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Dickinson, N. D. St. Charles Hotel.
Minneapolis, Minn. Kemp & Cohen, News agents.
Hotel Dyckman.
Hotel Hadlason.
St. Paul, Minn. Merchants Hotel.
St. Marie, Fifth St., News agent.

LOCAL WEATHER BULLETIN.
For the 24 hours ending at 7:00 p. m., Feb. 7, 1916:
Temperature at 7:00 a. m. -24
Temperature at 7:00 p. m. 2
Highest temperature 3
Lowest temperature -25
Precipitation Trace
Highest wind velocity 20-SE

Forecast.
For North Dakota: Unsettled weather tonight and Tuesday, with snow and rising temperature.
ORRIS W. ROBERTS,
Section Director.

THOSE PILGRIM MOTHERS.
Hamlin Garland, the author, suggests that the Pilgrim Fathers ought to have spent more time going fishing and less in psalm-singing. "Then they wouldn't have died off so fast, and the country wouldn't be obliged now to get along with only a million Mayflower descendants."

A Chicago man says the best thing about the cold bath habit is the exercise the bather's lungs get—from bragging about it.

LITTLE MURDERERS.
In one day recently eastern news reports carried these three stories:
A seven-year-old boy in New York City found a .38 caliber revolver in his father's desk, started playing with it, and shot his little brother through the right temple, killing him instantly. "I didn't know what would happen when I pulled the trigger," he said.

A citizen of Chicago, J. J., starting on a hunting trip, left his loaded shotgun leaning against the fence for a minute while he went back into the house. His twelve-year-old son picked up the gun, pointed it playfully at his eleven-year-old brother and pulled the trigger, and the brother dropped dead.

A nine-year-old boy in Hartford, Conn., got hold of his father's revolver and began playing burglar with his little sister, aged five. He didn't know the revolver was loaded. When the play-burglar ordered the little girl to throw up her hands, she laughed and refused. He pulled the trigger, with the muzzle close to her head. The weapon was loaded only with blank cartridges, but the concussion killed her instantly.

All these little murderers were irresponsible. All the deaths were due to dangerous weapons being left where they could get hold of them. Every man with children who leaves a loaded gun or revolver around the house runs the same risk.
It may be desirable to be ready to defend one's home against burglars, but there are worse things than burglary.

NEWSPAPERS TURNING YELLOW
Many a dignified and respectable paper finds itself driven at last to admit the charge of "yellowness." The present tendency is so marked that in all probability there will soon be not one newspaper left in the United States that isn't yellow.

Fortunately, however, this applies only to the newspapers' color—not to

their character. The war is responsible.
Readers may have noticed lately the prevailing yellow tint of most newspapers. Instead of the usual white or bluish-white tone, this is simply the color of the wood from whose fibre the paper is made. It has been customary with most paper-makers to get rid of this yellow tint by using a blue aniline dye, just as a laundress uses bluing to make her linen look white. The war embargo has shut off the supply of this dye, along with most other aniline colors of German origin. And because there isn't any satisfactory substitute, the paper is sold and printed in its natural state.

PREPAREDNESS AT ANNAPOLIS.
The nation is driven to wonder, sometimes, just how much real patriotism there is in our great naval academy at Annapolis.

There are various kinds of patriotism. The most vaunted type is that which impels a soldier or sailor to give his life for his country, even when he may feel that his individual sacrifice will be useless. Nobody suspects the students at Annapolis of lacking that kind of patriotism. All Americans have it.

But dying isn't the primary duty of a sailor. His duty is his day's work, whether it's firing a gun or navigating a battleship, or holystoning a deck, or studying a book. And there's just as much patriotism in minding his job in time of peace as in the midst of battle.

It looks as if our embryo gunners and admirals at Annapolis don't quite grasp that kind of patriotism. Last year there was a big scandal because a lot of them were caught cheating in their examinations and discrediting their own "honor system." Now it appears that one-fourth of the midshipmen in the academy—more than 200 young men—have failed in their examinations and are in danger of being dropped.

It may be that the examinations are needlessly severe, but the safer presumption is that the middies simply haven't worked conscientiously. If that is true, every man of them should feel as much ashamed in the eyes of the nation that picks him out and pays his expenses and trains and educates him, as if he had played the coward in battle or committed some flagrant act of moral turpitude.

We need all those midshipmen. The navy is gaping with vacant positions. Some of our warships are virtually out of commission for lack of officers, and it takes ten years, Admiral Fletcher says, to make an officer. Don't we need a new spirit in Annapolis?

TO HOLD CONFERENCE ON NEW GERMAN NOTE

Indications Are That Final Settlement of Lusitania Case Is at Hand.

Washington, Feb. 7.—President Wilson will take up with his cabinet tomorrow the latest communication, which Germany hopes will bring the negotiations over the Lusitania disaster to a termination satisfactorily to the United States.

Official indication or announcement whether the offer of the Berlin government is satisfactory is expected soon thereafter.

The president did not request Secretary Lansing to come to the White House today for a conference and the conference planned did not materialize.

The secretary expects to discuss the latest proposals with the president tomorrow, and it is believed in Teutonic diplomatic circles that Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, may be summoned to the state department sometime during the afternoon and informed of the decision of the United States.

Confidential advices received today from high official quarters are to the effect that the expressions of optimism regarding the outcome of the negotiations which have been heard in certain official and diplomatic circles are not without foundation.

Chairman Stone of the senate foreign relations committee declared, after conferring with administration officials, that he believes the case "was practically settled."

MUTT AND JEFF SECURED AS NEW TRIBUNE FEATURE

CREATOR OF POPULAR CELEBRITIES "MUTT AND JEFF" WILL DRAW FOR TRIBUNE; NEW CARTOONS THIS MONTH.



Bud Fisher

LIFE STORY OF THE ARTIST, BUD FISHER

The creator of "Mutt" and "Jeff," the greatest comic of them all, which will appear exclusively in this paper beginning February 15, tells some interesting facts in his career. One of them is that he never had a drawing lesson in his life, yet today he is the world's highest paid comic artist.

"I started like everybody else, I guess," said "Bud" Fisher, the comic artist, whose Mutt and Jeff cartoons will be a feature of this newspaper beginning February 15. "I was born, 'Where and when?'"

"In San Francisco, on April 3, 1885, but I didn't stay there long. We moved about rather rapidly on account of my father's business. My mother and father lived in Portland, Ore., and Chicago and Milwaukee before I was seven years old."

So Mr. Fisher began to sketch his career, which has led him to the position where he is recognized as being in a class by himself among the creators of comics—a position which has forced upon him a fortune through his ability to make folks laugh at ideas incubated in his fertile brain and expressed with his facile pencil.

"How did you happen to start to draw?"

"As long as I remember I tried to draw. This art of mine caused some dispute in the family. My father was opposed to it and said I was wasting time, while my mother encouraged me in it. Perhaps my father objected because I used to make pictures on his callars, either when on or off. It made no difference to me if I saw a good chance."

"Even yet, Mr. Fisher is a bundle of nerves and is constantly thinking of new situations in which to place Mutt and Jeff in order to make folks laugh. While sitting at dinner, he has his pencil out making sketches on the tablecloth and he is not popular with restaurant proprietors. In this way he is planning a picture and thinking out the scenes—his hardest job, not the actual drawing.

on the Chicago Tribune. My story was so good that John P. Young, then the managing editor of the Chronicle and still holding that position, apologized for giving me a job at \$15 a week. My idea of opulence at that date was to make \$25 a week. I certainly made that story of my accomplishments strong and my record from the Chicago Tribune where I never worked, was a good one. But I had to get some of the talent in the art department of the Chronicle to show me how to draw a layout. It is not hard to catch on to, but it is not work for an artist. It is the job of a draftsman.

"Later I told Mr. Young the full story of how I had obtained my job and explained to him I had obtained from the Examiner the layouts which I showed him. I felt better, too, after getting it off my chest.

"Well," he replied, "you made good all right, so let's forget it."

"Second installment of Bud Fisher's story will appear tomorrow."

CAPITAL CITY WILL HAVE FINE PUBLIC INSTITUTION

(Continued from Page One)

pled the Hon. James Bertram, secretary of the Carnegie Corporation of New York. Last week Bismarck's claims were brought before the trustees of the Carnegie Corporation, and their verdict is presented in the letter to Mr. Lucas, quoted above.

Library Is Needed.
That the need of a public library is generally felt in Bismarck is proven by the interest which has been shown in the temporary library established in the Commercial club rooms. The "book shower" given by the Civic League earlier in the winter and the canvass which its members made last week produced from Bismarck homes 1168 books for the public library and reading room, and 40 or more of the 140 homes which responded to the canvass are yet to be called upon by the collectors. This unanimous response, which includes every section of the city, and which will become even more general, as the needs of the library become known, is regarded as certain evidence of a universal appreciation of the benefits which a public library will confer upon the capital city.

More Than 3,000 Volumes.
It is estimated that when the library is formally opened, February 22, there will be more than 3,000 volumes ready for distribution. Everything to date has been donated. The books have not cost a penny in addition to the time contributed by the ladies in making the canvass and the car owners who did the collecting. The lumber for the shelving was contributed by the Carpenter Lumber company, the labor on the shelving by G. W. Jennings, the racks, files and other equipment by the local carpenters' union, the finishing by Chris Engen, the paints and oils by the Marshall Oil company, the listing and cataloging will be supervised by Mrs. Minnie C. Budlong, state librarian. Only a popular cause could have called forth this general support.

With ordinary success, the circulation of the Bismarck public library should have swelled to at least 5,000 before the new building can be made ready for occupancy. For even larger libraries than Bismarck's will be, serving a greater population, and with several years' accumulations to draw from, 8,000 is regarded as an excellent circulation.

Will Be Banner Year.
The addition of a \$25,000 library building to all of the other substantial structures already planned for Bismarck, will make 1916 a real banner year.

The completion of the Carnegie library will give to Bismarck the most notable and attractive group of municipal buildings in the state and will offer the best possible answer to any argument which may be presented to the effect that the capital city is in any way lacking in enterprise and progressiveness.

sion prices that prevailed last year.

REFUSE TO HONOR BILL FOR PRINTING

County Treasurer Prater yesterday refused to honor a warrant for county printing done by a local concern amounting to \$44.99, the right of the concern to do county printing being legally contested. States Attorney Berndt has a restraining order ready to prevent the payment of bills presented by the local company, until the legality of their contract with the county is determined.

In his injunction petition, the states attorney holds that the contract is void, on the grounds that the affidavit required to be filed with the county auditor was not filed according to law, but, instead, was filed with the chairman of the board of county commissioners.

The injunction is returnable February 12, before Judge W. L. Nusselt of the district court.

TOBACCO HABIT EASILY CONQUERED

A New Yorker of wide experience has written a book telling how the tobacco or snuff habit may be easily banished in three days with delightful benefit. The author, Edward J. Woods, 1423F, New York City, will mail his book free on request.

The health improves wonderfully after the nicotine poison is out of the system. Calmness, tranquil sleep, clear eyes, normal appetite, good digestion, manly vigor, strong memory and a general gain in efficiency are among the many benefits reported. Get rid of that nervous feeling; no more need of pipe, cigar, cigarette, snuff or chewing tobacco to pacify morbid desire.



Yes, Gentle Reader, You Guessed It! It's Them!! MUTT and JEFF!!!

Maybe You're Among Those Present Who'd Prefer "It's They"

But No Matter---

The Important Thing is That Beginning Tuesday, Feb. 15th Note Well the Date!---

And Regularly Thereafter---

BUD FISHER--Creator of MUTT and JEFF Will Put them Through Their Joy Jumps EXCLUSIVELY in THE TRIBUNE

So We Respectfully Advise That You Hurry Now

Even as MUTT and JEFF are Hurrying To the Nearest News Dealer

And Tell Him---Gently but Firmly---

That---Without Fail---

THE TRIBUNE Must Be Served to You Regularly, Beginning Tuesday, Feb. 15th

Because That's the Day When BUD FISHER'S MUTT and JEFF As We Hinted Above

Will Begin to Appear EXCLUSIVELY in THE TRIBUNE