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LOCAL WEATHER BULLETIN. For the 24 hours ending at 7:00 p. m., Aug. 14, 1916: Temperature at 7:00 a. m. 59; at 7:00 p. m. 83; Highest temperature 86; Lowest temperature 58; Precipitation None; Highest wind velocity 18-38.

North Dakota: Fair Tuesday; somewhat warmer in east portion; Wednesday partly cloudy and cooler. ORRIS W. ROBERTS, Meteorologist.

GOOD ROADS BOOSTER.

O. W. Roberts, president of the Burleigh County Automobile club, in a letter to the Tribune, deprecates the abominable condition of the Red Trail road through this county. His letter merely substantiates what hundreds of others testify as to the deplorable state of Burleigh County's roads. The Tribune publishes the letter herewith: Bismarck, N. D., Aug. 11, 1916. Editor Bismarck Tribune, Bismarck, N. D.

Dear Sir: Bismarck, with other towns along the "Red Trail," is bidding tourists to come our way, and the least that we should do is to make our part of the "trail" as good as possible. So many complaints have been lodged with me over the poor condition of the roads in Burleigh county that I decided to make a trip from Bismarck to Jamestown and return and compare our roads with those of Kidder and Stutsman counties. As a chain is only as strong as its weakest link, so is a road only as good as its poorest part. As Burleigh county has the poorest stretch of road encountered on this trip, it follows that we do not compare favorably in the condition of our roads with those of our sister counties. The road for the first six miles east of Bismarck is all that could be asked for, for the next six miles the road is fair, and for the next six miles it is abominable. I cannot imagine a poorer piece of road than the one just west of McKenzie, through what is known as the McKenzie slough. In many places between Steele and Jamestown the same conditions have been met so successfully that a traveler can drive with both speed and comfort. If we are to continue to invite tourists to take the Red Trail and see what we have to offer, it is up to us to improve our part of the Trail. This can be successfully accomplished if the newspapers, the Commercial club, the Burleigh County Auto club and the public in general will bring pressure to bear upon those in charge to see that our roads are not only brought up to the standard set by adjoining counties, but made the equal of any in the state.

Very truly yours, ORRIS W. ROBERTS, President Burleigh County Auto Club.

TEXAS SITUATION. Don't forget to keep tab on the Texas political situation for awhile. Folks are hinting at a surprising reversal of form in the Lone Star state which, they say, may be even the entering wedge which will split the Solid South. It's all on account of President Wilson and his Mexican

politics. Life-long Democrats are supporting Hughes. This is particularly true along the border, where the vote is normally solidly Democratic.

For instance, one county which voted 573 Democratic votes to 8 Republican in 1912, failed to register a single vote in the Democratic primaries in July. Another rock-ribbed Democratic county voted 803, to 0 for Colquitt on an anti-Wilson platform. A pretty fair idea of just how wide the breach in Texas Democracy is may be had in the latter part of August, when a second primary will be held to nominate a candidate for the United States Senate. The first primary eliminated three senatorial candidates, but failed to give to any one the required majority. Charles A. Culberson, senior senator from Texas at present, and O. E. Colquitt, ex-governor, will run off. Colquitt is strongly anti-Wilson. Culberson is the administration candidate.

In the recent primaries a proposition to submit the state-wide prohibition question was also a leading issue. It carried and is temporarily disposed of and the way the senatorial campaign is now shaping up the vote will be strictly on the Wilson, or anti-Wilson proposition.

There is a good prospect of Texas going Republican in November, and should Culberson be defeated in the second primaries, the accustomed Democratic vote may be so greatly reduced in the final election as to disrupt the party, not only in Texas, but in the whole South.

Texas had 20 electoral votes in 1912, the fourth largest of the several states. Watch Texas, ye political fans!

Criticism that doesn't construct is like a good carpenter at the head of a wrecking crew.

THE SURGEON'S RING.

Rumors are heard occasionally in various cities about the so-called "surgeons' ring"—meaning groups of physicians and surgeons who play into each others' hands for the sake of obtaining more frequent and goodly fees than would be possible in the legitimate course of ordinary practice.

A prominent physician of one of the large cities was recently asked by a man connected with this newspaper whether such rings had any real existence.

Not only are such conditions possible, he explained, confidentially, but in his own city he knew positively of the existence of two or three such groups.

"A patient comes to me and says, 'I have been to Dr. X.' 'I reply: 'I will tell you what Dr. X said. He told you that you would have to go to Dr. Y for a further special examination. Dr. Y told you that you would have to go to Dr. Z for an X-ray test. Dr. Z said you would have to be operated on, and strongly recommended Dr. A. You consulted Dr. A and found the operation would cost not less than \$400. Having already spent about \$90 for diagnoses and \$60 for the X-ray, you thought you'd consult me before you went farther.'"

"But this is uncanny. How did you know it?" asks the patient.

"I've had too many just like you," I reply.

"And this happens every few days, with only slight variations."

He elaborated this with story after story of fee-splitting between physicians and druggists, oculists and opticians. He called attention to the fact that the American Medical association has gone on record against the practice of fee-splitting in general, but declared that the habit was so prevalent and deeply ingrained that it would take more than a generation to uproot it entirely.

Anything more reprehensible than the mulcting of patients for unnecessary operations can hardly be imagined. It is squarely in the class with selling diseased meat to the boys on the firing line. It is theft, pure and simple, and it is sometimes far worse than theft. But in any given case it is hard to prove.

Specialism in medicine holds a high and worthy place. Surgery wisely and honestly administered is perhaps the most beneficent thing known to human kind. These facts make such abuses the more sacrilegious. Reform of professional abuses, to be effective, must come from within the profession. What are the doctors with clean hands going to do about it?

A Baltimore woman willed \$50,000 to her son in trust until he's 60. It doesn't take the lawyers to decide how much trust she placed in her boy.

Portal: A severe hail storm Friday night seriously damaged crops in the vicinity and broke every window facing west in this town. The storm assumed tornadic proportions before it crossed over into Canada.

VAUDEVILLE AT GRAND TODAY

Fine While It Lasts, But...



EQUITY NOTES

Several months ago, a department was created at the St. Paul office for the purpose of finding good managers for Farmers Elevator companies. Managers that would work for the farmers' interest instead of the interest of the grain combine that have been fleeing them for so many years. Many Farmers Elevators have taken advantage of this department, and have, during the past few weeks, employed many managers through this department.

C. A. Skele, a man with 15 or 16 years' experience in the grain business was placed as manager of the Farmers Elevator Co. at Finley, N. D. Valentino Orth of Sleepy Eye, Minn., was placed as manager of the new elevator company at McVillie, N. D. Frank McGrann of Greene Isle, Minn., was placed at Brantford, N. D. H. I. Kolberg of Crosby, N. D., was placed at the new elevator just east of Crosby.

M. N. Pratt was placed at Berlin, N. D. Frank Morlan at Edmore, H. C. Puderbaugh at Granna, and five or six others have been sent to Montana.

This shows that the farmers are really interested in this fight and that they are anxious to get managers that are on their side in this battle for an honest grain market. Any farmers' elevators wishing a manager or second man, should wire or write a letter to the Equity Co-Operative Exchange, and the St. Paul office will make every possible effort to secure for the elevator company, satisfactory help.

Millard R. Myers, managing editor of the American Co-Operative Journal, the mouthpiece of the Chicago board of trade, was a pleasant caller at the Exchange offices last week. Mr. Myers, like every other shrewd observer of the present trend of events, is beginning to realize that the farmers are going to market their grain co-operatively, not only at the local market, but at the terminal as well. Mr. Myers may not admit this fact, but the uprising among grain growers of the country is so general that anyone interested in the grain business can see that the terminal co-operative marketing of grain is very close at hand.

A. L. Egness, manager of the Farmers Elevator Co. at Mooreton, N. D., was a pleasant caller at the St. Paul office this week. Mr. Egness came to St. Paul with stock for the farmers adjacent to Mooreton. He reports crop conditions in that locality very poor at this time, but the Elevator Co. will be a busy one this year, as they have embarked in the co-operative shipping of live stock as well as grain.

Harris Oakland and B. C. Berwick of McVillie, N. D., were pleasant callers at the St. Paul office this week. They came in search of a manager for their Elevator company and also in search of grain cleaning machinery to be installed in their new elevator. In both missions they were successful and were very much surprised to find that the St. Paul market had grown to the proportions that it has.

A. D. Thompson, one of the large export buyers at Duluth, Minn., and Superior, Wis., was transacting business at St. Paul last Friday.

The new season on the St. Paul grain market has already started. Several bills of lading have been received for cars of this year's crop.

L. H. Brochman, general manager of the District Clearing House at Parkers Prairie, Minn., and A. H. Grothen, a member of the national board of directors of the Farmers' So-



GEROME & SILVESTER, Acrobats and Contortionists at Grand Today.—Adv.

cety of Equity stopped off in St. Paul on their road home from a meeting of the national board of directors of the Farmers' Society of Equity at Ogden, Utah. Both Mr. Grothen and Mr. Brochman were very much interested in finding out about the organization of the Equity Co-Operative Exchange and the business that it is transacting. Both expect to return to St. Paul on December 5, 6 and 7, and attend the national convention and celebration, at which time the new Equity Terminal elevator will be dedicated.

During the past, the salesmen for the Equity Co-Operative Exchange have been able to sell all the grain received with little or no effort, but the large volume of grain that they are expecting this winter and even the large volume that they are receiving at the present time have caused them to send a traveling representative east, to call on the various mills that are buying grain produced by northwestern farmers. Mr. Walter Carstensen, an experienced mill man that has been accustomed to buying grain for flour mills is the new employee. Mr. Carstensen has gone east on his first trip.

During the past two or three weeks there have been many more buyers for oats and barley on the St. Paul market than the salesmen for the Exchange have been able to supply. Many matters leaving standing orders for grain and request having a privilege to bid on every car of barley that is offered. Many of the country buyers for oats have also requested that they be given a chance to bid on every car of good feed oats offered on the market.

Thomas Raleigh, state organizer of the American Society of Equity spent Tuesday of this week in the St. Paul office. Mr. Raleigh is enroute to South Dakota points and stopped off for the day to study very carefully the recent developments in the St. Paul market, that he might be able to give the farmers of South Dakota the very latest news from their own grain market.

The annual meeting of the St. Paul Grain Exchange was held in the office of the secretary, B. J. Loague, on Monday afternoon, August 7th. The members of the organization were

Minneapolis to St. Paul, the directors of the St. Paul Grain Exchange are quite sure that it is only a question of time until the Minneapolis millers will have buyers on the St. Paul market. Whenever that time comes the farmers will begin to have something to say about the price of their grain. The present officers of the Grain Exchange are R. D. Munn, president; Clarence C. Gray, vice president, and B. J. Loague, secretary.

JUST IN FUN

OVERWORKED. Waiter—A steak, as usual, sir? Patron—No, I'm tired tonight. bring me some hash.—Judge.

GOT IT. Teacher: Now, children, what was the cause of the decline of all of the Roman Empire? Bright boy: I know. It was due to too much militarism on the part of outsiders.—Puck.

LET HIM GO. "I hope my husband won't drink while I'm gone." "You are foolish. When I came home last summer my husband had accumulated enough old bottles to pay for my fall outfit."

NOT HER SPANKER. Little Dorothy had been left in her aunt's care. She celebrated her release from parental control by doing everything she was not permitted to do at home. At last her aunt threatened corporal punishment. Dorothy looked at her indignantly and said, "You're not my spanker."

SAFETY FIRST. His parents had always had trouble in inducing little David to eat. One day he was given a plate of tomato soup, and his mother asked him if he liked it. "No," he said, "I don't like it." "Then why do you eat it?" "Oh," answered David, remembering past scenes, "I ain't lookin' for trouble."—Argonaut.

HOW HUSBAND TOOK IT. The wife of a Chicago man returned home one afternoon from quite an extended visit in a neighboring city. Among the first questions put by her to her maid was: "Have you noticed that my husband missed me—very much when I was away, Elsie?" "Well," said Elsie, "I didn't notice it so much at first, but yesterday he seemed to be in despair."

DUES ENFORCED. "I canna get over it," a Scotch farmer remarked to his wife. "I put a two-shillin' piece in the plate at the kirk this morning instead of ma usual penny." The beadle had noticed the mistake, and in silence he allowed the farmer to miss the plate for 23 consecutive Sundays.

On the twenty-fourth Sunday the farmer again ignored the plate, but the old beadle stretched the ladle in front of him and, in a loud, tragic whisper, hoarsely said: "Your time's up now, Sandy."

TOO SLOW. A Philadelphian was in New York for the first time, determined to see the sights and test every novelty.

The sign, "Snail Soup," outside a Broadway restaurant caught his eye; he entered. "What's this snail soup?" he queried. "Have you really got it?" "Sure." The waitress questioned him with her eyes.

"I'll take a chance on a plate," he ordered. He ate with gusto—down to the last morsel—and smacked his lips over the new luxury. "Is it really snail soup?" he asked. "Made from snails?"

The waitress nodded. "Didn't you ever eat it before?" "Never heard of it." She glanced at him pityingly. "Where are you from, anyway?"

"Philadelphia—the city of brotherly love, Liberty Bell and John Wanamaker."

"Don't you have snails there?" "Certainly we do," he replied, reaching for his hat. "We do—but we can't catch them."—Everybody's.

WITH THE MOVIES

BISMARCK

Henry B. Walthall, Essaney's leading man, had not been long in photography before he won for himself the appellation of "the Poe of the screen." His naturally emotional temperament, coupled with his remarkable likeness to the famous poet, were the factors which gained this distinction for him.

And no one but Mr. Walthall, therefore, could be expected successfully to portray the leading part in a photoplay whose leading character is Edgar Allan Poe, moody poet of the early nineteenth century, whose life was a tragedy to the end.

So it came about that when Essaney decided to picture "The Raven," from the romance of Poe by George C. Hazelton, based on the poet's famous verses under that title, Mr. Walthall naturally was selected for the leading role.

At the Bismarck theater tomorrow only.

ORPHEUM

"The Snowbird," a strong six-part Metro wonderplay with Mabel Taliferro in the stellar role, and featuring Edwin Carewe, will be shown here at the Orpheum theater, matinee and tonight only. A majority of the scenes in this production are laid in the picturesque Hudson Bay district in Canada, where the company worked in snow covered mountain trails and in a French-Canadian settlement. The supporting company includes James Cruze, Walter Hitchcock, Arthur Evers, John Melody, Warren Cook and Kitty Stevens.

As a director Edwin Carewe is in a class with such as D. W. Griffith and Thomas Ince. If you wish to see a photoplay that is full of thrills and first-class acting, then see "The Snowbird," matinee and tonight, with no advance in prices. You see the best pictures produced at the Orpheum theater for 10 and 15 cents, why pay more. Remember, the matinee starts at 3:30 and the admission is 5 cents for children and 15 cents for adults.

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ANNUAL MEETING.

The Capital City Milling Company of St. Paul, Minn., held their first annual stockholders meeting on Monday, July 7. Mr. J. J. McLane of the temporary board of directors, resigned, and Luther Danz of Benson, Minn., was elected to fill the vacancy. The officers of the company now are W. E. Coles, Jr., president and treasurer; T. K. Coles, vice president, and C. A. Serum, secretary, with Luther Danz and Gilford K. Robertson as directors. The mill on South Robert street is fast nearing completion and will be turning out flour before the close of this month. The company has leased office rooms at 512 Pioneer Bldg., and will make this their headquarters. They have recently purchased additional property on South Robert street and are erecting a warehouse 96 by 150. They will maintain a grain department that will represent eastern millers on the St. Paul market and will be large buyers of grain direct from the farmers' own selling agency, the Equity Co-Operative Exchange. "St. Paul Queen" will be their leading brand of flour.

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The contract was awarded Saturday for a new school building for Halliday, to cost in the neighborhood of \$20,000. It will be completed in 90 days, fully equipped with gymnasium and all modern conveniences. The Mandan Construction company will do the work. This will be one of the finest buildings on the north line and will compare favorably with Halliday's beautiful and much talked about auditorium.

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Advertisement for 'The Spoilers' at the Auditorium. Last Time Tonight. The New 12-Reel Picturization of Rex Beach's Wonderful Story. Tuesday Aug. 15th. Kathlyn Williams and Wm. Farnum. Auditorium. Admission: Lower Floor 50c, Balcony 25c. 12 ACTS. ONE PERFORMANCE ONLY. 12 ACTS. At 8:15 Sharp.