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**DAKOTA SOIL IS JUST AS GOOD**

As That of Illinois, Says George W. Ashbury, A Grand Forks Farmer

**HE'S TRIED BOTH AND KNOWS**

Five Times the Chance to Make Money Here There Is in Illinois

Bismarck, March 29.—"I claim that a man can take 160 acres of this good land and put it in a good state of cultivation and make just as many dollars year after year, as he can on 160 acres in Illinois. If anyone doubts this come to me and I will prove it to him."

"This is the closing paragraph of a letter written by Geo. W. Ashbury, a Grand Forks farmer to Commissioner Flint of the Agricultural department. The letter is interesting and shows what can be accomplished by attending to business and staying on the job in North Dakota. After a few introductory remarks, Mr. Ashbury says:

**Came Here in 1910**

"I came here in the spring of 1910, and made a failure that year, sowed 100 acres of clover and got nothing. Of course they all gave me the laugh, but I went ahead the next year and sowed 40 acres of clover and got a good stand, and have been successful with clover ever since. I found my mistake the first year."

"In 1911 I had 300 acres of rye and 100 acres of wheat. They gave me the laugh at that, but I threshed out 15 bushels to the acre, just the same. I have had good success with alfalfa, also. I have raised and fattened 475 head of hogs in the last four years. I claim that hogs will do better right here than in Illinois, where I fed hogs for 20 years before I came here. I made 97 head of hogs weigh 260 pounds each last year. When nine months old I sold them at 88 per hundred-weight. The last 90 days I fed these hogs they paid me \$1.27 per bushel for the corn they ate."

**Kept Record of All**

"I have stock scales on my farm and weigh my hogs every two weeks. I also weigh every bushel

of feed they eat. That is the only way to know what they are doing. I have 134 hogs and 24 head of cattle on feed at the present time. I raised 3,000 bushels of matured corn on the 80 acres of the poorest land I have this year. I hired this corn husked and weighed it over the scales. I have 140 acres of clover and alfalfa on my farm now and am going to sow more next spring.

"I raise horses, cattle, hogs, poultry, wheat, rye oats, barley, flax, clover alfalfa, potatoes and corn, I aim to have something to sell any time of the year."

"I just got back from Illinois. I think that one has five times the opportunity for making money here that he has in Illinois, and I also think it a much better climate to live in."

"As to my success in North Dakota I have no kick coming, in fact none of any kind to make." All there is to it is to keep a stiff upper lip and go ahead.

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From the Department of Agriculture, Bismarck.

R. F. Flint, Comr.

**JIM, JAM, JEMS ACQUITTED**  
Samuel H. Clark and C. H. Croekard, editor and business manager, respectively, of Jim, Jam, Jems, a monthly publication were acquitted Saturday evening of the charge of sending obscene literature through channels of interstate commerce. They were placed on trial on Tuesday of last week for the third time on indictments returned in 1913. The first trial ended in a disagreement, and the verdict of guilty in the second trial was reversed by the Circuit court of Appeals, which ordered a new trial because only parts, instead of all of the magazine alleged to contain the obscenity was introduced as evidence.

**FROST KILLS THE PEACHES**

Dispatches tell us that the heavy freeze in northern Louisiana and Mississippi destroyed the peaches and plums. But cheer up, there are other peaches and plums that the frost didn't hurt.

**FARMS THAT ARE NAMED**

Only Nineteen Farm Owners Have Yet Registered Their Farms

Last week the Times stated that Peder O. Eckre of Walcott township had named his farm the "Maple Grove Grain and Stock Farm," and that this was the 19th farm to be named in the county. That statement has aroused a general desire to know the names of all the registered farms in the county, and in compliance with that desire their names appear below:

- C. W. Carey, Wyndmere township, "The Cottage Grove Farm."
- A. F. and E. W. Carey, Dexter township, "Pioneer Farm."
- N. Liedahl, Sheyenne township, "Riverside Farm."
- John A. Davison, Liberty Grove township, "Liberty Grove Farm."
- Ole F. Heglie, Walcott township, "Fairview Farm."
- E. L. Tarr, Colfax township, "Pioneer Grove."
- Alfred Coppin, Dwight township, "Park Farm."
- Walter Biggs, Greendale township, "Greenwood Farm."
- Halvor E. Ulsaker, Walcott township, "Ulsaker Stock Farm."
- Ole A. Heglie, Walcott township, "Pleasant View."
- P. A. Fatland, Walcott township, "Fatland Farm."
- Michael P. Schmitt, Summit township, "Colonial Farm."
- Nicholas Schmitt, Summit township, "Columbus Farm."
- Wm. F. Gelle, Summit township, "Elder Grove Farm."
- Anton Lipovsky, Duerr township, "Morava Stock Farm."
- Arthur C. Petterson, Brightwood township, "Edgewood."
- Ole G. Foss, Walcott township, "The Golden Willow."
- Joseph C. Wettstein, Summit township, "Fertility Farm."
- Peder O. Eckre, Walcott township, "Maple Grove Grain and Stock Farm."

**BRYAN AND THE "BUG."**

(Girard in Philadelphia Ledger). One of Secretary Bryan's many delightful personal qualities is his unflinching good humor. He is the exact opposite of that wife whose husband bitterly remarked: "She is the most even-tempered person I ever knew. She is always angry."

The Secretary of State tells this story about himself, so I feel free to repeat it. The show place at one of the towns in which he was to speak is an insane asylum. In due time the reception committee escorted Mr. Bryan thither to display with unconcealed local pride what the town could offer in the way of a public institution.

The great orator became separated from his party and in a long corridor of the asylum was met by an inmate.

"Hello stranger," said the lunatic, "what are you in for? I'm suffering from religious mania myself. I've got religion on the brain. What's your trouble?"

"Well," replied Secretary Bryan, "I'm in bad for believing that there should be free and unlimited coinage of silver at 16 to 1."

"My dear sir," exclaimed the crazy one, "you are not insane. You are just a plain damn fool!"

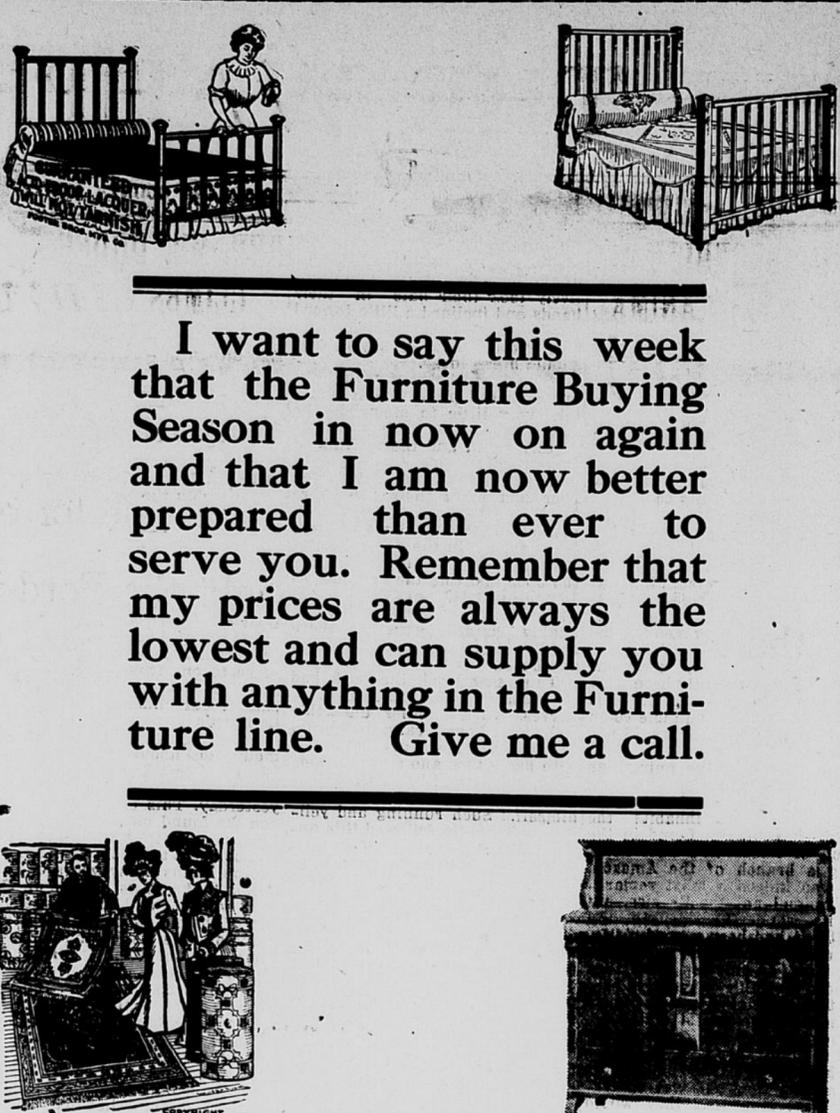
**FIRST WEEK STANDING OF CONTESTANTS**

In R. R. Hausken's Free Piano Campaign

| Certificates            |       |
|-------------------------|-------|
| Miss Mary Gilles        | 3,800 |
| Mrs. Dan Oslund         | 3,500 |
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| Miss Anna Tryba         | 1,475 |
| Miss Lena Ambach        | 1,000 |
| Miss Grace Lechasky     | 1,000 |
| Miss Marie Gannue       | 1,000 |
| Miss Anna Carlson       | 1,000 |
| Miss Inga Haugen        | 1,000 |
| Miss Mable Olson        | 1,000 |
| Mrs. John Matejcek, Jr. | 1,000 |
| Miss Helen Strong       | 1,000 |
| Miss Pauline Davis      | 1,000 |
| Miss Florence Hafner    | 1,000 |
| Miss Elsie Schmitt      | 1,000 |
| Miss Mary McDonald      | 1,000 |
| Miss Martha Heckner     | 1,000 |
| Miss Esther Dahl        | 1,000 |
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| Miss Lena Loll          | 1,000 |
| Miss Ella Mathieson     | 1,000 |
| Miss Pearl Olson        | 1,000 |
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| Miss Anna Bennett       | 1,000 |
| Miss Christine Maresh   | 1,000 |
| Miss Tillie Groman      | 1,000 |
| Miss Lena Griepentrey   | 1,000 |
| Miss Hanna Leinen       | 1,000 |

**THE FREAK LEGISLATOR**

Every year sees the introduction of freak bills into the legislatures of one or more states, but the spring of 1915 seems to have capped the climax. The freak legislators have run mad. Hardly a state has escaped. It is the fashion of the press to poke fun at Kansas, which may be depended upon to come to the front with something foolish in the way of legislation. And although the Sunflower state has lived up to her glowing reputation in the present session, her companions in the sorority of states have not fallen far behind. Most of the new laws have been introduced for the purpose of prohibiting something or



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other. Here are a few culled from one day's exchanges:

To prohibit the catching of frogs. Minnesota.

To prohibit the use of face powder, rouge, hair dye or bleach, the piercing of ears and wearing of earrings. Kansas.

To compel chickens to go to roost before seven o'clock, P. M.

To provide that bulls driven along the road at night shall wear lights. Colorado.

Providing that all weeds and plants which cause hay fever shall be removed from roadsides. Bachelors to pay an annual tax of \$5 per head. Prohibiting the wearing of whiskers by doctors and dentists. Mass.

Compelling the National Guard to do ninety days work each year on the roads and bridges of the state. Requiring dealers in stock foods to pay an annual license of \$25 a year. Prohibiting free lunches. Neb.

Compelling churchgoers to leave their firearms outside. Texas.

Prohibiting treating. Prohibiting the giving of tips to barbers, waiters, porters, hat snatchers, etc. Taxing bachelors of 30 years of age, \$50 per annum. Licensing cats \$1 per head per annum. Ill.

To furnish lumber jacks with individual bathtubs. Minn.

Establishing a uniform thickness of sleigh runners. N. Dak.

Prohibiting a man from becoming a "ball dodger" i.e. allowing persons to throw base balls at one's head, for hire. N. Y.

Limiting each resident of the state to one gallon of "corn lick-er" a month. S. C.

Prohibiting the smoking of cigarettes by school, normal and university instructors. Wis.

**COSTLIEST SESSION OF ALL**

The 1915 legislative assembly has been the most expensive of all sessions the state has had.

Auditor Jorgenson says that the cost to the state so far has been in excess of \$102,433.00. The exact cost can not be arrived at for some months as all the expenses have not yet come in.

The 1915 legislature cost the state \$102,430; the 1913 \$95,047.66; the 1911 session \$95,204.60 and the 1909 session \$96,615. It will thus be seen that the cost of the last session despite its promulgations of economy was far from being such.

And now Billy Sunday is to tackle Boston. But will the Bostonese be able to understand Billy's language?

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**New National Bank Building**



The contract for the new National Bank building has been let to Thomas F. Powers of Fargo, and it calls for a reinforced concrete structure of the very latest design. The interior finishing will be of steel, and is designed to be strictly fireproof throughout. The plans were drawn by Architect W. F. Kurke. The contract requires that the building be finished by the 15th of October.