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The people of Mitchell are united as one man when it comes to doing things for their splendid University, and that spirit of unity is what has made Mitchell, made her come palace famous, and will make her University the leading educational institution in the state. At a recent college meeting held in Mitchell to provide ways and means for the general welfare of the college, Dr. Nicholson, who was present was called upon. We quote from the Mitchell Republican:

President Nicholson's remarks were along the line of several statements that have been printed in The Republican in the past two weeks, and touched with splendid emphasis upon the selection of Dr. Samuel Weir, who is to be at the head of the new normal school department, which will have for its aim to equip teachers for lower grades and principals for higher grade work in the schools of the state and the need for it is very apparent. He read a number of letters from bishops of the Methodist church, from leading educators in the east and from prominent business men who are acquainted with the attainments of Dr. Weir, and they all contained the same high praise for the learned gentleman who has been secured for the institution. Dr. Nicholson said that it was his aim to make the faculty of Dakota Wesleyan the strongest in the state, and when it was evident that the teacher was not making good then his place would be filled by another. Dr. Nicholson spoke with special reference to the summer school which will be inaugurated next year, which in reality begins with the opening of the spring term on March 28, and will continue for a period of 17 weeks, which gives

the teacher an opportunity to attend a good half term after teaching over seven months in the rural schools. He also referred to the enlargement of the commercial course, which is to comprise a four years' study and he declared a graduate from that department would need no apology.

Mitchell has a population of 5,718, a gain of 1,603 over the 1900 census, but she is not satisfied. It is hoped a recount will put her over 6000. Mitchell has no reason to find fault with such a handsome increase in five years, because the 1905 census is not going to show the increase expected anywhere. We of Canton, for instance, expected about 400 more than has been found. When the returns are all in it will be found that the older sections have lost to the country west of the river.

The Farmers Elevator Co., has purchased the Canton Grain Co. elevator, office and warehouse. The transfer was made last Saturday. The Elevator is the best in the county, and has modern improvements and has a side track on its own ground. The company was very fortunate in securing such a valuable property.

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A trip in the Country.

The editor and Sheriff Opsal took a spin down through Canton and Highland townships last week. The sheriff was on pleasure bent and the editor was seeking a similar joy. It was the day after the big rain and everywhere there was evidence of the torrents that had swept down from hill and bluff into the stream beds. The South Beaver was big enough and deep enough at John Brenner's to float a Missouri river steamboat. The North Beaver was doing business and a great volume of water came down that usually placid rivulet, but there were no signs of damage anywhere until we reached the culvert near Sam Artz's, there a dangerous hole was discovered in time to avoid trouble. The day before our trip about three and a half inches of water came down but at noon of the following day it was confined to natural limits and flowing along harmlessly into the Sioux.

We hadn't been over the road from Henry Hanson's south to Paul Eneboe's for some years and consequently found much to admire along that highway which divides so many rich farms. Of course the country didn't look its best because of too much rain and low places had a surplus of water.

Oley Thompson has a fine farm just north of Sam Artz, and Halvor Olson has a splendid farm and recently purchased Jacob Brigel's adjoining quarter on the east for \$10,000. Andrew Sandvig owns a fine farm next to Mr. Olson's, and on the south comes Otto Johnson's farm. On the west side stands the home of A. G. Satrum, whose half section is divided by the highway. The Satrum farm is one of the best in Highland township and Mr. Satrum is one of the most successful farmers in the county. The Langmo and Fosson farms are among the best, while L. B. Aasheim owns 320 acres just south of Mr. Satrum. All these farms are among the most productive in the township, and the owners are men who have won success by intelligent effort.

Just before getting to Paul Eneboe's we came to Halvor Martin's farm, a handsome property recently acquired by him. On the opposite side of the road Dr. Edward Eneboe owns a fine farm. To the south of Halvor Martin's comes the splendid home farm of Sivert Ainess, one of the most successful farmers in the county. Near his handsome home stands a magnificent barn, one of the best we have noticed anywhere. Mr. Ainess has several other farms but the old homestead is dearer to him than any of the others. There he began his work in youth and there he today enjoys all the blessings of peace and plenty, and still he looks not a day over 40. He enjoys the esteem and confidence of his neighbors and the people of the entire county, for that matter, to whom he is well known.

On the east side of the road a little south of the Ainess home we come to the residence of Paul Eneboe, another pioneer and also one of the most successful farmers in the county. There we stopped to enjoy the festivities of the Van Antwerp-Eneboe wedding. Mr. Eneboe has a lovely home and his large handsome lawn was filled with relatives and friends who came to honor the happy event. Among those whom we first met were Mr. Eneboe, father of the bride, his brother Peter, Ole Helvig, Olaf Jensen, Ole Rodway, Dr. Edward Ene-

boe and his brother Dr. John of Sioux Falls, and then we were introduced to Mr. Van Antwerp, the groom, and his charming bride who had met before. After a glorious dinner we drove over to Trinity church in Norway township, to witness the Sogn-Evanson wedding, where we again met a large number of old friends who were called there on a mission similar to our own. It was a beautiful ceremony, but the lateness of the hour prevented our enjoying the grand reception at the Evanson home and we returned to finish our visit at Mr. Eneboe's where we left Bro. Opsal in the midst of the joys and pleasures of a wedding festival, and before we got started we should again sit at the festal board, and our gallant host joined us.

Two wedding dinners within the bounds of three hours was enough to over-encourage the average editorial appetite and would have made John D. Rockefeller envious of a western editor's ability to meet all engagements.

Ole Rodway is one of Mr. Eneboe's neighbors and is considered one of the best farmers in the county. He owns a splendid half section farm and has a fine large home.

On our way home we passed the handsome large two-story residence of Knut Ulrikson, one of the wealthiest farmers in Highland township and one of four brothers, all big farmers and big men.

We saw many fields of good corn, and we believe the best of them all was John Ovre's. Small grain everywhere was looking exceedingly well, and the country, generally speaking, never looked better.

Farming in the Head, or the Know And Know How.

It is generally conceded by those who have given any attention to the subject, whether on the farm or off of it, that of late days farming has become not merely an art but a science. In other words that the farmer must have an intelligent comprehension of the operation of the laws of nature in the soil, in the plant and in the animal, and that agriculture in its modern phases develops a veritable wonderland of knowledge—enough to occupy fully the time for study in an ordinary human life. Hence the modern proverb that a farmer can not know too much.

All this is most true, but there is still another way of looking at it. The farmer may know a great deal and yet lack the know how; and without the know how the know is of precious little use. You may send a boy to the agricultural college and load him up with all the information books can give. He may pass examinations, take a high rank in his class, and yet know precious little about real farming, and have that knowledge in such a shape as to do him very little good.

may have religion in the head as well as farming in the head. To have information about religion is one thing; to work it out in practice is quite another. For it is only by working things out that we get hold to know how, that we really know; or, in other words, make that knowledge available for every-day use.

People sometimes complain about their preachers being dull, telling the same things over and over again. Farmers sometimes complain about the agricultural papers being dull, lacking in variety, telling the same story each year at about the same season of the year. If the object of conducting an agricultural paper was simply to convey information it could fulfill its mission in a comparatively short time, for the fundamental principles, while of varied and almost infinite application, are comparatively few. For illustration: We have told all we know about the road drag. The man who simply wishes to keep himself informed on road making can say, "There is no need to read this. I know the story by heart." From a purely intellectual point of view this is probably correct; but, my friend, if you have not actually made a road drag and gone to work with it, you really don't know everything about it.

Knowledge that is not put in practice is like corn in the crib. It may be of use some day, may have value where there is a market for it; but it can't be converted into force or meat or wool or milk or butter until it is actually put to use. So it is with agricultural information. We know things only by doing them. You learn more about a road drag in half a day when you actually make one and use it than you can learn out of newspapers in ten years. In fact, it is only by doing things whether mechanical, agricultural, professional or religious, that we ever get to really know. We can get the information out of books; we can't get the know how in that way. We can get the theory of plowing out of books, but we can learn public speaking only by speaking in public. We can get the theory of keeping the soil in perfect physical condition out of books, but we can put the soil in physical condition only by actually and intelligently using the tools appropriate to the purpose.

There is ever a wide gulf between science and practice, between knowing and doing; and that gulf can be bridged only by the man who combines theory and science with practice, and who converts the supposed know into the know how by actually doing things. The farmer can't know too much about the science of agriculture, but he can think he knows a great deal more than he actually does know. Our business is not so much to tell people how to do things, but to stir them up by continually bringing the same old story to their remembrance, in the hope that they will actually do it to their own benefit and the benefit of the community at large.

—The "Star Crown" is the Canton favorite. The best 5 cent cigar on the market. Try one and you'll enjoy it.

Otto Wilson is home from Nora Springs, Iowa, where he has been attending college.

A Mud Hole Howl.

The complaints that reach the LEADER office about that big, deep, filthy mud hole on the railroad right of way just west of the city, are getting to be warmer and more sulphurous day by day, and soon the thing will explode from the amount of hot air hurled at it in man's effort to keep from going under or getting lost. It is now a really dangerous hole of mud and being on the railroad right of way, the Canton township board have no authority over it, nor has the commissioners, but the county legal department can get relief if the States Attorney goes after it, and he should go after it fast. There is not one single iota of excuse for that infernal mud hole. If proper representation is made to the station agent in due form, according to law, by the County Attorney, he will see that the proper railroad authority is notified and relief given, and if the railroad is slow, let the town board fill up the hole and throw the filth and water of the right of way onto the track and something will happen soon. This eternal dilly dallying and "I'll see about it," "I don't know, something should be done," "It's a shame," "Somebody ought to see somebody," and a hundred such excuses are made, but the people who want to come to Canton to do business are damning everything in sight and out of sight when they strike that bottomless collection of slime. Yet Canton business men keep on serenely looking for trade and increasing business while the highways are neglected and the hitching posts removed.

The business men of Canton should get together and see what there is to be done to promote better conditions, secure improvement in public highways, do whatever there is to do to render it easy for loaded wagons to reach town without risk of life or limb, and stop hunting for the dollar long enough to render conditions more easy for the people to get here and do business with convenience when in town. If the business men cease to keep an eye on the lines of travel over which business must come to the city, they will soon learn that farmers will go where they can get better roads and better treatment. It's amusing to hear some discuss the hitching post question, and its mostly by those who have no special interest in the upbuilding of the town. These wise ones want the hitching posts down, they want it so nice, around the court house square that the commissioners will soon be asked to provide Eau de Cologne fountains for the benefit of the tramps who may seek shelter under the spreading branches of the elder and the maple. We hope Canton will never get so awful nice that the smell of a horse will become obnoxious to those who walk around the court house square, because when

such a time comes, our dearly beloved wind jammers will need wings, if such facilities have not already been provided in order that the welfare of the city shall be promoted.

Can our business men and the public afford to see the main avenue of travel obstructed any longer? There is a remedy. Don't wait until winter before applying it.

Government Printed Envelopes.

We notice that the North Dakota Press association adopted resolutions at their last meeting relative to the practice of the government furnishing printed envelopes and asking their representatives in congress to take up the matter for them. That the practice is unjust to the print shops of the country, no one can deny. Business men buy government envelopes printed because they can get them at a price less than the home printer can buy the same grade of stock for at wholesale, let alone the freight, cartage, printing and usual commercial profit. Of course the government buys them by the millions at New York factory prices, the printing is done before the envelope is folded by automatic feeding machines, and the envelopes are delivered by mail thus the cost of transporting same across the continent comes in the annual post deficit. This places them in the hands of business men at a price below what the home printer can possibly furnish them for. In other words, it skat him out completely on that line of business except with business men who want their business to appear on their envelope. We are not finding fault with the business men who buy government envelopes that's their business. But we would like to have the government furnish the printers a chance to buy certain articles that are carried by these business men at a price as low in proportion as are the government envelopes when compared with the product of the home printer, or else do away with this piece of paternalism that injures the business of practically every printer in the land, to a more or less extent. It looks to us that the South Dakota Press association might at their next meeting take action on this matter along similar lines to their North Dakota brethren. It might do some good and it couldn't do any harm. If all the associations would act as a unite the practice would be done away with in a very short time.—Chamberlain Register.

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