: ~~Oh, they did! I didn't know that.~~

*Oh, the fire department did! I didn't know that.*

Mabel: Well, you will have to inquire down there. They must have their history down there.

Col. Klapp: Mabel, where did the residential part of Fargo end?

Elizabeth: Well, mother lived in this house next door here when she was four years old. She remembers that.

Mabel; This house ~~next~~ next door and the house beyond it were just alike. They were built for Mr. ~~and~~ Mrs. E.B. Ebby, who came here to start the First National Bank, and his son E.C. These two houses were built for E.B. Ebby and E.C. Ebby. E.B. was the President and E.C. was the cashier. They had their organization meeting in my father's store. Father was the director of the First National Bank.

Elizabeth: He was the first vice-president.

Mabel: And the first vice-president and E.B. Eddy was the first president and father was the vice-president and ~~E.C. was the cashier.~~ then his son E.C. was the ~~first~~ cashier. I know I was four years old when I lived in that house but I don't know when... I know they built on Thirteenth ~~Street~~ which is University Avenue now. They each built a large home up there. You remember when.

*Elizabeth - Four Hundred Block.*

Col. Klapp: Yes, I remember.

Mabel: I guess there are apartments there now. They each built a large home <sup>up</sup> there. ~~And~~ whether their father bought from Ebbys or not I don't know. I do know that I was four years old when I lived there because we went to California <sup>for the</sup> ~~that~~ winter, and I was living there then. So, those houses are about as ~~old~~ old as any in this neighborhood. There are <sup>plenty of</sup> ~~many~~ old houses but I don't think there are any older than that. The man that owns this now has kept it up very well. ~~He has kept it up himself but the other one~~ He does a lot of work himself and he has kept it up, but the other one ~~I~~ don't know ~~went~~ down. Then that old Mitt got some

money after the first World War or the second World War, I guess, and built that house beyond that. That's a rather new house. ~~It must have been..~~

*but this house it must have been....*

Elizabeth: You don't know how far south it went?

*next to me*

Mabel: This first house <sup>it</sup> must have been built in the early '80s.

Elizabeth: Well, it had to be.

Mabel: ~~I was born in '83.~~ *Because I was born in '83.*

Col. Klapp: ~~And i~~ And it was there then.

Elizabeth: Well, the Fargo National Bank was started in '78.

Mabel: About '79 or '80.

Elizabeth: The bank was started in '78!

Mabel: You can't find out! You can go down...

~~Elizabeth: I went down to the city hall and they gave me the wildest~~

~~date!~~ Elizabeth: I went down to the city hall to find out when this house next door was built and they <sup>told</sup> gave me the wildest date. It was just terrible!

Mabel: I don't know what year it was built, but it was built by E.B. Eddy who started the First National Bank. It was started in father's store. One of the Forums said it was started in Room A <sup>at</sup> ~~in~~ the Headquarters HOtel. I don't think that's right because I've always heard my father say that it started in the rear of his store on Front Street.

Elizabeth: We found out the other day ~~that~~ it was right east of the Fargo National Bank now called the Hubbard & Tyler.

Mabel: So, everything you read in the Forum isn't always correct I discovered.

Bob: Where did the prairie stop south of town? About on what street today and when you were a little girl?

Mabel: Well, I imagine not more than Eighth Avenue. I don't know, course, it's gone way way....

*Fifth*

Elizabeth: Thirteenth Street and ~~Eighth~~ Avenue the W.H. White home. We have a picture of mother standing out in their yard and there's nothing west of there at all.

Mabel: Get that picture of this house next door and show that. I didn't ~~∕~~ know that the young man teaches history ~~next-door~~over at South High. He interviewed me one day and different individuals. He has gone real big into things and we had a real nice vist. One day he brought me a little typewritten card, about this long, from the Forum and it was published in 1883. It said, ~~∕~~"Mr. and Mrs. N.K. Hubbard and ~~Daughter-are-living~~Baby Daughter ~~are~~are Are Living In The Northwest Corner Of Ninth Street And Monroe Avenue". So, Fifth Avenue was called Monroe Avenue and apparently it started with Washington. I had never heard that until the last year. It must have been Washington, Monroe, ~~Je~~and Jefferson, you know, all the way up. It said that Fifth~~∕~~ Avenue was Monroe Avenue and there was a \_\_\_\_\_<sup>over</sup> there,~~∕~~ but it isn't there now. We probably lived there~~∕~~ for a while when ~~Iwas~~I was a baby.~~∕~~ I came in March soon after I was born. I was born in Ohio because my mother went back to her family. You see, they ~~∕~~didn't think Fargo was much of a place and they didn't want her to have her baby out in ~~teh~~ the wi"wild".

Elizabeth: I don't have those pictures. Jen Benison has the pictures of the houses. Don't you remember?

Mabel: Oh, that's too bad. I thought you said we wanted ~~them~~<sup>lem</sup> by Saturday.

Elizabeth: She wants them for The Fine Arts Club in November.

Mabel: Do you have the one of me in the white...oh, you gave it to her~~∕~~ too! The Fine Arts Club is writting up a history for the, you know, and we had a couple of ladies here the other day and we gave them some of those pictures. I'm sorry ~~I∕-haven't~~I haven't got them for you. There wasn't a house towards the \_\_\_\_\_ (?~~∕~~) when this house was built and the same with Mr. White's house. I don't know what year that was built. I thought that was quite interesting to ~~∕~~ find out ~~that~~ after all they~~∕~~se years that ~~teh~~that was Monroe Avenue.

Bob: Yes, ~~I~~<sup>I</sup> never heard ~~of~~ that either. Can you describe for me one of the yearly celebrations that were held after the fire?

Mabel: After the fire, they always had a big celebration. Now, they don't even put the date in the paper or anything. They've forgotten all about the fire. They don't give us credit for having built up the town really. Oh, yes, they had a big celebration every year for several years. Parade and I don't know what all to ~~celebrate~~ celebrate the rebirth; but now they don't even mention the date, seventh of Jene, I'll never forget it. It kind of "irks" us old timers. I think they ought to remember a few things and they get so many things wrong that it upsets me.

Col. Klapp: What did we used to do when we were kids and dressed up? What kind of a festival was that?

Elizabeth: I don't know except that \_\_\_\_\_ Agassie used to dress up in clothes and things. I don't remember any town celebration.

Col. Klapp: Maybe, it was just the Fourth of July. When I was ~~littl~~ little we decorated our trench coat and took part in the parade downtown.

Mabel: I don't know how long ago they stopped it; but, now, they don't even mention the date. I think they ought to preserve a few ~~thign~~ things around here.

Bob: What were some of the stores, Mabel, where your parents would shop before the fire? Do you remember any of those?

Mabel: Oh, well, Delandreases/ and Tojers. Tojers was a little ~~ster~~ store on Noth Broadway. Well, Moodys there for a long time.

Elizabeth: Not when you were a little girl! That isn't that old!

Mabel: Moodys must of been there long before I want away in '96.

Elizabeth: Was it?

Mabel: It must have been. The Tojers was just a little store. I ~~dent~~ don't know that anybody remembers the Tojers. That has been ~~spek~~ spoken of in some of the articles in the Forum.

Elizabeth: What about/ the names of the grocery stores?

Mabel: Well, the first grocery store I remember was Putnams. It used to be the "Pure Food" on Eighth Street and First Avenue. <sup>I don't know what its</sup> ~~On that cor-~~ <sup>called now.</sup>

*On that corner*  
~~ner~~ has always been a grocery store.

Elizabeth: Eighteenth Street and First Avenue South.

Col. Klapp: Eighth Street!

Mabel: Eighth Street but its always been a grocery store. I don't remember before that but Putnam is the first name. Of course, we didn't have telephones and they would send a young boy around from house to house taking orders for what you wanted. If you didn't go downtown to shop, unless you had a horse and buggy ~~you~~ you couldn't go down and buy things. So, every day the boy would come around and you'd give ~~him~~ the order and they'd deliver it ~~in~~ <sup>in</sup> the afternoon.

*go* —  
Bob: Where were you getting your dairy products such as milk, butter, ~~etc~~ and so forth?

Mabel: Well, we got it from the milkman, he brought it in a can, brought it in, we had a great big pan ~~as~~ as big as this ~~on~~ on the kitchen table, and he'd ~~put~~ pour the milk in from his can, leave the can, we'd put ~~it~~ in the icebox ~~then~~ <sup>then</sup> I still call it the icebox-and then take the cream off. The water we got the same way. ~~Alia-little-man, course, you wouldn't remember him. A little man - course, you wouldn't remember him - your dad would.~~ <sup>remember that stuff</sup> Little Mr. ~~Grass~~

~~Elizabeth: Grass-green....Green, Grass.~~

~~Mabel:~~ (Grass, his name was. Grass or Green <sup>and</sup> I'd say Grass. A little bit of a fellow and he'd carry these great big buckets of water.

Col. Klapp: This was your drinking water?

Mabel: Yes, anything, drinking or ~~any~~ whatever! We would have a barrel out in the shed and ~~put~~ pour it in that. Real sanitary!! No, that's the way the water came. It came in a great big wagon that held ~~the~~ the water, <sup>[He'd]</sup> and ~~he'd~~ turn the cork, and he'd carry it in in buckets.

Elizabeth: You must have had running water when you lived next door though. You had the first bathtub in the neighborhood. ~~in this house south of house~~ <sup>as!</sup>



Mabel: Well, ~~that~~ I was older then and I was the only one in the neighborhood that had a bathtub! ~~now~~ Ask my friends, they'd come in, and I'd have a bathtub! That was quite a treat! →

~~Col. Klapp: Quite a treat!~~

~~Mabel: An old tin bathtub!~~

Col. Klapp: You mean you didn't have a pump or a well in your house?

Mabel: No, I don't remember that we had a pump.

~~Col. Klapp: But you had a cistern.~~

Elizabeth: Yes.

Mabel: Now, the Fosters, lived over on the corner here where the church is you know. That was George I. Foster. They had a pump that was outdoors and how could it be outdoors. You'd think it would freeze in the wintertime. I remember they had a pump, but we didn't have a pump.

Bob: Were there any people in Fargo that kept a cow in their backyard?

Mabel: Oh, yes, Isabelle Roseaby over here. Her father had a cow and the Pollicks had a cow. ~~You-mean-Clara....~~

Elizabeth: You mean Clara ~~and~~ Pollick?

Mabel: I mean R.M. Pollick. They came from Casselton about 196'95 or '96. I don't remember, but I know they had a cow and they had a horse ~~and~~ and Isabelle had a ~~cow~~ cow. We had a horse and we kept ~~it~~ it in our saloon. The farmers came in with the milk, you see, in wagons and brought it in ~~great~~ big cans. Course, Sam Crab, Art's ~~brother~~ brother he was in business there, not too long ago. Mr. Alfred had a farm, ~~too~~ didn't they? I don't know. They didn't have dairies in those days like they do Cass Clay ~~now~~ and all those now. But nobody died from having the milk poured into the pan on the table. I don't know how we did in the winter ~~because~~ <sup>would be too</sup> the shed ~~was~~ cold to keep ~~things~~ things. ~~I don't remember that~~ I don't know and I don't remember that. Course, that was in the house next door that I'm ~~think~~ talking about. We had a shed on that house, but it couldn't of been very warm. I don't remember that.

Bob: Was there a fruit and vegetable market in town then *in the summer?*

Mabel: No, I suppose they'd go out in the country and get their vegetables unless they got to the store. They used to have a nice market down there on Fourth Street. That was a very ~~nice~~ nice place. The farmers would bring all their products down there. I think they had it open twice a week.

Col. ~~Klapp~~<sup>Klapp</sup>: They did that when we were here.

Elizabeth: Yes, we remember that!

Mabel: Wonderful vegetables and chickens! I remember one woman, I think she's still around, called the "Duck Lady".

Elizabeth: Yes, the "Duck Lady".

Mabel: She came from in there and she'd bring ducks in.

Elizabeth: That's recent history.

Bob: Where was the school you first attended in Fargo?

Mabel: ~~It~~ Over here. You know, where the vacant lot is now right ~~at~~ straight of the Court House? That was the first high school. Then that burned and they built another one.

Col. Klapp: On Tenth Street and Third Avenue. I don't know but I ~~think~~ think it burned in 1917. <sup>The old high school building</sup> ~~something like that.~~ Something like that.

Elizabeth: '17 yes.

~~Bob:~~ Mabel: Yes, the old high school building.

Bob: Was that where the elementary school was that you went to also?

Mabel: Yes, it was altogether.

Elizabeth: Course, you went to kindergarten.

Mabel: Well, I never went to ~~kind~~ kindergarten at the Unitary Church.

~~I went to kindergarten-~~

Elizabeth: Didn't you go there?

Mabel: ~~I~~ I went to kindergarten upstairs in a house on Tenth Street.

Elizabeth: Back of us?

Mabel: ~~Yes~~ M-m-m. Miss Burschill had the kindergarten for many <sup>many</sup> years. I don't remember ever going to a kindergarten at the church down here. There's a Mormon Church now on the corner of that street.

Elizabeth: Mrs. Wetz was her first teacher. ~~for~~ She was here for many

years.

Mabel: Oh, Mrs. Wetz! She was the first teacher for a long time. ~~7~~  
Then Miss Kemp was Principal of the High School. Show him the picture. I just love that picture! Show it to him.

Elizabeth: Not now! He's recording now.

Bob: I can look at 'em after we're done talking.

Mabel: Miss Kemp was there. ~~and she was the Principal~~ She was the principal, very large woman, she had a huge voice. Believe me, she had discipline. When she spoke, I tell you, the kids got in line, ~~th~~ they had to go in line, they couldn't tear into school, they had to stand outside, and go two by two into school. If they got out of ~~in~~ line, why, she'd shake the life out of 'em and scold 'em. She did that to my husband once. After school was over, she called him up to the desk and apologized. She said, 'Walter, I know you didn't deserve the punishment I gave you. I found out you weren't out of the line.' He was so good! He never would do anything out of the way really. Miss Kemp thought he was the one and she shook him up. You could tell by the looks of her that she had discipline.

Col. Klapp: Kent Darrell, you know, was named after her. How did that happen? Do you know?

Mabel: Well, they were friends! I don't know but she was principal over there for many many years. Kent Darrell was a doctor here and here and founder of a clinic.

Elizabeth: ~~The~~ Now, there's somebody ~~she~~ you should introduce. His father, ~~7~~ Leon Darrell, was a one-time doctor ~~7~~ there.

Bob: He had a stroke I believe.

Elizabeth: Yes, he's back home now. He was a family type doctor and used to come when you called him.

Mabel: There were three doctors in the family, weren't there? ~~I~~  
~~think their names were Frank,~~ Frank and Kent were two of them.

What was the other one? I don't remember.

Col. Klapp: Frank and Kent, <sup>of</sup> course, ~~Dr~~ <sup>and</sup> Doctor Wiegel was practicing.

Mabel: Well, he was a son-in-law. He married a Darrell. ~~There~~ <sup>their</sup> ~~histe~~ history is very interesting. There was a nice article about them not too long ago in the Forum. He was really about the first doctor we had in town. Then ~~Dr. Doctor~~ Wehr came <sup>around,</sup>

Bob: He was the first doctor that you can remember here in Fargo?

Mabel: Well, yes, the first doctor that I remember. I don't remember but it tells in ~~the~~ article about him. You haven't seen him, have you?

Bob: No, I haven't. I've heard ~~a~~ a lot about him, but I haven't seen him.

Mabel: A ver y interesting family.

Bob: I wanted to ask you a couple more questions <sup>on</sup> ~~about~~ this school too? About how many students were in your ~~grade~~ when you started <sup>school</sup> in Fargo?

Mabel: I haven't any idea. No, I haven't any idea. No, I couldn't begin to say.

Bob: Were there any students in your classes who couldn't speak English?

Mabel: No, no Indians I don't think. Now, there's one girl over at Bethany who was in school with me.

Elizabeth: Hattie Luther.

Mabel: What?

Elizabeth: Hattie Luther!

Mabel: Not Hattie! Her sister's name was Hattie. Louise Luther! She ~~was~~ was in school with ~~me~~ <sup>o</sup> but I can't remember anybody else.

Elizabeth: She's completely out ~~/~~ now, I mean, she ~~wouldn't~~ wouldn't remember anything.

Mabel: It's terrible because as I say people ask me questions and there is absolutely nobody in town I can ask any questions to prove what I say.

Bob: Well, we'll take your word for it.

Mabel: It's awful to live that long, isn't it?

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Elizabeth: We have to think of somebody's name and she ~~can~~ can't remember.

Mabel: I get to thinking about somebody, and I want to ask somebody and there isn't <sup>(one word)</sup> any body to ask. Names go from me in my old age. I remember things and all that, ~~that~~ but names go from me. ~~I~~ try to think and there isn't anybody I can ask. You know, your mother could answer questions better than your dad did and she didn't live here as long as your dad did. She could tell me things that your father couldn't remember.

Col. Klapp: Course, she was more interesting<sup>ed</sup> in what went on in the Hannas.

~~Mabel: Bob:--When-did-your-school-term-start--~~

Bob: In about what month did your school term start?

Mabel: Well, I imagine it started the first week in September I suppose.

Elizabeth: The seventh of June was the last day of school.

Mabel: Yes, the seventh of June in '93 was the last day of school, but I don't remember when it started and how much vacation we had. I don't remember that part.

Bob: I've talked to some people in other parts of the state and they tell me about their early days in school. They tell that there were many students in school who for various reasons, ~~usuall-farm-work~~ usually farmwork, would stay out of school in the winter or stay out of school in the fall and spring and just come in the winter.

Mabel: Well, there wasn't anything like that around here.

Bob: You didn't have a person maybe twenty years old in the third grade or anything.

Mabel: No, I don't think so.

Elizabeth: They were probably all local people.

Mabel: They were all ~~local~~ local people. Well, I don't know about the people <sup>who</sup> ~~that~~ lived on farms. People that lived down around Wild

Rice went to school ~~down~~ there, didn't they? That isn't very far  
~~down here~~ Wild Rice down <sup>here</sup> ~~there~~. Mckenzie's, you know, ~~they live~~ they live  
down there. They didn't go to school in Fargo. They must have gone  
down there. As I recall, there were no foreigners. ~~of~~ West of here  
they're a different guy of people.

Col. Klapp: That farm that you sold last year you said that your <sup>Larry</sup>  
~~Fosset~~ father had been on that since...

Mabel: No, my father.

Elizabeth: Her father.

Col. Klapp: Oh, your father!

Mabel: Oh, my father!

Col. Klapp: Mr. Hubbard bought ~~to hat~~ that then.

Mabel: Oh, it wasn't in the Lorshbough family.

Col. Klapp: Oh, I thought it was a Lorshbough farm.

Mabel: No, no, no! They came in about '94 or '95 somewhere around  
there. My father bought it in 1880. ~~We've~~ ~~We've~~ We've had it that  
long. I didn't have any idea of selling it, but several people came ~~at~~  
and wanted it. I thought oh, my goodness, I don't know ~~what~~ what to  
do. I was gettin' older and I'd better do somethin'. We'd had a ~~pre~~  
pretty good crop the last year and my father was getting along in  
years. Some of the neighbors heard and said when they came that he  
might be giving up. One would come and then some others would come.  
Oh, I had a hard winter trying to decide what to do. I finally sold  
it. It ~~was~~ probably was the thing to do. I don't know.

Bob: Where was that farm located?

Mabel: ~~Ar~~menia. It's just a mile south of the elevator.

Elizabeth: ~~A~~mile A mile east of the elevator you mean.

Col. Klapp: A mile east of the elevator.

~~Mabel:--A-mile-east-of-the-elevator-and-Amenia--~~

Elizabeth: A mile east of the elevator, mother!

Mabel: A mile east of the elevator and Ameniam

Elizabeth: We never lived on it, but my father rented it out.

Mabel: ~~He never lived there~~ We never lived there.

Bob: But your father bought that it in the ~~1880s-sometime~~ 1880's  
sometime.

~~Mabel:~~ Elizabeth: 1880.

Bob: 1880! M-m-mOM-m-m-m.

Col. Klapp: That land...

Mabel: What?

~~Col. Klapp:--That land is some of the best farmland in Cass County.~~

Col. Klapp: That land around Amenia and Casselton is some of the  
best farmland in Cass County.

Mabel: Well, we never had any trouble with rain or dampness or any-  
thing until the last couple of years. The last year or the year ~~before~~  
before last it was gettin' along. Well, I suppose it was wearing  
~~out.~~---Ibut I finally got it sold. I hated to do it because we had it  
so long. I don't know. I was gettin' along and I had my family. I  
wanted to keep it in the family, but my son wasn't interested in  
farming at all. He didn't wanna. I suppose you would like to run a  
farm , wouldn't you or wouldn't you?

Col. Klapp: Oh, sure.

Elizabeth: ~~But not living right on the spot~~ He wouldn't want to do it  
living right on the spot.

Col. Klapp: Not living in it though.

Mabel: What?

Col. Klapp: Not living in it though!

Mabel: No, we don't wanna live in it but Walter wasn't at all ~~intere~~  
interested in managing it or that. He works for the West Publishing  
Company in St. Paul, graduated from law school, ~~his~~ <sup>his mind</sup> runs that  
way, and he didn't want to run it.

Bob: Did your father or did you know Oliver Delriipple and those fel-  
lows?

Mabel: Oh, yes, very well. He was a very good friend of fathers and

all those people were friends. The Grandons were friends.

(Telephone rings)

Elizabeth: Just a minute, you'd better turn that off.

Bob: ~~All-Right~~~~All-right~~. All right, I was asking you if you knew the Delripples?

Mable: The Delripples! Yes, I knew them very well. They had a boat on the river. They used to take weekends, bring their friends up on the boat, and mother and father would go with 'em. I don't know who else went with 'em. I don't know who their friends were then. They would go up to the Grandon Farm for the weekend on the boat and <sup>then come</sup> back.

Col. Klapp: I'll be darned!

Mabel: Yes, they were <sup>real</sup> good friends. In fact, when we were living in Boston <sup>several</sup> years ago we went to call on, I guess, it was a grandson of the Grandons. We had a nice visit with him. The descendants still lived in Boston <sup>yet</sup>, but I don't think there's anybody ~~con-~~ <sup>now</sup> ~~neenected~~ with them that lives there.

Mabel: Did the Moodys buy that farm?

Col. Klapp: ~~Wat~~-What?

Mabel: Did the ~~Modd~~Moodys buy that farm?

Col. Klapp: I think they did.

Mabel: Yes, I thought <sup>but</sup> they did. ~~Yes~~, the Grandons were real good friends.

Bob: Do you recall if there was much boat traffic on the river when you were a child?

Mabel: No, I don't remember any.

Bob: That had already pretty well declined.

Mabel: That was pretty well gone before I was around here. I mean, I don't remember a houseboat or anything like that. I remember we used to have canoe parties, picnics, and motorboats up the river, but no traffic that I remember.

Bob: Did your dad know H.F. ~~Chaffe~~?-Chaffee?

Mabel: Oh, yes, very well because we did business with <sup>them</sup> ~~him~~ up there.



Did you see that article about, Mr. Miller, our ~~governor?~~ first Governor?

There was a very interesting article about our first Governor, who was <sup>Governor</sup> ~~Mr.~~ Miller. An odd thing happened there. ~~The-D.A.R.'s- The-D.~~ The D.A.R.'s were interested in early history. Washington wanted the names of the first governors of every state.

Elizabeth: The signatures! The signatures!

Mabel: North Dakota and, I think, one of the Carolinas—I don't remember the other states—were the only states in the Union that didn't have a ~~autoan-autograph~~ personal autograph of their governor.

Elizabeth: A signature!

Mabel: They appointed Elizabeth to get a signature of the first ~~gove~~ governor. Well, she went out to the college and they had photographic copies.

Elizabeth: No, they had copies! I mean they had the original, but they wouldn't give it out!

Mabel: They had copies but Washington wouldn't take a copy! They wanted an original! They wouldn't take a copy. She wrote to Bismarck and they had some, but they didn't have an original. So, we kind of had doubts. We didn't know where to get a signature you know. So, one day I ~~was~~ sitting upstairs and she was up ~~in~~ in the attic ~~rum-~~ maging ~~around~~ around. She brought down an old box of letters and things for me to look over. I sat there looking it over and all of a sudden I just screamed! I found John C. ~~Miller~~ Miller! ~~And-I-found-the~~ ~~letter-that-he-had-written-to-my-father~~ John ~~Miller~~ Miller and I found the letter that he had written to my father and here his signature was! Well, it was a personal letter, but it had his signature.

Elizabeth: Well, it was written the day before the statehood of all things!

Mabel: That was the funny part of it! It was dated the day before statehood!

Bob: Oh! Well!

MabelElizabeth: It was still his original ~~sig~~ signature!

Bob: Sure!

Mabel: The day before he was inaugurated, but underneath it said Governor...

Elizabeth: John Miller.

Mabel: Pro temp or whatever it was.

Elizabeth: Governor Elect!

Mabel: Governor Elect! He ~~wrote~~ wrote his signature and then Governor Elect. The date of his letter was the day before he was inaugurated!

Elizabeth: They wanted my grandfather to be council of Mexico and he was recommending him, but he didn't want the job.

Mabel: He had written to Governor Miller for a recommendation to go to Mexico for an ambassador or some~~h~~/thing. So, I called Mrs. Ole Stevens and Mrs. Long, both D.A.R.'s, had them come over, and look it over. Mrs. Stevens was a good writer. ~~So~~ So, she wrote to the ~~Nation~~ National, told them <sup>this</sup> ~~us~~, enclosed it, told them all about it, and they accepted it! He wasn't governor but it was his signature! I sent ~~th~~ them a signature and I got a very nice letter back from the National D.A.R. Magazine for his signature. The people that went to the ~~meet~~ meetings that they had once a year or every two years ~~were-very-grim~~ because-in Noth Dakota <sup>was</sup> ~~were~~ very grim because they didn't have <sup>a</sup> ~~an aut~~ autograph of the governor. But they finally <sup>have</sup> ~~had~~ it now and I gave it to him~~s~~. So, he was a good friend of the governors. In fact, he liked politics very much. He was interested in politics, but he ~~didn~~ didn't-~~was-an~~ want any office. In fact~~s~~ they wanted him for ~~g~~ governor ~~once~~, he was sick in bed in the South some<sup>where</sup> ~~place~~, he turned over in bed, and said he didn't want anyting of it a 'tall.

Elizabeth: He had ~~rheuti~~ rheumatism, a tubucular knee, and he had his leg amputated.

Col. Klapp: Oh, for goodness sake!

Mabel: But he was always intersted in politics. He wanted his man ~~z~~ to get in, but he didn't want to be the man. Of course, they had the ~~Be-~~ "besse"bosses" in Fargo in those days. ~~and-they~~ They were good

friends, but they weren't very good political friends. He was very strong in his likes and dislikes. When Harrison was nominated in Chicago he was a delegate to the convention and nominated Harrison. No, he never ~~wasn't~~ wanted any office. Then he was the first president of the Fargo ~~Northwestern~~ Southwestern.

Col. Klapp: Is that right?

Mabel: M-m-m. Down here, you know, where they have the shop now? He started that. He started a lot of things. Speaking about John Miller there was a very interesting article in the Forum, ~~not~~ too long ago ~~st~~ telling about John Miller's ~~com~~-coming out here. Mr. Dwight, you know, Dwight, North Dakota.

Bob: Yes.

Mabel: Did you read that article or did you see it?

Bob: I believe I read that article.

Mabel: It was very ~~inter~~esting. Mr. Dwight came out here to look ~~land~~ lands over. My father was ~~the~~ the one one that drove him around all the farmlands down there in ~~Richland~~ Richland County. He became interested and bought up a ~~lot~~ lot down there and that's ~~what~~ what Dwight is named for him.

Col. Klapp: Is that right?

Mabel: John Miller was his head man in New York statehood. <sup>(one word)</sup> It was through Mr. Dwight that John ~~n~~ Miller came out.

Col. Klapp: Oh, for goodness sake!

~~Mabel~~ Bob: As farm manager ~~!~~.

Mabel: Didn't you see that article? Don't you read the Forum?

Col. Klapp: No, I didn't! No, I didn't see that article.

Mabel: That was a very... My goodness, I believe I have that article ~~here~~ here!

Elizabeth: What!

~~Mabel~~: It was a very good article!

Elizabeth: Why there?

Mabel: I saw something here the other day that I thought was it.

Elizabeth: I've got ~~it~~ in a scrapbook!

Mabel: It ought ta be in a scrapbook. Our friends call us up and ask us things and we find these articles. I think this is the one, but it was very interesting. Then John Miller became more interested in politics. He didn't wanna be governor, but he was governor for about a year and then he ~~did~~ed.

Elizabeth: Well, I have a copy if you want to give it to him/ and he can read it.

Mabel: Have you got it in the scrapbook?

Elizabeth: Yes, I know I have!

Mabel: This is it!

Elizabeth: You can take it if you want it!

Mabel: I just saw this! Someone <sup>body</sup> had called me and asked about this. ~~There's~~ <sup>That's</sup> a picture of ~~John~~ John Miller. It was a real very interesting article about Mr. Dwight. That's Anne Dwight Tyler and his ~~son-in-~~ son-in-law, you know, was <sup>Mr.</sup> R.S. Tyler. But that tells about ~~John~~ John Miller in it. You're sure you've got that clipping. I want to hold on to that. I found that the other day.

~~Mabel: --I don't know where but I thought I had it!~~

Elizabeth: I don't know where, but I thought I had it!

Mabel: Then they moved to Duluth and he started the Sharon Land Company.

Bob: Dwight did?

Mabel: No, well, yes, no, that's Miller. Miller, it used to be Miller.

Col. Klapp: Oh, did Miller start that?

Mabel: Well, if you mean The Sharon Land Company Miller was connected with it.

Bob: I think he was ~~the~~ supervisor. That's what I thought but I could be wrong.

Mabel: It ~~tells~~ tells about it in there. It really was a very interesting article. I was interested because we always had done business with the elevator up there with the farm being so near. Mr. Chaffee always looked

after our affairs when we weren't home. He was lost in the Titanic you know.

*that's what I thought.*  
 Bob: Yes, ~~I know~~. Was your dad and his political friends closely allied with the railroad? Were they good friends with the railroad? Stockholders or anything?

Mabel: Oh, yes, he was friends with Jim Hill and all those people! Oh, yes, he knew them folks very well. Of course, they tried to do business with him to try and rebuild the hotel. I don't know; they said they couldn't afford to rebuild it so father and a group of men got together and rebuild it. That was the one that stood there for so many years.

Elizabeth: I don't know where it is. I've got it here somewhere. I don't know where I put it!

Mabel: That whole article is interesting I think. Elizabeth started making these scrapbooks about a year ago. We just celebrated our Hundredth Anniversary at the Methodist Church down here just last week. A week ago today we had our banquet. So, we are just ~~steepe~~"steeped" in ancient history/ lately! Then she's going to make a scrapbook for the church with a lot of old things in it. We kept all these old newspapers. We have the ~~Seventy-Fifth~~<sup>Seventy-fifth</sup> Anniversary of Fargo that put out a beautiful ~~æ~~edition of the paper.

Elizabeth: I don't know where that it is now! I'm so sure I've got it!

Bob: Yes, I've seen it!

Mabel: You've seen that, haven't you?

Bob: Yes, I have. It was ~~very nice~~very nice!

Mabel: I'm afraid we won't have as good as one as that! That was a very very nice writeup

Elizabeth: I can't find it now.

Mabel: Now, they don't put in ~~very much~~very much. They have a little, tiny ~~note~~ bit of a note in a spot like this in the Forum about our Hundredth Anniversary, which was last week, and that's all that was in it!

Elizabeth: I don't know where that is!

~~Mabel: The Seventy-Fifth~~  
(one word) (?)

Mabel: The Seventy Fifth Anniversary was a....

Elizabeth: I remember cutting it out!

Mabel: What?

Elizabeth: I remember cutting it out, but I don't know where I put it I said. Maybe I don't... Here it is, I have it!

Bob: What were some of the early churches in Fargo and where were they?

Mabel: Well, our church was the first church! The first Methodist Church.

Bob: Oh, the first Methodist Church.

Elizabeth: July, 1874.

Mabel: 1874.

Col. Klapp: Our church celebrated its anniversary...

Mabel: You started in Moorhead!

Col. Klapp: Oh, we started in Moorhead!

Mabel: You celebrated... You were negged! (?)

Elizabeth: Your not the first church!

Mabel: No! You had a car on the railroad.

Col. Klapp: On the railroad.

Bob: Oh, you were Episcopalian.

Mabel: You had a car but you didn't have a church here! You celebrated your Hundredth Anniversary at Moorhead and I don't think that was fair!

Elizabeth: Here's that copy of that letter from John Miller.

Col. Klapp: That really wasn't fair!

Mabel: No, I don't think that was fair 'cause you didn't have a church!

You celebrated in Moorhead, 'cause Moorhead had a church! Everybody

~~went to Moorhead to church~~ went to Moorhead to church! But our

church was the first church in Fargo and Mr. W.H. White was the organizer of it.

Elizabeth: Your mother and father.

Col. Klapp: ~~M-m-m~~! That's pretty good!

Mabel: The first church was a little, bit of a ~~church~~ wooden church.

Bob: Oh.

Mabel: When we decided to build a new church the Catholics bought that little, bit ~~of a~~ church. That was quite a surprise 'cause we didn't know that 'til we looked into this history! The Catholics used that for a good many years until they built the Cathedral. So, we've got all that history. The bell that was put in the original church is still there and still rings!

Bob: Oh!

Col. Klapp: Is that right!

Mabel: After a hundred years! Mr. W.H. White was really the organizer of the church. There were five charter members. My father wasn't a member, but he was on the first Board of Trustees with Mr. White and Mr. Foster. So, they date back quite a while!

Bob: Where was that first Methodist Church located?

Mabel: Right there where ~~it-is-now~~ our church is now!

Bob: Right where it is now!

Elizabeth: Ninth Steet and First Avenue.

Mabel: Always been right there!

Bob: Remarkable! Tell me a little more about W.H. White. You mentioned him several times and I'm not ~~famil~~lar~~-with-the-manfamil~~ar~~-with-familiar~~ with the man.

Mabel: Well, he was one of the early settlers. I think he came <sup>about</sup> ~~in~~ '71 or so. He had lumberyards and the railroad shipped in all the lumber for our church free of charge. That is ~~o~~in our history and he started it. He had lumberyards all over the state.

Elizabeth: He was out in Bismarck for a year or so too!

Mabel: Yes, he went ~~o~~to Bismarck. I don't know how they got it to Bismarck without a train.

Elizabeth: I understand he started a church out there too. Somebody said so ours wasn't the first one in the state.

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Mabel: I couldn't believe that when I heard that, but it came out in the history that he did. He had lumberyards in all these small towns ~~in this part of the country~~ around this part of the country. I don't know how far west he had, but it's written up in the history. I don't know that Lansbury had much about him in ~~that~~ <sup>there</sup>, but Lansbury's book is quite correct as far as my father goes. I know they were real good friends. Isn't that the first deed?

Col. Klapp: ~~No~~ No, she had that article.

Elizabeth: We'll show him later.

Bob: Now, you mentioned that the Episcopalians were worshipping in a railroad car?

Mabel: Huh? Yes, they had ~~a~~ <sup>the</sup> railroad car! You'd better tell him about your railroad car. <sup>A</sup> They had church in this car!  
*It was Walter, wasn't it, that had this car?*  
~~Col. Klapp: They toured the countryside.~~

~~Mabel: They toured the country!~~

Col. Klapp: They had several and they toured the countryside.

Mabel: ~~Toured the country!~~ They had church in the car <sup>and</sup> toured the country, but they didn't have a church!

Col. Klapp: They church they did have was over in Moorhead as she said <sup>o</sup> which is one of the ~~landmarks over in Moorhead~~ historical landmarks over in Moorhead.

Bob: When were the Episcopalians using the railroad car to travel ~~around~~ around? What period was that?

Mabel: I don't know. That must have been in the early '70s. That's in one of our scrapbooks.

Col. Klapp: You'd have to check with Young(?). It started in about 1870 right when the railroad came to Fargo.

Mabel: Yes, right with the railroad. Wasn't that Bishop ~~Watford~~ <sup>Walker</sup>?

Col. Klapp: Bishop Mann or Bishop ~~Watford~~ <sup>Walker</sup>.

Mabel: No, ~~Weno~~, not Mann! No, no, not Mann!

Col. Klapp: Well, it would have been ~~Watford~~ <sup>Walker</sup>, wouldn't it?

Mabel: Oh, it was ~~Watford~~ <sup>Walker</sup>! Sure.



Bob: ~~Thee~~I heard that the Northern Pacific pulled that car wherever Bishop Walker wanted it ~~free~~for free. *Is that true; do you know?* ~~do you know?~~

Mabel: I imagine. I imagine. I don't know but I imagine so

Col. Klapp: Oh, sure.

Mabel: Course, I know they shipped the lumber for our church free.

Bob: Oh.

Col. Klapp: Did they really! They were better in those days!

Mabel: Well, they must have been! I don't know if they were ----- Methodists or not. Railroad or not but that's what the history is. We ~~ah~~have a little chapel in our church and we turn that over for a historic thing. Oh, all the things, pictures, and all the history of ~~that~~ *it* was in there was real interesting! ~~Oh~~, Old, old, pictures! We didn't keep it open except on Sundays. So, when somebody come...

~~Elizabeth~~: Col. Klapp: The railroad must have been pretty good because..

Elizabeth: Ya, here it mentions right there about the Gethsemane. It mentions the date.

Bob: What were some of the other churches that you remember ~~being~~ being in Fargo? Some of the early churches.

Elizabeth: Bud can telly you. He's got them right there. ~~What~~ What does it say about Gethsemane?

Mabel: I don't know.

Col. Klapp: It says, "Gethsemane in 1883".

Mabel: Huh?

Col. Klapp: It says, "Gethsemane was established in ~~1883~~ 1883".

Mabel: What was?

Elizabeth: Gethsemane.

Mabel: Gethsemane.

Col. Klapp: The Episcopal Church in Fargo was set up in '83, but the First Methodist is the oldest.

Mabel: Oh, 1883! Well, that's my year!

Elizabeth: Yes, the First Methodist is the oldest.

Col. Klapp: The First Methodist is the oldest then the First Lutheran.

Mabel: I don't know about the rest of 'em. All I knew about was the Methodist and my membership started in 1895. I'm the oldest member of the church in membership.

Bob: Oh! What kind of activities did you have at the church there when you were a little girl? The ones you remember.

Mabel: Well, I don't know. They didn't have too many activities like they do now. There's something there every day now! They had the Junior League and the Young Peoples League.

Elizabeth: Sunday school probably.

Mabel: The thing I <sup>really remember</sup> remember is that they had Children's Day once a year. They didn't mention that during the Centennial.

Elizabeth: ~~No~~No.

Mabel: They would decorate the church. I remember so many people had birds and birdcages you know. They had birdcages hung all around the sanctuary and these birds were singing! I remember that on Children's Day that they always had birds in the church. I should have told that to somebody.

Bob: Very interesting!

Mabel: Yes, I got honored at the banquet. They all stood up and clapped at me when I said that I was the oldest member in membership in the church.

Elizabeth: I see but she said, 'I've been coming since ~~1880~~1883'.

Mabel: Since 1885.

Elizabeth: No, she's been coming since 1883 and you joined in '95!

Mabel: Yes, I joined in '85.

Elizabeth: They said you must have been coming in your cradle, huh?

Mabel: So, I had to stand up and everybody clapped. I'd been the oldest member for quite some time. People change here so. They move away you know. Course, many of them have ~~moved-away~~ passed away. I can't think of anybody who has moved away from here, who is still living, that's been a member longer ~~that-I~~ than I have. At least, I'm the eldest member here.

Bob: What did you do on a Sunday when you were a little girl? ~~Was~~ What was a Sunday like?

Mabel: Well, I'll tell you it was like any other day. I know we had a very dear minister here about thirty years ago, or thirty-five years ago named the Sansburys.

Elizabeth: No, he's talking about when you were little!

Mabel: No, I know it! Sunday was like any other day to me. Some of the minister's children<sup>N</sup> couldn't do anything, but when the Sansburys came it was different. They were very close friends of our~~s~~s. They used to come up here with their two children~~n~~n, a girl about Elizabeth's age and a boy about my son's age, and they'd play ball and they'd do anything they wanted to do here.

Elizabeth: That's recent times!

Mabel: I know a few years ago before that they wouldn't allow them to do anything, but in those days they did. Well, I don't imagine that we sewed on Sunday and I know I didn't play bridge. Well, we didn't play bridge much in those days. I married a naval officer and we lived in Annapolis for two years. I think somebody wanted me to play bridge on Sunday and I didn't think I ~~should~~<sup>ought to</sup> play bridge on Sunday, but I guess I did. I don't rem~~em~~ber! When I was small I don't think we did anything but attend<sup>d</sup> church, Sunday School, and then they had that Apple League in the afternoon. As I re~~ca~~ll<sup>o</sup> it was just like any other day. You did~~n~~'t know Augustus Sansbury at 'tall?

~~El~~Col. Klapp: Oh, I remember them. ~~I--remember--them.~~

Mabel: ~~I--re~~You remember Gus?

Col. Klapp: I remember them yes.

Mabel: Well, they were very broad-minded you know. They used to come up here Sunday afternoons so often and the boys would play ball. They could do anything they wanted to. I can't remember ~~ay~~anything about any Sundays.

Bob: Well, I just wondered if you had ~~the~~ the...

Mabel: The <sup>(?)</sup> sin before my hands! No!

Elizabeth: Her parents weren't strict or anything!

Bob: Not service all afternoon or something like that!

Elizabeth: She was an only child you see.

Mabel: No, I was an only child. I was a spoiled child!

Bob: That ~~was~~ must be a good upbringing then because you look real well today.

~~Elizabeth:~~ Mabel: Awfully!

Elizabeth: His ~~faterh~~ father was too. His father was an only child.

Mabel: Yes, you're another spoiled child.

Elizabeth: His father was!

Col. Klapp: Father was.

Elizabeth: ~~Fat~~ His father was.

Mabel: No, our mothers were real good friends. Your grandmother I mean.

Bob: What did you do for entertainment when ~~y~~ you were a young lady and a little girl in Fargo?

Mabel: Well, we didn't go steady, did we? You didn't go steady when you were little, did ya?

Col. Klapp: I think we did when I was!

Mabel: Did you go steady?

Col. Klapp: But I don't know whether you did when you were little.

~~Mabel:~~ Elizabeth: The parents did!

Mabel: No, we didn't go steady!

Elizabeth: They went in groups.

Mabel: We had a lot of friends. A bunch ~~efa~~ boys would come over in the afternoon, Jim Pollick, your dad, Archie ~~C~~ Crabb, and some of those boys. Mother would ~~a~~ always fix some lemonade or something. Well, they'd go around and see the girls in my day. I keep forgetting that he's so much younger than I am.

Col. Klapp: I don't-~~reme~~ remember remembering going steady.

Mabel: My son and his ~~frien~~ son were friends, but I guess they did ~~those~~

<sup>steady</sup>  
~~things~~ in your day.

Mabel: No, we didn't have that. We just went in groups.

Col. Klapp: But there apparently were a lot of picnics and things of that nature.

Mabel: A lot of picnics! They had a lot of picnics!

Col. Klapp: Did you go to the lake in those days? or was it your mother?

Mabel: Well, after our marriage and the children were born years ago.

Elizabeth: No, in your time!

Col. Klapp: In your time did you?

~~Elizabeth:~~Mabel: Not in my time!

Elizabeth: Yes, you rode down in a little horse and buggy and you had a little stool!

Mabel: Well, we would go down and go to a little boarding house. It would take us two days to go because we would have to drive and we wouldn't drive all in one day. I don't remember ~~where~~ <sup>where</sup> we stayed all night. I don't remember that.

Elizabeth: You had a little stool! You sat on a little stool between your parents on a horse and buggy.

Mabel: Then there were people that kept boarders and we would go fishing There's a Pearl Lake down there. I don't know if you know Pearl Lake/ and a Bernum? There's still a name up on the barn, ~~Bernum~~ "Bernum Farm".

Col. Klapp: Is there ~~really~~ really?

Mabel: They kept boarders. I had a couple come out with a friend and they went fishing. We went down to the lake and went fishing and that, but we didn't have a cottage ourselves until after we were married and then we would rent cottages. You did too!

Col. Klapp: Yes, I know my mother tells of going to the lake after ~~school~~ school was out in the spring. The family usually went down by railroad, but the horses had to go down too. When my mother was a teenager she and her sister would take the horses down. It would take them two days, but her father, mother, and brother would come down by train. They had a cottage next to the Chases.

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Elizabeth: Is that on the west?

Col. Klapp: That's on the west ~~yes~~-ya. So, that life ~~really~~ hasn't changed ~~er-ior~~ is anything different from a long time. <sup>290</sup> People still go to the lake.

Mabel: No, after I was married and Sam and I were back here. We'd rent a cottage for the sear~~son~~. We rented this McGill cottage and you have ~~tee~~-rented a cottage. We used to have our fireworks together.

Col. Klapp: Yes, we did!

Bob: Were there any dancing clubs or were their any <sup>dances</sup> ~~dancing~~ clubs in the hotel or anything?

Mabel: Not in my ~~you~~ young days not until I came back in 1906. I remember there were dancing parties then. I ~~never~~ danced 'til I went to Ohio. I had my <sup>(one word)</sup> teen~~d~~ ages in Ohio really! ~~You~~You see, I was twelve years old when we went to Ohio and I was gone ten years. We'd come back ~~afte~~every two years and stay at the hotel. Father'd look after the farm and then we'd go back. We were gone from living here for ten years, from '96 to 1906. I don't remember about you, but I remember once we were staying at Waldorf and Jim Pollick and Archie Krabb came to call on me. I remember that! We were here when Teddy ~~Rosse~~Roosevelt was here.

Bob: Oh! Did Teddy Roosevelt stay in Fargo?

Mabel: Yes, he came in 1908 to dedicate the cornerstone Fargo College Library with the Fargo College over here, you know, on the hill. He came to dedicate the ~~Fargo~~ Library.

Bob: Oh, at Fargo College!

Mabel: Yes, haven't you ~~go-the~~got that picture? Would you show him that picture?

Col. Klapp: At least the negatives here!

*Elizabeth: I have the picture!*

Bob: Did he stay in Fargo then for the night?

Mabel: Oh, yes! They tell about it. He stayed at the Waldorf I guess. When he came in I remember going down to see~~x~~ him.

Elizabeth: Oh, that's the dedicating of it. Mother took this picture as

he was going down the hill ~~down~~ here.

Bob: Well, for goodness sake!

Elizabeth: And this was ~~Lie~~Lieutenant Governor, R.S. Lewis. He was Lieutenant Governor at the time.

Mabel: Roy Lewis, have you met Roy Lewis?

Elizabeth: Met him? ~~He's~~He's dead! What do ya ~~/e~~mean?

Col. Klapp: Oh, Robert!

Mabel: I mean ah...

Elizabeth: Bob Lewis!

Mabel: I mean Bob Lewis! I mean Bob Lewis!

Elizabeth: His grandson?

Bob: No, I haven't. That's a remarkable ~~pic~~picture!

Mabel: But he ~~died~~ died in a car, Bob Lewis's Father, and the other one is *his* ~~Bob-Lewis~~-grandfather.

Bob: That's terrific!

Elizabeth: I think you would get some money for that if you'd talk to somebody.

Bob: Sure she would!

Mabel: Isn't that a wonderful ~~pic~~ picture of him?

Bob: Yes!

Mabel: Well, when he came here that time Mrs. Billy Hunt, you remember hearing about her?

Col. Klapp: Nope.

Mabel: Didn't you? Oh, didn't you ~~he~~hear about Mrs. Billy ~~Hunt~~Hunt? Well...

Bob: Tell us about her.

Mabel: She was quite a character. She got all the little ~~children~~ children together.

Elizabeth: Becky Powers was one of 'em.

Mabel: Becky Powers, I heard the other day, she was one of 'em.

Elizabeth: Becky Powers was one of the children.

Mabel: Little bitsa girls. The Waldorf's Operetta was here, then

There was a hallway here <sup>and you</sup> turned the corner here a ~~little~~ little bit, and ~~It~~ wasn't a sitting room, but it was a great big room at the corner of the hotel <sup>and</sup> down this way were the rooms. Well, all this space in here is where these little children were. Mrs. Hunt got them together, they had flags, and they each ~~had~~ had a ~~teddy-bear~~ great, ~~bit~~ big teddy bear. When Teddy Roosevelt got off the elevator, came down <sup>this way</sup> here, and passed here, here were all these kids and ~~yelling~~ they were all yelling "Teddy", and putting up these teddy bears! We heard the other day that Becky Powers ~~was~~ was one of those ~~children~~ little children!

Col. Klapp: Well, I'll be damned!

Mabel: That was 1908 and the time that he came to do that. President ~~Hayne~~ Hayes was here in the early days. You've got one of those pictures, haven't ya?

Elizabeth: That's before your time though.

Mabel: Well, I guess all of the presidents may have spoken from the ~~Bob:--What-were-your-sidewalks-like~~ rear platform of the train. I don't know.

Bob: What were your sidewalks like when you were little?

Elizabeth: They were wooden!

Mabel: Oh, yes, wooden ~~sidealks~~ sidewalks!

Elizabeth: People used to drop money down in the cracks and the kids used to go down and try and find money.

Mabel: Kids like to walk on stilts. They'd walk on stilts, get stuck in the cracks, and then they'd fall down especially I remember down there on Ninth Street across from my church. <sup>There</sup> They were quite high sidewalks there.

Col. Klapp: M-m-m.

Mabel: All wooden sidewalks!

Bob: Were there any theatres or opera houses in town when you were ~~littel~~ little?

Mabel: Yes, <sup>there were</sup> and it's too bad. I don't know how they'll ever find out about the Walker. The first real opera house was upstairs north of ~~The~~ Dakota National Bank. That was before the fire of course. Upstairs, in that ~~græat~~ great, big room, that was the first opera house. After the fire



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it was built over there where the Gravery is now. That is where the ~~Wa~~  
Walker House was. C.P. Walker was the manager of it and they had the  
most wonderful circuit ~~out~~ here. They had the <sup>very</sup> ~~best~~ things from the  
East. You've ~~heard~~-heard about those days of course.

Col. Klapp: Oh, yes!

Mabel: Your father knew Frank so well! They had wonderful ~~z~~ wonderful  
things that came here. They had the very best! Well, maybe you've  
heard that Fargo was the...

Elizabeth: The worst capitol of the world!

Mabel: The worst capitol of the world~~/~~, have you heard that?

Bob: Ed Bauers mentioned that a little bit. I talked to him. ~~Well, in-~~  
~~Mabel:~~ Well, in those days before the fire, about that time, that's what  
it was an awful lot! Mr. Walker got involved in the ~~divorcee~~ ~~divorcee~~! Oh,  
you've heard this story!

Col. Klapp: Yes, I guess so!

Mabel: Huh!

Col. Klapp: I guess so!

Mabel: He left his family. Course, his family lived up here on Ninth  
Street ~~just-above-the-ravine~~, two, three, four, five, houses just beyond  
the ravine. After he left, ~~z~~ Mrs. Walker and the family moved down to  
a house by the Baptist Church and then they went ~~down~~-to Minneapolis.  
Just before ~~that he went to Winnipeg~~ <sup>they left</sup> ~~he~~ left he went to Winnipeg.

Elizabeth: He married the divorcee!

Mabel: Well, he didn't marry her for quite <sup>some time</sup> ~~some time~~, but, anyway, he  
left his family. After he left, ~~h~~ there wasn't any opera house here  
and we didn't have anything except vaudeville. They didn't have vaude-  
ville things. Nothing like broadway stars that we had before. It was  
in a circuit, you know, and they ~~had~~ had the very best. He thrived financi~~k~~-  
ally in Winnipeg. He had a wonderful opera house, made a lot of money,  
and eventually married th~~e~~is woman, but he didn't marry her for quite a  
while because his wife wouldn't give him a divorce. It was quite a  
scandal.

Bob: So, Fargo lost its opera house/ due to love!

Mabel: Since the Walker Brothers left, there was no really/theatre here, you know, except vaudeville. There were vaudeville things around First Avenue and all. We had things like that, but it wasn't a circuit like he had before. He had a wonderful opera house in Winnipeg. He had a daughter by the second wife that he had and she has wrr/itten a book that is very interesting. It's called "Curtain Time". She tells her recollections /of when she was a little girl and the people who came there. I know Jean had the book once. I got it for her and she read the book. It was a very intersting book. It tells <sup>all</sup> about the famous people <sup>who came</sup> that she recalled as a child.

Elizabeth: In Winnipeg though!

Mabel: In Winnipeg! He ~~mad~~-~~amade~~ a lot of ~~let~~-~~emoney~~ up there on the circuit and he was wonderful. We've kept in touch with a family. His father was a very good friend of one of the boys, <sup>the</sup> ~~and-the~~-girl was a friend of mine, his granddaughter is now a friend of Elizabeths, and ~~they-livethey~~ live in Minneapolis. I ~~wrote~~ wrote to her and asked her if they had anything about the Fargo Theatre. Any kind but she said they didn't. They wouldn't talk about it at all. They were so crushed about the whol~~e~~ thing. I guess that he destroyed everything that he had in Fargo because there was nothing left! Well, Frank never told anything about it. I think Frank was closer to his father. He really held a mountain <sup>financially</sup> ~~finacially~~, I know, like some other people / we know there. This "Curtain Time" book tells about the people who came here to play, but we never did have an opera house after that. I don't know that we had very much before they had it in the little one upstairs.

~~Elizabeth:--Mother-and-Doctor-Darrell's-daughter-used-to-take-Aleutian lessons-from-her~~ Elizabeth: Mother and Doctor~~e~~ Darrell's daughter, young~~g~~ Darrell daughter, used to take Aleutian lessons from her.

Mabel: She, Otto Morrow's mother, gave Aleutian lessons. Remember ~~Otto-Morrow's-mother~~ Do you remember Otto Morrow?

Col. Klapp: Yes.

Mabel: Well, his mother gave Aleutian<sup>ew (?)</sup> lessons. Bev Darrell and I took Aleutian. Then we would have entertainment because we had a duet that we spoke.

Col. Klapp: Well, I'll be darned!

Mabel: We performed upstairs in that opera house. I remember that but I don't know how old I was. I have no idea of how old I was! ~~upstairs~~  
That was ~~how~~ <sup>why</sup> I ~~knew~~ knew that that was upstairs. *there.*

Col. Klapp: That was how she kept her family together?

Mabel: What? That was long before the fire.

Elizabeth: This was Otto Morrow's mother.

Mabel: I probably was six or seven years old <sup>maybe</sup> I don't know, but Bev and ~~I had~~ I had a duet or a little speech that we made. I remember being up there. I asked Mr. Harry McGill one day where the first opera house was in Fargo. He told me where it was across from the library, you know, and I told him that it wasn't the first one. I told him where it was and he said oh, no, that wasn't it.

Col. Klapp: Is that right?

Mabel: I wanted somebody to verify my idea ~~of~~ where the first opera ~~house~~ house was. So, I ~~went in~~ went into Stern's Mens Clothing Store one day. Mr. Kaufmann was one of the ~~clerks~~ <sup>of fine old gentlemen</sup> there. ~~I and~~ I know him ~~pretty~~ pretty well. So, I ~~went~~ went into him one day and I says, "Mr. Kaufmann, where was the first opera house in Fargo"? He told me, "Upstairs over this building right north of the present Dakota Bank". Course, the Dakota Bank wasn't there then, but that's where it was in that block! I thanked him very much. ~~! because that's what I said~~ I said, "Well, I'm delighted to hear ~~that~~ you say that because ~~Larry McGill~~ that's ~~want~~ what I said and Larry McGill said I wasn't right"! Well, I was tickled to death to tell Larry McGill that he was wrong and I was right!

Bob: I'm glad you told me that too! ~~I don't~~ <sup>didn't</sup> know that at all!

Mabel: Oh, that's where it was! Not too long ago there was an article in the Forum and it spoke of where the first ~~Fargo~~ <sup>Fargo</sup> Opera House was and that's what it said! My ~~mem~~ memory is pretty good. Things like that I

can remember, but I can't prove it. You can ~~thatake~~ take my word for it ~~thethough!~~

Bob: Were there any medicine shows that would come to ~~Fage~~Fargo?

Mabel: I don't remember that. You mean where they would stand up on a wagon and sell <sup>medicine?</sup> No, I don't remember anything like that. Well, I know one Fourth of July they had a big celebration for the children I guess. I ~~dent~~ don't know when it was or what ~~year~~ year it was. I'm just sick that I haven't got the picture, but there were triplets born in ~~Fage~~Fargo. They were quite a poor family and my father got the idea of taking a picture of them and having them on exhibit if the father didn't mind ~~an-and selling-them~~sold the pictures. ~~TheymadTheymad~~They made quite a lot for them. I rememb~~er~~er in that old house we had a clock and we used to have that picture up on that clock. I just wish I had that picture!

Elizabeth: Do you remember their name?

Mabel: I have no idea what their name was and who was there to ask!  
There was nobody to ask!

Col. Klapp: Were triplets unusual?

Mabel: They were triplets and that was quite something in those days!

~~Col. Klapp~~: Elizabeth: It must have been!

Col. Klapp: Yes, it must have been.

Mabel: They were all under a year old I think in ~~the~~is picture. Father decided to earn a little money for 'em. So, they showed the ~~pictures~~ triplets and ~~showed~~ <sup>sold</sup> the pictures. They gave them quite a little donation. I'm surpr~~is~~ised we saved as much as we did moving around as we did. ~~There!~~ There's a little shed in the house next door and we stored ~~some~~hisome-thing over there. I don't know what we stored, but we got so many things. Knick-knacks and things that I remember we had before we went away in '96. I don't remember where we kept them all!

Col. Klapp: But <sup>yet</sup> you did!

Mabel: That picture got lost in the shuffle somewhere, but that was the Fourth of July celebration that they had. I think they had a parade ~~too~~

and everything. I imagine they were ~~tho they were~~ the only triplets.

Well, of course, those Brown quads lived down here. The girl that lives across the street is one of 'em.

Elizabeth: The Brown quads from Leonard?

Mabel: The Brown quads that live at Leonard? They were born <sup>in</sup> ~~at~~ Leonard?

Col. Klapp: I don't remember them.

Elizabeth: That's in our time.

Mabel: You haven't got much of a memory here!

Col. Klapp: No, I don't!

Mabel: That's withing/ your time! That's within your time and she's younger than you are! The Browns that lived down at Leonard. They had quads!

Col. Klapp: I don't remember that.

Bob: What were some of the circuses that would come to town/ when you were a child?

Mabel: Well, I tell you the circus to us was quite a circus because my father owned the property where the circus was!

Bob: ~~Oh~~—Oh!

Elizabeth: Not in your day though/ when you were young?/ Did he own it that long before the circus?

Mabel: Yes, he always~~owed~~-owned it! Always!

Elizabeth: ~~Dee~~Did the circus come in your time too? Did they always play out there?

Mabel: I don't know maybe not too much when I was younger; but <sup>anyway</sup> he always owned that property out west of town/ out called the slough you know!

Col. Klapp: Oh, did he own that?

Mabel: Yes, we owned that for a long time. We probably sold it to em (?)  
But ~~we~~ anyway we owned it and they rented it <sup>and</sup> we always got free tickets for the whole family.

Col. Klapp: There's a slough the Redwin Slough.

Mabel: ~~It's~~The slough is all built up now. It's West Fargo practically!

Col. Klapp: Oh, no, you don't. Not this one!

Elizabeth: No, no, no! ~~There's quite a bit back of that.~~

Col. Klapp: No, it's right here on the edge of town.

Elizabeth: Jefferson School.

Col. Klapp: It kinda follows the east side of ~~Twenty-Fifth~~ TwentyFifth Street. As it approached the Main Avenue, it became quite a slough and during the summer months when it dried out that's when they brought the circus in. That's where they held it.

Mabel: You remember when you went to the circus there.

Col. Klapp: Oh, sure/ but now its all been filled in.

Mabel: Even before that I don't know about that before that. I remember we used to take our children down there and play.

Col. Klapp: Well, they called this town, "Fargo in the ~~Swamps~~ Swamps" or someplace in there, didn't they?

Mabel: Well, it was ~~kinda~~ kind of a dump. Somebody had used part of it as a pasture and we didn't get much use out of it. Mother sold it before she died, didn't she?

Elizabeth: How could she? She died in '25.

Mabel: Well, I don't know. We probably should have kept it and sold it to Westbakers.

Bob: Well, at any rate, ~~wh~~ what was the circus like then when you were little? They came in on/ on the train, I suppose?

Mabel: Oh, yes, they came in on the train. Course, well, it was after I grew up ~~we used to go out~~ two, three of us would go out <sup>there</sup> and watch them put the tents up/ ~~but that was after I grew up.~~ and things like that, but that was after I grew up. I don't remember going to a circus here years before.

Bob: But there was one coming through ever since you were little, huh?

Mabel: I suppose. Yes, I suppose. Then they always had a parade down the street, but now they don't know ~~anyht~~ anything. They don't have a parade or anything else. I guess they just have a circus during Share Day Week or something. No, I think we had more fun in those days than/ we do now/ ~~We-us~~ I don't know. They used to have fireworks at fair time

and we would go out to the fair, sit on docks, and watch the fireworks. Remember that?

Col. Klapp: ~~Remember that/We.~~ Well, sure.

Mabel: And John Pollick's boys were so scared they wouldn't sit in their seats. They had to sit in their mother's lap, remember that?

Col. Klapp: No, I don't remember that!

Mabel: You don't! Well, you were there! Your family, the Pollick family, and Louise would get together and get a boxseat. Those Pollick boys were so scared ~~that they wouldn't sit in their seats~~ of the fireworks that they wouldn't sit in their seats.

Col. Klapp: I do remember going out for the fireworks.

Mabel: You remember that!

Col. Klapp: Well, you've got to work on your mind now. You ~~ena~~ can't remember just going out <sup>to</sup> for the fireworks. Well, let's forget <sup>it</sup> then.

Bob: When did the fairs begin? When did they start holding Cass County Fairs ~~or~~ a Fargo Fair?

Mabel: Oh, I don't know. July I suppose.

Elizabeth: You mean the year, don't you?

Bob: ~~Ya, reug~~ Ya roughly.

Mabel: What year? What year? I haven't any idea.

Bob: They were having them as far back as you can remember.

Mabel: No, ~~iden~~ I don't remember. I don't remember too much about it.

Elizabeth: Oh, I'm sure they ~~ed~~ did!

Mabel: I remember more about when my children were little and we used to take ~~them~~ out. I don't suppose we had too many ~~of~~ Circuses before the turn of the cen<sup>t</sup>ury. I don't know.

Bob: I ~~fell~~ feel a little like I'm bombarding <sup>unfairly</sup> you with questions.

Mabel: No, I kinda ramble around. I don't know what you want.

Bob: Well, I probably don't know all the things I should ask either so if you think of something why just go ahead and tell me.

Mabel: I don't know.

Bob: I wanted to ask you if you knew Thomas McKenzie?

Mabel: Well, I didn't know him but my father did. He knew all the ~~poli~~ politicians. Some of 'em were good friends and some of 'em were ~~poli~~ political enemies. He had a lot of political enemies because <sup>you know</sup> you know. Well, he was a ~~gr~~eat friend of ~~Sean~~ Senator Hansbur~~o~~, McCumberand, and those people in those days.

Bob: That was Alexander ~~McKe~~Mckenzie I think it was.

Mabel: Ale~~c~~Mckenzie yes. Well, he was one of the bosses, didn't they call 'em?

Bob: Some people called them that. I still get a controversy over that I guess.

Col. Klapp: Do ya really?

Bob: Oh, yes, indeed!

Mabel: My father would call him a boss and he was probably on the other side. I don't know he ~~probably-was on-the-other-side-~~ on the ~~Conservativ~~ Conservative side.

Col. Klapp: I know my Grandfather Hanna got along very well with Mr. Mc~~K~~enzie.

Mabel: Oh, they had their times and ~~their~~ arguments.

Bob: Did you know Thomas Mc~~K~~enzie? He was a ~~Sc~~Scotsman who settled at Wild Rice. He was here in about ~~18~~1870.

Mabel: Yes, I knew <sup>the</sup> ~~his~~ family. They were friends.

Elizabeth: His daughter lived across the street until a few years ago.

Bob: Is that right?

Elizabeth: Ethel Brink.

Mabel: Ethel Brink and Mc~~K~~enzie lived in the second house. He was a sheriff at one time and he was a son.

Elizabeth: No, we didn't know the old man.

Mabel: I didn't know the other family, but Ethel Mc~~K~~enzie Brink in later years she came here to take care of her mother. Then her mother passed away and she rented a room across the street. She died about three, four years ago. We became real~~y~~ good friends then. Down around Wild Rice is ~~years ago~~ where they live.



go — Bob: What kind of a force did Fargo have to keep the law?

Mabel: I couldn't tell you. I didn't know much about anything like that! ~~I don't know~~. They didn't have a very good police force, though. I know when I was four years old we lived in this house here. My mother and Mrs. J.B. Benten were the only ones in ~~Fargo~~ <sup>Fargo</sup> with an Alaskan seal coat. Mother had worn hers a year. I suppose it was early winter when she had worn it. In the night she woke up, heard footsteps, and she called on my father. He came running and she said, "I thought I heard somebody coming downstairs"! He looked around and he didn't see anything. He came back and pretty soon he said, "Why did you leave your clothes in the front room for"? ~~W~~ had a bedroom downstairs. I suppose we had a bedroom upstairs, <sup>too</sup> but this was the bedroom downstairs. "Why," she said, "I didn't leave my clothes out there"! "Well," he said, "I stumbled over your dress"! All of a sudden she remembered her coat. She hadn't put her coat in the closet. ~~She~~ She had left her coat on a chair in the living room.

~~Col. Clapp: Oh, well, I'll be darned!~~

~~Mabel: And she said, "Oh, my coat"! They went in there and no coat. Then father found a window kinda broken or something and somebody had gotten in and stolen her coat!~~

~~Col. Clapp: Oh no!~~

~~Mabel: He offered a hundred dollars, no questions asked, and we never heard a word about it. So, I don't think the police was very good in those days! But that's when I was <sup>around</sup> four years old!~~

~~Bob: Ya.~~

~~JP Mabel: So, father said, "I can't afford to ~~buy~~ buy you another coat this winter so we'll go to California"! So, we went to California and I was four years old.~~

Stop — Elizabeth: Cheaper than buying a new coat, huh?

Mabel: I think nowadays they might of found that coat!

Col. Clapp: They would of.

Mabel: It was quite a while before she got another coat, but she didn't

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(cont.) it was quite a while before she got another coat, but she didn't get another Alaskan seal coat. She and Mrs. Benten had been the only ones in town with one. ~~App~~Apparently, the police weren't on the ball or something.

Bob: Where was she?

Mabel: Well, I don't know but there's a picture of a hospital in Moorhead that Doctor Darrell's brother had. Then there's another one called McGill Hospital. I never heard of it 'til lately. There's a picture in one of these books that we put out. I don't know who the McGill was or anything about it, but it's on the north side. I don't know, but ~~St~~Saint Johns was ~~really~~really the first ~~hospital~~one that really was a hospital.

Bob: Oh, the reason I asked ~~he~~is because when I talked with Ed Bauers he said that his mother ~~before~~before she married his father ~~had~~ had the maiden name of McGill. And she had run that hospital which was the top floor of a house.

Mabel: Oh, she ran the McGill Hospital then because that's a picture <sup>of the</sup> of it in that booklet. <sub>house</sub>

Bob: I was just wondering if that could be verified more or less.

Mabel: I don't know anything about it, but it was in a private house.

I really don't know anything about it. His mother was a McGill, huh?

Bob: Yes, I forget her first name.

Mabel: Ed Powers, Joe Powers, and all those.

Elizabeth: Bauers!

Bob: Bauers!

Mabel: Oh, Bauers you said! I thought you said Powers. Bauers I don't know. I couldn't answer you. I know there's a picture in some book they've gotten out with a picture of the McGill Hospital, but I never heard of it. Course, we ~~knew~~who lived on the north side didn't know anything about the north side.

Elizabeth: South side!

Mabel: On the south side! I didn't know any of the children when we lived on the north side because we didn't get to know the children 'til

they went to high school. They had their own grade schools there. Until they went to high school, the south side kids didn't know the north side.

Col. Klapp: Well, that's true even in high school.

Elizabeth: They say it's ~~true~~ true anytime now!

Col. Klapp: Who are they?

Col. Klapp: I was just think~~ing~~ about the Hagger~~rots~~ts. Is it Roberts Haggerrot that's up in the old house? Would he be the closet one to being the old generation?

Mabel: I imagines~~o~~ so. ~~Now-it-was-his~~Now it was his house that was moved from the...

Col. Klapp: Ya.

Mabel: But he isn't related to C.A. who built this old brick house. There's no relat~~ion~~ion. You know this old one brick house over here next to you up the ravine!

Elizabeth: Next to the man on the choir here. You know that old, big one next to you *up the ravine.*

Mabel: There no relation!

Col. Klapp: No, that's a different Roberts!

Mabel: Huh?

Col. Klapp: That was a different Roberts all together~~y~~, but I was trying to think of a Haggerrot that's still around that could be talked to.

Elizabeth: Well, the widows are still living! He's a grandson of the ~~old man~~ Haggerrot!

Mabel: He's a grandson. His mother was a Roberts.

Col. Klapp: ~~His-mother-was-a-Roberts.~~Yes, his mother was a Roberts.

~~M~~Mabel: She was Florence Roberts and she's the one that lived in this house on the north side.

Col. Klapp: Right.

Mabel: Judge Roberts was her father! It is ~~a~~ kinda confusing because a lot of people think it's the same Roberts. Then this Roberts over here is supposed to have had the first white child ~~and-that-has-been-reputed!~~

born in Fargo and that has been reputed!

Bob: That's right!

Elizabeth: That was ~~fall~~ wrong!

Mabel: ~~I-~~It said that it was some girl, ~~but~~ I think that ~~that~~ was right, <sup>but</sup> ~~That~~ it was a boy and that he was the first white child born in Fargo. That's that old, brick house. You know where that Mr. Klepp lives on Eighth Street? Well, that lovely, white house across the ~~ravinde~~ ~~ravinelittle~~ ravine?

Elizabeth: 623 Eighth Street!

Col. Klapp: The old Robert's house is still standing there. It's a huge, brick house on Eighth Street just across, the alley here.(?)

Bob: Oh! You say the first white child born you think was a boy?

Mabel: I would think so because I don't think they had any girls! I've always understood that C.A. Roberts over here had the first white child born in Fargo! That's what I've always understood, but I can't prove ~~it~~!

~~Bob: Well, I know in the records that they have of Fargo in Bismarck because those are the ones I read before I came here. They have it as a girl, Anna, Anna. Oh, I just can't remember her last name, but they had letters of correspondence with her in the '30s and she claimed to be the first white child.~~

~~Col. Clapp: It was a relative~~

Bob: ~~W~~ell, I know in the records that they have of Fargo in Bismarck because those are the ones I read before I came here. They have it as a girl.

Mabel: As a girl?

Bob: Anna, Anna,...

Elizabeth: Roberts?

Col. Clapp: It's a ~~real~~ relative!

Bob: Oh, I just can't remember her last name, but they had letters of correspondence with her in the '30s and she ~~ea~~claimed to be <sup>the first</sup> white child.

Elizabeth: Oh, ~~may-n~~ maybe the first girl and maybe he was the first

boy.

Bob: No, that was supposed to be the first white child!

Mabel: Haven't you always understood that C.A. Roberts had the first white child born in Fargo? That's what I've always understood, but I can't prove it!

~~Bob+Elizabeth:~~ Yes. That the Roberts was?

Col. Klapp: Yes.

Mabel: That C.A. Roberts had the first white child born in Fargo?

~~Elizabeth+Col. Clapp:~~ Yes.

Elizabeth: That the Roberts was? Yes.

~~Col. Clapp+Mabel:--If the records are like--.~~

~~Bob:~~ Col. Clapp: She had the first child born.

Elizabeth: Well, the records I should think would be correct.

Mabel: That's all ~~I know~~ know! ~~If the records are like~~ I don't anything about records! If the records are like ~~//~~ they are...

Bob: Well, ~~they may~~ they may not be you know.

Mabel: When our church was built and then when this house next door was built ~~The-~~ they didn't have this house anywhere near right! She went down to find out the date! They had it around 1908 or something like that. It was crazy! I don't know where there records are, but I can prove that!

Bob: Oh, yes, historical ~~dispu~~disputes can range over centuries if you ~~wanna~~wanna know when things really happened.

Mabel: You know so many ~~people~~ people ~~say~~ say things ~~that~~ that are not correct!

Bob: ~~It's-~~It takes a long time to get that corrected, too, because it gets into so many publications.

Mabel: Well, it is and you don't have any proof! I haven't got any proof! She went down to the courthouse ~~and~~ to try and find out somethin' once and, course, the only one that really knew somethin' just died within the last ~~few~~ months. He was a real nice man and would look back, but they didn't have good records in those days.

Elizabeth: City Hall! That was City Hall!

Col. Clapp: Say, in remembering back now the Haggerots were here in the early days. Your father must have been one of the first people to live in Fargo!

Mabel: Absolutely! Yes, he was! He had the first store 'cause he had a store in Moorhead. ~~and-then~~ Then he came over and E.S. Tyler was his clerk.

Col. Clapp: Is that right!

Mabel: You know down there <sup>at</sup> ~~by~~ Oak Grove there's a place ~~they~~ called The Barnes Place or the Gas Barnes ~~Place~~ House.

Col. Clapp: Right!

Mabel: Well, <sup>he</sup> that's E.S. Tyler's house! ~~My father~~ built <sup>that</sup> ~~E.S. Tyler's~~ house! (?) They built that house and the children were very small. They went to Chicago to buy the furniture for the house. Mrs. Tyler became ill and died in Chicago. They never lived in the house, but he built it! They never mentioned E.S. Tyler building the house. It was always the Barnes. course the Barnes's bought it from the Tylers so it ~~was-never~~ really was the Tylers, but that was the story of the house. Mr. Tyler built that lovely home and his wife died before they even moved in. Max and the girl went to live with their grandmother in Delavin, Wisconsin. Max went to West Point ~~and~~ ~~we~~ saw him when ~~we~~ were in Florida and had a nice visit with him, but I haven't heard from him since. You don't know if he is still living or not, do you?

Col. Clapp: No, he ~~is~~ ~~whinny~~ was in my office.

Mabel: What?

Col. Clapp: He was ~~inny~~ in my office ~~about~~ just before dad died.

~~Elizabeth:~~ Mabel: He was!

Elizabeth: In town! For goodness sake!

Mabel: Well, I wished I'd known that because someone was asking about him.

Col. Clapp: No, he was here it must have been the fall of '71.

Mabel: He was! ~~I-wis~~

Col. Clapp: So, it wasn't too long ago. He was in pretty good health too!

Mabel: I wish he'd come to see me! ~~WE-we~~We went to see him in Florida when we were there, ~~but his wife wasn't home.~~ His wife wasn't home, but we visited with ~~he~~him. There was someone who wrote to me and wanted his name.

Elizabeth: I think it was this fellow from South High.

Mabel: Oh, it was this fellow from South High! ~~Right!~~ *That's right!*

Bob: Who were the leading families in Fargo <sup>the ones</sup> that more or less built the town up besides your ~~fat~~hthers and Mr. Clapp's grandfather?

Mabel: Well, Mr. White, ~~and Mr. Benten~~Mr. Benten, and the Eddys.

Bob: Tell me a little bit about each one if you could. What kind of business they were in and so forth. ~~as much as you can recall.~~ Tell me as ~~Mabel:~~ much as you can recall.

Mabel: ~~Mr.~~Well, Mr. Benten was an attorney. ~~They li~~They lived on the corner of Third Avenue and, well, it's the university now. It's ~~me~~the most awful looking house! It was just beautiful when they lived there and they kept up the house so well! It's one of those ~~awful~~ looking places now. They had two children ~~Mary~~ and Dudley. Mary Benten is the one who christened the North Dakota. I <sup>said</sup> ~~told you~~ that ~~I we~~I went on the train to christen the North Dakota Battleship in Clinton in 1908. Mr. Benten wasn't a democrat, ~~but he and Ben's father~~(?) were very good friends in spite of it. ~~Mary was a very good~~Well, anyway, Mary was a very good friend of mine and I've always corresponded with her. I always got a Christmas ~~s~~ card from here. Two, three years ago I got a Christmas card ~~from her~~back from here marked "deceased". Well, I've tried to contact Dudley and everything, but I can't find ~~out~~ out. The school finally got hold of him somehow or ~~ether~~got his address. I got it through...

Elizabeth: ~~Ma~~Ma ~~je~~Marge Rush.

Mabel: ~~Whi~~Who?

Elizabeth: Marjorie Rush!

Mabel: Marjorie Rush!

Elizabeth: Do you remember her?

Col. Clapp: Oh, sure, where's she?

Elizabeth: San Diego!

Mabel: Well, she lives in San Diego!

Elizabeth: She's married and lives in San Diego.

Col. Clapp: Oh, she got married.

Mabel: She got Dudleys address, gave it to this fellow, he heard from Dudley, and said that Mary had died. I just felt terrible about it ~~because~~ because, I think, <sup>that</sup> Dudley knew me well enough to at least have written to me and told me. They ~~left-here~~ were here in 1908 when she christened the North Dakota. They must have gone West shortly after that. She got married in 1912 and we'd been out ~~to~~ <sup>in</sup> California the winter before and visited them in California.

Elizabeth: They left between '08 and '09.

Mabel: So, I don't know, but there all gone now. ~~JU~~ Judge Fulsom, wasn't he an ~~ate~~ attorney? They lived on the corner of Fifth Avenue and University. Their house is moved back about two houses down Fifth Avenue. There's a little bit of a house there now. Mr. Newman's daughter married Colonel Steele you know.

Elizabeth: Fulsom.

Col. Clapp: Is that right?

Mabel: Yes, their daughter married Colonel Steele. He was a West Pointer. In fact his uniform is out at Bonanzaville you know.

Col. Clapp: Colonel Steele ~~was~~ was probably a historian or something.

Mabel: You've been out to Bonanzaville I hope! Have you seen his uniform?

~~Col. Clapp:~~ Elizabeth: His uniform and her wedding dress are both there!

Mabel: His uniform and her wedding dress! Oh, they've done a lot out there. They have lovely glass cases with things. Have you ever been out there?

Bob: I was there last year, but I wasn't able to get there this year though.

Mabel: Oh, well, they've done a lot! I don't know whether the glass cases were there last year or not, but it's improved a lot.



Elizabeth: They were ~~out there~~, putting 'em in.

Mabel: There are very interesting things out there.

Bob: That's what I understand. ~~that~~

Mabel: Well, let me think who else. Well, there's Judge C.A. Pollick. They came in 1880 I guess. I don't remember when ~~they liv~~ they lived down here.

Elizabeth: The Angels. E.D. Angel, were they ~~prominent in business?~~

Mabel: ~~Well, not so much~~ The Angels, well, not so much.

Col. Clapp: ~~The Crabbs, were they~~ The Crabbs, ~~were they~~ did they?

Mabel: What?

Col. Clapp: The Crabbs or were they just heavy farmers?

Mabel: The Crabbs, well, it doesn't seem as though Sam Crabb ~~was~~ that old.

Col. Clapp: No, he really wasn't, was he?

Mabel: No. Oh, Judge Hudson! He was the grandfather of Sandford Hudson,

Elizabeth: Oh, that's one of the oldest houses around here too right ~~eye~~ over here on the corner.

Col. Clapp: Oh, is it?

Bob: Now, who was in that house?

Elizabeth: Judge Hudson.

Mabel: I don't know who lives there now.

Elizabeth: No, but it was Judge Hudson's house!

Mabel: It was Judge Hudson's old house! ~~It was~~ It's one of the oldest houses in town.

Elizabeth: What was he a judge of? I don't remember. ~~Judge~~ <sup>Cass County</sup> ~~of~~ what?

Mabel: I don't know what he was a judge of, but they called him Judge Hudson. Judge Pollick ~~was~~ was of District Court, but I don't know what Judge Hudson was judge of! Fannie Hudson of course!

Col. Clapp: I remember her!

Mabel: I don't mean the Fannie we know. He had a daughter ~~named~~ Fannie.

Elizabeth: She was a high school teacher.

Mabel: Yes, she was one of the teachers here in town.

Well, I can't remember.

Elizabeth: Isabelle ~~Rose~~Rose's father. They came here in the early days ~~of~~ '80s.

Mabel: Well, yes, Isabelle Rose's father was one of the early masons. Mrs. Clapp, Mrs. White, and mother~~e~~ were all members of the ~~First~~ First Woman's Club in town.

Col. Clapp: That's true/ and they organized it!

~~Bob:--Oh,--wh~~Elizabeth: ~~They--e~~Yes, they organized it.

Bob: Approximately what year was that organiz~~ed~~ed?

Elizabeth: In the '80s.

Bob: Oh.

Mabel: That was in one of these books just the other day.

Col. Clapp: Yes, it was.

Mabel: Someone was telling me that the Fortnightly was the oldest club in ~~twent~~town and I said it wasn't! I said it was the Woman's Club!

Elizabeth: Oh, I don't know. Maybe it was in the '90s.

~~Mabel+Col.~~ Col. Clapp: It was in 1883 or '85. Someplace around there.

Bob: Oh, ~~tht's-o-k,~~ that's o.k.

Elizabeth: That books gone too with, what's her name, Jen Benson?!

Mabel: We had two girls here from the Arts Section of the Fine Arts Club here in town picking up things for the <sup>5</sup>centennial. They were here the day before yesterday so they took a lot of our stuff.

Bob: Oh, well, ~~z~~ that's all right. I just wondered.

Elizabeth: The Souvenir Book of 1899 told when the clubs were organized.

Mabel: What about that old thing that was brought back? Would that be in there? No, that wouldn't be in there.

Elizabeth: ~~No,--that--wouldn't--be--in--there!~~ Those were just pictures!

~~Bob+Bob:~~ Bob: Your mother, Mrs. Clapp, and Mrs. White organized that ~~first~~ first club, huh?

Mabel: Well, they were one of the first ones of the Womans Club.

Col. Clapp: Oh, I think they were the organiz~~ers~~ers.

Mabel: There was a Mrs. Bliss <sup>who</sup> ~~that~~ organized that too. She was one of

the first ones.

Col. Clapp: They had a Twentyfifth Anniversary, ~~here-not-too-long-ago~~ or somewheres. It was announced in the paper <sup>and</sup> this was around 1910.

Mabel: Jean belonged for a while.

Col. Clapp: They had the people there who were organizing members.

Mabel: Jean belonged for a while, but then she got out.

~~Col~~ Col. Clapp: Yes, Jean belonged for a while. This is a picture of my Grandmother Clapp.

Elizabeth: Would you like some more coffee?

Bob: Yes, thank you.

Elizabeth: Speaking of ~~green~~-groceries! How did they get food like this here for the Headquarters Hotel in the 1880's!

Mabel: Oh, yes, show him those!

Elizabeth: Will you read the menus <sup>of</sup> the food they had!

Mabel: Let ~~him~~ read those.

Bob: I know; <sup>they</sup> have some of these in Bismarck, too, and they are just remarkable!

~~Mabel:--How-could~~ Elizabeth: It's just amazing of the amount of food that they would have on hand!

Mabel: How could they keep them refrigerated and bring things in like ~~the~~ they did? Oyster on the half-shell!

Elizabeth: We don't get ~~them-now!~~ 'em now!

Mabel: We can't get those here now! Once in a while you ~~get~~ can get a clam out here. \_\_\_\_\_ (?)

Col. Clapp: There was a man named Winchell that was a great <sup>friend</sup> ~~friend~~ of my Grandfather's Hanna. Mr. Winchell was from Massachussetts and he ~~use~~ used to come out here to hunt <sup>every</sup> ~~in the~~ fall. When he came he brought fresh oysters with him on the train to Page. They would have the oysters ~~before~~ before they went out to hunt. Then, of course, ~~when~~ when he went back he took ducks, prairie chickens and grouse.

Mabel: But those menus! It's unbelievable the things they had on there to eat!

Elizabeth: ~~Unbelievable-menus!~~ All kinds of fish and seafood!

Mabel: I had a cousin who was manager of the Occidental Hotel in ~~in~~ Casselton and their menus were just as elaborate as The Headquarters.

Bob: Oh, I know another thing I wanted to ask you. Was there any main nationality that settled in Fargo in the early days?

~~Mabel:~~ Elizabeth: Norwegians!

Mabel: Not that I know of.

Elizabeth: Probably Norwegians!

Col. Clapp: No, not Fargo!

Mabel: No, they were people from the East that came here! I don't think there were any foreign people here!

Elizabeth: Not of your friends ~~there~~ <sup>they</sup> weren't; but, as we say, the common people.

Mabel: How far back are you going?

Col. Clapp: ~~I~~ I don't think there were any out of the original settlers.

Mabel: No ~~of~~ <sup>But</sup> ~~not~~ now there was my father, Mr. ~~McPench~~ <sup>McPench</sup>, and Jacob Lowell!

Elizabeth: Yes, they were old timers.

Mabel: Those people were the first ones!

Elizabeth: Yes.

Mabel: ~~Faterh~~ Father was President of the \_\_\_\_\_ (7) Association and the Annual Meeting was in Grand Forks. He was sick and couldn't go. He always was more or less an invalid. I don't know what he did do <sup>Anyway</sup> he wrote his speech to the old settlers and that is in our scrapbook. ~~It~~ ~~told~~ He told all about how ~~Fago~~-Fargo was founded and all that in that speech. Now there aren't any old settlers left and they don't have that anymore.

Col. Clapp: The original settlers came really before the railroad.

Mabel: Oh, ~~yes~~ ~~they~~ ~~did~~ yes, they did!

Col. Clapp: The Ethnic Groups came as a result of the railroad and the <sup>result</sup> ~~of the~~ advertising that the railr~~oad~~oad did.

Mabel: All the people that came here did come ~~before~~ before the railroad.

Col. Clapp: The Norwegians, the Poles, Germans, Russians, and the ~~the~~ German-Russians all came ~~after-the-railroad-.....~~

Col. Clapp and Bob: After the railroad!

~~Mabel~~\*Col. Clapp: Her family and mine were all here before the ~~rail~~ railroad.

Mabel: See, they didn't know where the crossing was going to be. They wanted it ~~here~~ between here and Georgetown. They wanted to start the town where the railroad was going to be, but they didn't know where it was going to be. ~~No~~Nobody would tell 'em. They'd talk about Farmer Brown, ~~and-all~~ you know, and all. Father took notice and Jay Cook ~~tells~~ ~~that-in-that-letter-that-he-wrote~~from -----(?) tells that in that letter he wrote to ~~the~~ <sup>+</sup>the Settlers Association. He found out that it wasn't going to be ~~down~~ at Georgetown. It was going to be down here so they all came down here. They changed their mind because they thought that the crossing was <sup>going</sup> ~~going to be down at Georgetown~~ <sup>up</sup> ~~at~~ Georgetown.

Elizabeth: You<sup>(one word)</sup> mentioned Mr. McKent as being one of the settlers. In one of these Seventy<sup>of</sup> fifth Editions of the Forum it said ~~it was~~ that it was his wife Mrs. McKench, who come from the East, that was responsible ~~for~~ for bringing dandelions to Fargo. She missed the dandelions that they used to have in the East so they shipped them to Fargo. That's where it supposedly started.

Bob: That almost sounds fanciful.

Elizabeth: <sup>Yes</sup> ~~Is~~, doesn't it?

Bob: But it may be!

Mabel: See Jacob Lowell ~~bought~~ bought all that land out south.

Elizabeth: It does sound ~~far-far-fetched~~ <sup>far fetched!</sup>

~~Mabel:--Now my father didn't do that~~600

Col. Clapp: Yes, he did buy that land.

Mabel: <sup>Now</sup> ~~Now~~ my father didn't do that. He said that he bought the first lot and that he wished he'd bought more. I don't know why he didn't.

<sup>But, anyway</sup> they owned that for a long long time you know. When Mrs. Lowell was living the Civic and Commerce Association wanted to buy it, but she

wouldn't sell it. She said she wanted a million dollars for that. Finally, I guess, it was after she died probably the city took it over. That's built way out to the cemetery now because Jacob Lowell owned all that.

Col. Clapp: Yes, he did!

Bob: How long were your father and Mr. Tyler running the store down by the hotel?

Mabel: Oh, for a good many years! I don't <sup>remember</sup> ~~know~~ when they dissolved partnership. I don't know the years. It may be in some of those ~~article~~ articles. I don't know, but he was his clerk. Well, it was M.K. Hubbard & Company. The company was Tyler, you know, so sometimes it would be E.S. Tyler & Company. I don't know. Father didn't care especially about having his name in print or something I guess.