

To Aneta and Return.

About 10:30 last Saturday morning, Bert Shaw and Ben Wasson stuck their heads in The Pioneer office and yelled "Free excursion to Aneta and back. Come on Allen. Everybody going. Work tomorrow, if it is Sunday. Train will be here at 11 o'clock—just half an hour yet." They then shut the door and went on to the next place of business to notify the citizens.

Well, the fact of the matter is, there was a free excursion to Aneta. The occasion was the first passenger train over the Hope extension to Aneta. The track was completed to that place Thursday night, and Saturday the officials came up from St. Paul to examine the road and work done. In the party were: Vice-president W. P. Clough, Gen. Pass. Agent F. L. Whitney, Gen. Freight Agent G. O. Summers, Gen. Solicitor (or attorney) M. D. Grover and Train Master F. A. Brainard, all of the Great Northern railway. The above gentlemen occupied their private car "Fargo," and picked up three extra coaches at Casselton especially for the Hope people. A large delegation from down the line wanted to join us, but were not allowed to do so. It was pure-