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**County Contests**

The contest held Saturday morning by County Superintendent Dale was largely attended by pupils from all over the county and resulted as follows:

Spelling Contest.	
8th Grade Elizabeth Shaff Dist. 3	99
Myrtle Anderson	17 99
Florence Falde	5 98
Mabel Voyer	14 98
Corra Iverson	38 97
7th Grade Palmer Peterson	51 98
Lorna Gerber	50 98
Idella Nelson	3 97
Mattie Pehlhafer	65 97
Allene Schwarz	21 97
6th Grade Sanna Greenfield	65 98
Leo Petsche	29 94
Fannie Abbas	50 93
Ida Brynjulson	14 93
Julia Peterson	51 92
5th Grade Wava Wood	41 99
Olga Bratland	44 98
Alma Rodway	49 98
Johnnie Hoffman	5 97
4th Grade Melvin Rodway	49 99
Guendolin Kundert	61 96
Lewellyn Jones	50 98
Luelle Schlager	8 98
Bernice Abild	46 97
3rd Grade Dorothy Ellis	68 99
Richard Roti	49 98
Esther Anderson	17 97
Ambrose Hurley	50 96
Georgia Dixon	5 92
2nd Grade Carmon Smith	65
Harold Grayson	51
Myrtle Elster	18
Joy Knutson	14
Gilbert Rodway	49
1st Grade Bennie Jacobson	70
Agnes Hoff	50
Palmer Rodway	49
Hilma Enebo	7
Writing Contest	

This consisted of copies of the alphabet and the first seven lines of "Hiawatha's School" found in Cooleys English book.

8th Grade Kardena Gilbertson	32	1st
June Rusten	4	2nd
Tena Tjaden	C1	3d
Alma Ekle	22	4th
Eva Ellington	C1	5th
7th Grade Inga Oren	4	1st
Kathryn Steen	C1	2d
Clarence Freesman	65	3d
Idella Nelson	3	4th
Dorothy Van Ness	C1	5th
6th Grade Alma Butenschoen	C1	1st
Maxine Steen	C1	2d
Kenneth Kethi	C1	3d
Ella Lien	65	4th
Katie Stauffacher	65	5th
5th Grade Ida Mieras	35	1st
Emma Smeenk	35	2d
Julia Peterson	C1	3d
Helen Anderson	32	4th
Myrtle Eneby	7	5th
4th Grade Aslaug Cleveland	22	1st
Helen Hanson	70	2d
Floyd Thingelstad	78	3d
Hilda Erikson	7	4th
Dena Jansen	C1	5th
3rd Grade Letha Thomas	C1	1st
Grade Hyronimus	10	2d
Oscar Peterson	51	3d
Olive Clegg	C1	4th
Glenice Van Ness	C1	5th

**1914 Corn**  
\$1 per Bushel  
92% Test

Sample at Chas. Whitmore's Hardware Store.

Inquire of  
**Carl Tank, Canton, S. D.**  
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About 1200 bushels—all or small quantities

2nd Grade Eva Paslay	C1	1st
Violet Everson	C1	2d
Arthur Sorenson	10	3d
Myrtle Elster	18	4th
Mary Cole	3	5th
1st Grade Bernice Hart	C1	1st
Harley Busswell	C1	2d
Flora Bleeker	58	3d
Noell Abbott	C1	4th

**Weed Identifying Contest**

Fourteen districts had exhibits in this. The weeds were pressed and mounted on Bristol board. Prizes were given to those who named the specimens and told whether they were annual, biennial or pre-annual.

Sanna Greenfield	65	1st
Lauretta Hanson	65	2d
George Goeman	65	3d
Carrie Wierenga	65	4th
Minnie Lutherman	65	5th

**Weed Seed Identifying Contest**

Samples were given out and the pupils identified all they could.

Sanna Greenfield	1st
Otto Reiners	2d
Lauretta Hanson	3d
Blanche Wagner	4th
Nathan Everson	5th
Wilma Jennings	6th
George Goeman	7th
Eva Noel	41
Carrie Wierenga	65
Christine Elster	41

**Numdalslaget in Canton.**

Rier Rierson feels quite sure that he has at last secured this year's meeting of the Numdalslaget for our city and the dates will probably be the 8th and 9th of June. The only help he asked was a free meeting hall for the society and of course the auditorium will fill this need. This meeting will bring a large number of strangers to our city on that date and our people will look forward to a good time with old friends. We will publish news of this event later when arrangements are made.

**"This Is The Life."**

"This Is The Life," Halton Powell's latest and best song and dance show, has succeeded in registering one of the biggest laughing musical hits of recent years and will appear at the Lyric theatre on March 24.

The story of "This Is The Life" is exuberantly funny; the song hits are fresh and sparkling; the melodies easily played, sung and whistled. The dance tunes are lively and infectious and the cast has been carefully selected for its singing and acting ability and is above the standard heretofore set by Halton Powell, a producer who has produced nothing but the best in this line of entertainment. The chorus is not only pretty and able to sing and dance, but can wear gracefully the sensational gowns which have startled every city where the production has appeared. Special attention has been given to the stage settings which it is said are very pretty and tasteful.

**Warning To Spring Hunters.**

Geese were flying over the city Saturday and hunters were heard talking about the spring shooting and right here let us tell you to keep your pet shotgun right in its case for federal game wardens are scattering all over the country and will prosecute everyone caught shooting geese or ducks this spring. The question was brought up in court last year and an early decision is expected but meantime the government is spreading its game officers all over this territory with orders to arrest anyone, farmers and all who are out after the game. Of course spring shooting is the best but it kills off the game too fast and the government is determined to stop it regardless of what state laws say.

The trains on the Yankton division were run via Canton since last week on account of the high waters around Yankton and Clay counties.

**LOCALS**

**Cannot Praise Them Enough.**

Many sick and tired women, with aches and pains, sore muscles and stiff joints, do not know that their kidneys are out of order. Mrs. A. G. Wells, Box 90, Route 5, Rocky Mount, N. C., writes: "I am taking Foley Kidney Pills and cannot praise them enough for the wonderful benefit I derived in such a short while."

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## Designers Have Been Quite Generous With Styles in Spring Coats

**Our Assortment Includes Approved Models for all Occasions**

Perhaps you will observe when you visit our coat section, that we ask: "What style of coat do you prefer?" Nowadays such a question is quite natural. There are so many different designs, and all so beautiful that a suggestion is very helpful.

But, if you are undecided we will gladly show them all. Sport coats, motor coats, coats for evening wear and coats for general wear. Each garment represents a style that has been approved and that you will approve, too. Each garment is the best value possible at the price.



### New Spring Coats

- Coat of Maize Velvet Corduroy, self-belted. Price... **\$10**
  - Coat of Rose Pink Velvet Corduroy, lined with Suesine Silk. Price... **\$12.50**
  - Coat of White Chinchilla, self-belted. Price... **\$10**
  - Coat of White and Black Small Broken Check, self-collared and cuffs. Price... **\$10**
  - Black and White Shephard Check Coat, green velvet chin collar. Price... **\$7.50**
- We have also a very good assortment of fine Coats in Wool Poplins at **\$18.50** and **\$15**

### Spring Wash Goods

- 40-inch striped Voile—lavender, green and black, per yard... **25c**
- 40-inch Voile, tan with brown dots; white with black dots, per yard... **25c**
- 40-inch Splash Voile, white-flowered, per yard... **35c**
- 36-inch Striped Gabardine, per yard... **40c**
- 40-inch Plain White Organdie, per yard... **25c**

- See our new line of Middy Waists from **\$1.25 to \$1.75**
- New Auto Caps from **50c to \$1.25**
- 32-inch Fine Zephyr, Nurse Stripes, per yard **17c**
- Special lot of Waists at **69c** Special lot of White Aprons at **17c & 38c**

### GROCERIES

- Specials in First Quality Dried Fruits in 10-lb. Boxes**
- Fancy Prunes, per 10-lb. box... **\$1.48**
  - Fancy Apricots, 10-lb. box... **\$1.78**
  - Fancy Pears, per 10-lb. box... **\$1.98**

- COFFEES**
- X. T. C. Blend of Coffee is an excellent quality, fine bold bean, and very good flavor. Put in 25-lb. drums at... **\$6.75**
- Canton Bulk Coffee at per lb... **25c-30c-35c-40c**
- These are good blended coffees and

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### Canned Goods

- No. 2 1/2 can of Good Peaches, can full of fine fruit in syrup, per can... **15c**
- No. 2 1/2 can California Apricots in syrup, good quality, per can... **15c**
- No. 2 can Red Raspberries in syrup, per can... **20c**
- Council Oak Brand Baked Beans, very good quality... **15c-2 for 25c**
- No. 2 1/2 can... **20c-2 for 35c**
- 3 cans best standard Corn... **25c**
- Pure Fruit Jams, 1-lb. 9-oz. net wt., packed in glass jars, per jar... **35c**

## Chraft & Hansen Company

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### Knights Win Against Baracas

The second game between the Junior Knights of the Congregational Church and the Baraca Cadets of the Methodist Church was a revelation to those who expected to see a "Kids" game. The boys displayed, speed accuracy, and Basket ball "Sense" undreamt of by those who had not witnessed their workouts. The guarding on both sides was close, the passing accurate, and the work of the forwards at times sensational. The team work, while not all that might be desired, was remarkable considering the limited experience of the teams. Canton may well anticipate having basketball teams in the near future that shall bring home honor to their school and town. It would be unfair to the boys to pick stars for the work of nearly every man in the game was worthy of special mention. The Methodist boys started with a rush and secured three field goals in rapid succession before the Congregational boys woke up. After that it was a battle royal throughout, the score at the end of the first half being 12-9 and the final score 23-14 in favor of the Congregationalists.

### Junior Knights Baraca Cadets

Oliver Laxson R. F. True Bell  
Wilfred Lewis L. F. R. Stetcher  
Dean Tangen C. Lafe Frikstad  
Martin Rudolph R. G. B. Mickelson  
Harry Stevenson L. G. Floyd Davis

### The Squirrel Question May Be Solved by Bird Houses.

The News last issue laid the blame for the shortage of birds in our city to the squirrels and many doubted the statement.

Judge Wm. B. Mallory who is perhaps the best posted authority in the county on bird life states that red squirrels are very destructive to bird eggs and many cities are replacing them with the grey squirrels but even then harm still results.

Editor Danforth of the Vermillion Republican says: "My home is surrounded by a large number of trees and I know that before the advent of the squirrels in such large numbers these trees were full of bird nests but now they are devoid of nests entirely. This destruction of the nests and the eating of the eggs and the young birds has led to a well developed movement in many towns of the state for the

### erection of bird houses where the birds may nest and rear their young unmolested.

While I am fond of the squirrels myself, I have quit feeding them since I discovered this fact."

Prof. H. C. Severin, state entomologist at the Brookings agricultural college refers to a prominent national authority who says the red squirrel is the most destructive but also says that it is not so widely known that squirrels eat insects as that they rob birds' nest. Possibly their virtues may balance their faults. He tells of examining a tree that had been infested with leaf hoppers and caterpillars shortly after watching a squirrel hunting and eating them and found only about a dozen in half an hour.

Let us all put up at least one bird house in our yards as soon as we can buy or make them and see if we can not keep both the squirrels and the birds. Make them with a platform on a pole or have the boxes large and holes small so the squirrels can not get in or reach in.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Engle and daughter, Miss Georgia, returned from their winter's visit to California, Tuesday.

### Obituary of J. T. Pelley.

John Taylor Pelley was born at Rockford, Winnebago county, Illinois, April 12, 1847, where he grew to manhood and became a member of the Baptist church when a boy. His father was born in England but came to Canada and was united in marriage to Miss Amy Bodine, also a native of England. After their marriage they moved to Rockford. Mr. Pelley was married in Rockford on September 17, 1867, to Miss Hannah Wheat, a native of Pennsylvania, and then moved to Waterloo, Iowa.

After living there a short time Mr. Pelley heard of the beautiful Sioux Valley and its glorious lands which Uncle Sam would give to all those who wanted a home in the land of the Dakotas and like many others who wished for a home of their own he took his family and with all of his worldly possessions which were a team of horses and a prairie schooner and started across the prairie and sloughs of western Iowa and traveled until they came to the Big Sioux River at Beloit which they forded and reached the land of promise, then Dakota Territory.

He at last found a homestead in section 34, Pleasant township, where he like the rest of the early pioneers had to build himself a sod house to live in which was their home through many years of hardships which all the pioneers had to endure. Thus it was in 1873 he became a resident of Lincoln county. Although they escaped the terrible prairie fires which had swept over the country in earlier years they had to go through the grasshopper scourges of 1874 to 1875 having most of his crops devoured and nothing left for his hard summers work but barren fields, but he stuck to his farm in spite of the grasshoppers, the hail storms and drought and all the rest of the heartbreaking trials of the early times.

Like all the rest of the settlers here before 1880, what farm produce he did raise he had to haul either to Le Mars or Sioux City in order to sell it. These trips took from three to twelve days at a time during which his family had to care for the stock at home and if he was away worry about the terrible blizzards that swept over the prairies. Fuel was scarce and many had to burn twisted hay in their stoves and fireplaces.

In July, 1876, he with others made a hurried move to the Sioux Valley at the time of the great Indian scare when Gen. Custer and his troops were massacred on the Little Big Horn in Montana. All the settlers in the western part of the county came in and camped here for a week or more.

Mr. Pelley stuck to his farm for 28 years after which he moved to Sioux Falls where he has lived the past 16 years enjoying the fruits of his hard labor. On March 9th, 1916, the summons came which we must all answer some day, and at the age of 68 years, 11 months and 3 days, Mr. Pelley passed over the Great Divide at the home of his son, Fred Pelley at 723 South Fourth Avenue, in Sioux Falls.

Thus one by one our pioneers are crossing the great and crystal river to a country even better than our own fair land that we all love so well. After brief funeral services at the son's home the remains were brought to Canton to the home of his daughter, Mrs. B. E. Wood, where on Monday services were conducted by Rev. Preston. Then the friends followed this christian brother to his final resting place in the beautiful Forest Hill cemetery which overlooks the

### country he loved so well and now among his old pioneer neighbors who passed the Great Divide before him he now rests until Judgment day.

The pall bearers were some of his old neighbors: Bruce Oliver, Elling Opsal, Sam Lukken, A. J. Kuhns, Carl S. Wiggin and A. J. Tate.

He is survived by his aged wife, three sons: Fred and William of Sioux Falls; Harry of Platte; three daughters: Mrs. Electa Wheat of Bladen, Nebr.; Mrs. Harvey James and Mrs. B. E. Wood of this city; one sister, Mrs. Mary E. Wheat of Bladen, Neb.; one brother, W. F. Pelley of Rockford, Ill., and sixteen grandchildren.

### Little Baby Dies.

The little daughter, Frances Shirley born to Mr. and Mrs. Obel Uirikson did not remain long to gladden their home. She was born Thursday evening about 6 o'clock and died Friday morning at 4 a. m. Brief funeral services were held at the home Saturday afternoon conducted by Rev. Thurston. The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Uirikson extend their heartfelt sympathy.

### Card of Thanks

We desire to express our heartfelt thanks to the friends and neighbors, who so kindly assisted us in every way during the illness, death and burial of our baby, and for the beautiful floral offerings.

Mr. and Mrs. Obel Uirikson

### Life's Shop Window.

That is the title of the Fox feature at the Lyric next Monday night. A suave gentleman sows the seeds of discontent in the mind of a credulous country girl who is married to a hard working home loving farmer. This polished rascal with his glib talk of city life not only alienates the pretty little woman from her husband but also tries to lure her away from him.

### The first of March brought the closed season on game fish in this state,

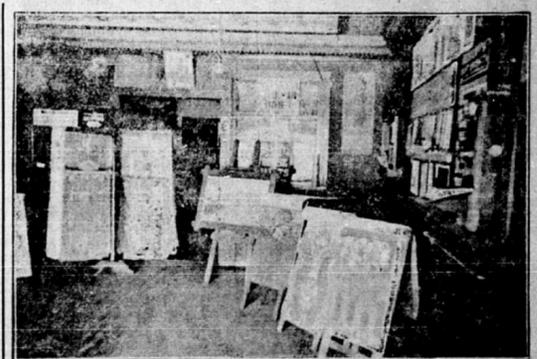
except that for trout, which commenced the first of November. All fishing for game fish is prohibited from this time on to the first of April when the trout season opens, with bass season opening on "Decoration Day," and the season for all other game fish opening May first.



### JUST CONSIDER YOUR POSITION

If your home should be destroyed by fire and you were without insurance. The labor of years swept away in a night. Such a thing has happened to other men. No one is exempt. Isn't it the better part of wisdom to have me insure your home this very day?

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