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PROFESSIONAL CARDS.

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THE CITY.

Ed Hughes came in from Fargo on the noon train. Banker Robinson came in from Steele on the noon train. Attorney George W. Newton came in from the west last night. There will be a regular meeting of the O. E. S. tonight at Masonic hall. Webbs Brothers have purchased the furniture stock of W. S. DeGraff from the trustees. Frank Beals of Jamestown came in on the noon train and is doing business with local merchants. Henry Jachholtz returned on the noon train from St. Paul where he has been for treatment for his eyesight. Governor Fancher has appointed Dr. D. Fisher of Grandin a member of the state board of veterinary medical examiners. A mass meeting of the taxpayers of Dickinson will be held January 20 to devise ways and means for better fire protection. Notice is given of an application for pardon to be made to the governor for Oscar Falck, who was sentenced to the pen last May for four years for horse stealing. The trustees of the Western Theological seminary of Chicago, have conferred the degree of Doctor of Theology upon the Rt. Rev. Samuel Edsall, bishop of North Dakota. These are the highest degrees in the seminary. The Northern Pacific has made a half rate for grass and fodder plant seeds between Feb. 1 and June 30. The reduction is made that farmers and ranchmen may have an opportunity to increase their acreage of grass and fodder. The Northern Pacific is congratulating itself that it is at no expense for clearing tracks of snow this winter. So far there has been no use for snow plows, other than the small one carried on each engine, and even those have not been overworked. Whentland Engle: It is more than likely if the census, when taken, suggests a second representative in the U. S. house, a candidate from the Missouri slope will get the plum—as they would be justly entitled to. In our opinion Hon. C. B. Little, the popular banker, would make a good congressman. The following telegram from Rochester, Minn., will be of interest to members of Company A: Clarence L. Noyes, the boy who went to the

Philippines in perfect health and returned a physical wreck, is again to be financially aided. The Queen City band of Rochester will give a concert and the entire proceeds will be forwarded to Mr. Noyes for his maintenance, while in Phoenix, Arizona. Fully 500 tickets will be disposed of. Senator Hansbrough is anxious to have word reach the settlers on the lands in the Turtle Mountain country that his bill to set apart 30,000 acres in North Dakota for a school of forestry, does not propose to interfere with the settlers' rights. Should the bill pass, the 30,000 acres will be selected by a board of school land commissioners from the state's surveyed agricultural land. Lands in the Turtle Mountain country are timber lands and unsurveyed. A note from Denny Hannifin says he won the Cass Lake, Minn., city election in a walk and everything is wide open, while harmony prevails. He says that Island Lake, where the government is going to make a park, is a most beautiful place and is where the Calippewa Indians see the devil, while at Devils Lake you only see an inoffensive sea serpent 27 feet long. Hannifin's services are needed at other points and he has an engagement at Duluth. Ellen Clark and Pleats, two mixed blood girls, have returned to Stanning Rock from Cuba. These young ladies, who belonged to a sisterhood of Indian girls, founded by the well known Father Craft, have been doing heroic work nursing the sick for the past two years in Jacksonville, Fla., and in Cuba. They are enthusiastic over their profession of nursing and declare they will make it their life work. For the native Cubans they have no use at all. But one sister now remains with Father Craft, a full-blooded Indian girl, Josephine Two Bear.

Foul-Smelling Catarrh.

Catarrh is one of the most obstinate diseases, and hence the most difficult to get rid of. There is but one way to cure it. The disease is in the blood, and all the sprays, washes and inhalant mixtures in the world can have no permanent effect whatever upon it. Swift's Specific cures Catarrh permanently, for it is the only remedy which can reach the disease and force it from the blood. Mr. B. P. McAllister, of Harrodsburg, Ky., had Catarrh for years. He writes: "I could see no improvement whatever, though I was constantly treated with sprays and washes, and different inhalant remedies. In fact, I could feel that each winter I was worse than the year previous. Finally it was brought to my notice that Catarrh was a blood disease, and after thinking over the matter, I saw it was unreasonable to expect to be cured by remedies which only reached the surface. I then decided to try S. S. S., and after a few bottles were used, I noticed a perceptible improvement. Continuing this remedy, the disease was forced out of my system, and a complete cure was the result. I advise all who have this dreadful disease to abandon their local treatment, which has never done them any good, and take S. S. S., a remedy that can reach the disease and cure it." To continue the wrong treatment for Catarrh is to continue to suffer. Swift's Specific is a real blood remedy, and cures obstinate, deep-seated diseases, which other remedies have no effect whatever upon. It promptly reaches Catarrh, and never fails to cure even the most aggravated cases.

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LARGE IMMIGRATION. North Dakota this Year Will be the Favored State for the Home-seeker. A prominent railroad official is authority for the statement that the immigration to the northwest this spring will be on an enormous scale and that North Dakota will be the favored state. The new comers will be from all walks of life. The farmers of the eastern and southern states have heard of the prosperity which reigns in Dakota and are coming to try their hands. Likewise the eastern workman who has eked out an existence from year to year as a laborer in some of the larger cities and has by hard work and frugality perhaps saved a few hundred dollars, is determined to cast his lot with the farmers of the great wheat raising state where he will receive greater returns for his labor. The Great Northern alone will bring over 8,000 families from various parts of the union to assist in the development of the great northwest. The movement has already started to some extent but will not be at its height till February or March. The immigration agents report that the class of people coming are the best situated financially of any that ever came to the valley, many of them being substantial farmers from the middle states who, after careful investigation, are fully convinced that the advantages offered in the Red River valley for farmers are not equalled any where in the union. As was stated before there will be representatives from every trade but the majority of them will be fairly well to do. This, to a great extent, is due to the care exercised by the immigration agents who were instructed to try and induce as far as possible, those who had had experience as farmers, and who were in a position to start farming operations with sufficient means to place them on a sound financial basis. The prospects for the state were never more satisfactory and the immense immigration will serve to increase the present prosperity.

DO YOU KNOW Consumption is preventable? Science proves that, and also that neglect is suicidal. The worst cold or cough can be cured with Shiloh's Cough and Consumption Cure. Sold on positive guarantee for over fifty years. E. S. Beardsley, druggist, Fourth street.

Anybody attending the "Rag Dance" Tuesday evening, dressed in any other manner but in rags, will be fined 10 cents.

Important orders have been issued to the Great Northern express agents throughout the state. They were all instructed to disregard all previous orders and in the future refuse to accept all C. O. D. shipments of liquor. The practice heretofore in use resulted in making most of the express offices and depots throughout the state saloons to a greater or less extent. The circular issued instructs agents to dispose of the stock in hand before Jan. 25 or ship the consignments back to the senders. Not only will the C. O. D. business be stopped but shipments of liquor by freight, where bills of lading were issued against the party desiring the goods, will be rejected by the express companies.

Washington Irving 10c and John Drew 5c Cigars ALWAYS PERFECTION. EXPLORER DEAD.

Death of L. A. Paddock, One of the Gold Seekers Who Went from Bismarck to the Hills.

The Wadena Journal contains an account of the death of L. A. Paddock, a well known westerner and plainsman, who was one of the goldseekers from Bismarck in the early seventies. He was 63 years of age, and leaves one brother still in North Dakota, E. G. Paddock of Dickinson. In speaking of his death the Journal says: At the time of the Black Hills gold craze Mr. Paddock, in company with several friends, went to Bismarck, and he and his friends joined a company of several hundred men who were making their way to the Black Hills by wagon train. It was spring and they made slow progress. Mr. Paddock and six companions became impatient at the slow progress and finally proceeded by themselves. The Indians were very hostile, but they concluded to take chances, and were anxious to reach the hills about which fabulous stories were told of great gold discoveries, and would have probably reached the hills in safety had they not encountered a severe blizzard. Mr. Paddock and one friend laid down near a knoll, spread their blankets over them and remained there one day and two nights, and when they crawled out they were unable to find their companions or provisions. They wandered around for eight days when some hunters found them and took them to the stage line camp, where they secured teams and returned to Bismarck. Here they received medical aid. Mr. Paddock's hands and feet were badly frozen and his partner had both legs amputated they were so badly frozen.

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The accidental overturning and explosion of a kerosene lamp by which Rosa Daublin of Devils Lake was severely burned over three weeks ago, resulted in her death last week. Funeral services were held in St. Joseph's church last Wednesday morning. Miss Rosa was seventeen years old and had a home with the sisters at the hospital for three years past. She was held in high esteem and her death is deeply deplored.

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Governor Fancher has granted a pardon in the case of Iver Jacobson, the Cooperstown attorney who was found guilty of embezzlement of \$65 and sentenced to the penitentiary for three years, in June, 1897. He was paroled and freed in January, 1898. With his good time his sentence would have expired December 31 last, and the pardon merely grants him the good time allowance he would have received had he served his sentence in the pen.

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At a recent meeting of the directors it was decided to hold a twenty-three days' session of the North Dakota Chautauqua on their grounds on the banks of picturesque Devils Lake next summer. The session will open June 30 and close July 23. The attractions for the assembly will be the best that money can secure, far exceeding anything ever before attempted.

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SIMPSON CASE.

Only One Witness Responds and the Hearing Before Referee Indefinitely Postponed. The hearing of the testimony in the Simpson disbarment case, which was begun at Dickinson Tuesday, has been indefinitely postponed. The testimony was to have been taken before referee H. G. Edwards, but of the witnesses summoned to appear, only one responded, M. Picha of Dickinson, whose testimony was all that was taken. The other witnesses failed to respond and the hearing of testimony before the referee was indefinitely postponed. Attorney Newton, who appeared for the prosecution, will apply to the supreme court for an order directing the hearing of the testimony in court.

ON EVERY BOTTLE.

Of Shiloh's Consumption Cure is this guarantee: "All we ask of you is to use two-thirds of the contents of this bottle faithfully, then if you can say you are not benefited return the bottle to your druggist and he may refund the price paid." Price 25 cents 50 cents and \$1.00. E. S. Beardsley, druggist, Fourth street.

ELEVATOR LAW.

Judge Pollock Sustains the Constitutionality of the Elevator Taxing Law.

Judge Pollock has rendered a decision sustaining the constitutionality of the law passed at the last session of the legislature, providing that all grain elevators on the first of April is subject to tax, no matter by whom owned and that the grain was liable for the amount of the tax. The case in question was that of the Minneapolis & Northern Elevator company vs. Traill county.

The facts show that the elevator company had in its elevator at Belmont, N. D., 20,685 bushels of wheat in the course of business the company sold said wheat to one G. A. Thompson of Montreal, Canada, but kept the wheat in store until some time in June, 1899, when, upon proper demand and return of the tickets, the same was delivered to said Thompson. Insurance was carried during all the time in the name of Thompson. The tax authorities of Traill County assessed against the company on account of said wheat a valuation of \$5,171 and proceeded to levy a tax thereon. To defeat this tax as against the company the action was brought. Judge Pollock holds the law unconstitutional and the tax legal. The case will be appealed to the supreme court.

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STATE NEWS.

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Mrs. Clark Haggart slipped and fell on a sidewalk at Fargo and injured her hip severely.

Barber Sexton at Fargo has eloped with the wife of a Fargo man, who is said to be congratulating himself and commiserating the barber.

The home of James Kellas near Casselton was destroyed by fire and the authorities are looking for a negro who is believed to have fired the place.

A Washington dispatch says a movement is on foot to get a government job for Major Edwards of Fargo. Congressman Spalding called on the president this morning and found the chief executive in hearty accord with the proposition. The only trouble was the designation of a place that is vacant. One will be found if possible and the major installed. He is said to be willing to take a position either in or out of the United States. The only stipulation is that the salary shall be in the neighborhood of \$5,000 a year.

To Cure a Cold in One Day.

Take laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box; 25 cents.

[First publication Jan. 19, 1900.] Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will on the 24th day of February, 1900, present a petition to the governor of North Dakota, asking for the pardon of one Oscar Falck, aged 22 years, male, convicted of the crime of grand larceny at a term of the district court in and for the county of Burleigh and state of North Dakota, holden at the city of Bismarck in said county and state on the 25th day of May, 1899, and during the May term of said court, and sentenced on said day to the penitentiary at Bismarck for a term of four years. Dated January 15, 1900.

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News and Notes.

The United States department of agriculture has in press and will soon issue bulletin No. 72, office of experiment stations, entitled "Farmers' Reading Courses." The bulletin was prepared by Professor L. H. Bailey, M. S., professor of horticulture in Cornell university, and gives a history of the organization of farmers' reading courses, which have become an important factor among the agencies for diffusing knowledge and promoting enthusiasm among the farmers. The bulletin contains lists of books used in various reading courses. No marked crop departure from the ten year average is noted for any of the principal tobacco growing states this season, says the crop circular. The indicated average yield per acre of potatoes, according to government reports, is 88.7 bushels per acre, as compared with 75.2 bushels last year, 64.6 bushels in 1897 and 75.2 bushels, the mean of the preliminary averages of the last ten years. The average per cent of quality is 91.4. Practical forestry in the Adirondacks, bulletin No. 26, contains an account of work accomplished under the offer made in 1898 by the agricultural department to assist farmers, lumbermen and others in handling their forest lands.

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