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LOCAL WEATHER BULLETIN. For the 24 hours ending at 12 noon, December 11, 1916:

Temperature at 7 a. m. 5. Temperature at 4 p. m. 10. Lowest this forenoon 4. Highest yesterday 14.

Forecast: For North Dakota: Partly cloudy tonight and Tuesday; continued cold.

SHOP EARLY.

This is the last call to Christmas shoppers. Help the clerks and shop early—this week.

OUR LITTLE GROUCHES.

We all love heroes. There is enough of the poet and the actor in the average man, there is enough imagination, to enable him to put up a fair imitation of a hero whenever the opportunity offers.

There's the getting-up grouch. Its causes are many, the cure is the same for all. It can be had before we leave our rooms—just a little deep breathing before the open window, or a cold plunge, will do the work.

There's the grouch over our clothes—which are never quite good enough. We can never cure this by buying more. If a woman can afford a chin-chilla coat at \$4,500 she covets a shawl cape at \$20,000.

There's the office grouch—which consists in trying to go opposite to the course of business events. Just-average human perversity kills harmony and co-operation in many an organization.

Every morning we seize afresh up on all of our little pet grouches as if they were novelties belonging to each one exclusively, and not ancient embarrassments which we should have discarded yesterday. And perhaps we cannot cure ourselves altogether of the habit of getting grouchy about something.

GOOD SAMARITAN.

When the history of the great war is written, Switzerland will be recognized as the good Samaritan among the nations. When the war broke, Switzerland's chief source of income, the foreign traveler, was cut off.

loaded with the wounded, who, under the care of the Swiss medical men, are being returned to their native countries. Interned civilians of other countries are also exchanged.

The war prisoners' postoffice is conducted without postage. If the mail had been stamped in the usual way it would have netted the government nearly \$2,000,000 in 1915.

In Swiss hotels and sanatoriums, tubercular soldiers of all the warring nations receive treatment, under guard of Swiss troops, the cost of keeping them being partially paid by their respective governments.

Club houses with reading, writing and work rooms are conducted by committees of women. Laundries where clothing is washed and mended are also women's particular charity.

Hundreds of refugee Belgian and Serbian children have been adopted by Swiss families.

Recently the Swiss political department has arranged to provide able-bodied men with employment which will not interfere with the native working man.

In this connection it is necessary to add that the idea of the Red Cross originated with a citizen of Geneva, and that the first international organization to deal with the subject met in that city.

Whoever has the Christmas spirit in his heart will keep his holiday the better for giving a little appreciative thought to the mission of Switzerland in the great war.

READERS' COLUMN

Rochester, N. Y., Dec. 7, 1916. Editor Bismarck Tribune, Bismarck, N. D.

Dear Sir: After the war—what? Most likely a defensive alliance for all the European states will be the outcome of this last great war among them.

As far as the present experience of Europe is, it has probably hastened by hundreds of years the universal acknowledgment and adoption of the principle that right, not might, is the best law for the welfare of nations.

Then why prolong (two and one-third years) an unnecessary and useless conflict, that can only result in the exhaustion of these self-same Powers and the century-long misery of Europe? If a new Hague conference were to sit continuously until the peoples of these countries compelled their rulers to submit their differences to its decisions, peace might come sooner than anyone would imagine.

Yours very truly, F. L. FISHBAUGH.

SMALLER HEADS

ONE REASON FOR HIGH COST (Continued from Page One)

they merely falling by the wayside because they are struggling with some adverse conditions beyond their own control?

In attempting to answer these inquiries and thus to get to the root of the matter, we find an immediate advantage in this fact namely that these producers of meat animals have been vocal, have voiced their sentiments specifically as a producing group.

And they have just recently gone even to such length as to ask the United States government to probe the entire intricate process of meat supplying, that at last the public may know something definite about the whole shrouded game!

This on the surface at least, would seem to infer that this group is not in very strongly on the "velvet" that somebody probably is getting from that much-mooted "high" in the high-cost-of-living. This fact, of course, may prove one or more of several things: either that the producers are not thoroughly efficient in their business; or they don't know how to be; or that they can't be through certain pressures exerted upon them; or finally that they are efficient in their own special department, but that it does them no good because of other controlling factors they must come into contact with.

At the start of all we know positively is that the number of meat animals in this country (except swine) is decreasing at an alarming rate, while the price of meat is going up at the same kind of a rate; and that the producers of cattle, especially the feeders, are very dissatisfied with their lot.

Another Patient!



Table titled 'HOW MUCH IT COSTS TO PRODUCE A 3-YEAR-OLD STEER FOR THE FEED-YARD.' with columns for item and cost.

CARL MAIER CASE PRESENTS MYSTERY

Exhumation of Remains and Inquest Latest Development in Tragedy. Brother Receives Letter Asking Blackmail Money. Efforts Now Being Made To Apprehend Writer of Threatening Missive.

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er, another brother of the deceased, in offering a reward of \$300 for the arrest and conviction of the murderer or murderers. Investigation Through. The investigation has been in progress since November 17; it has been very thorough, but to date it has revealed little in the way of actual evidence which did not become known immediately following the tragedy.

JUDGES ELECT MUST WAIT TILL FIRST OF YEAR

(Continued from page one) seeking a responsibility of the very gravest character has been thrust upon us. It is with the greatest reluctance that we have undertaken to discharge it. Regardless of possible embarrassment to ourselves, we feel it imperative to prevent, if possible, a recurrence of incidents such as have characterized and made necessary this proceeding, both to maintain the dignity and prestige of this court, and to preserve the welfare and good name of this state.

WHERE SUICIDE THEORY FITS.

"If it had been possible for Carl to have shot himself," reports the Burns man, "the suicide would have fitted her very nicely."

DISCOVERED BY BROTHER.

Carl Maier was discovered by his brother, John Maier, lying on the ground, near the road, between the Maier place and Beulah, upon John Maier's return from town November 3. The latter called to his brother several times, and upon not receiving a reply is said to have driven back to town, where he called a doctor. The latter, Dr. Newkamp, found Carl Maier lying on his face with his rifle beside him, and one empty cartridge on the ground. There were two bullet holes in Maier's chest and the indications were that the rifle had been pressed against his body when it was discharged. The doctor's examination revealed the fact that Maier had been shot once under the left arm and again in the chest, at the spot where the first bullet came out.

GETS BLACKMAIL LETTER.

A recently added feature of the case is a letter received by John Maier, postmarked at Zap on November 28, advising him to put \$300 on a certain telephone post two miles east of Beulah on December 5, or something would happen. This letter is now in possession of Deputy Sheriff Grant, and John Maier is making every effort to trace the writer. The letter was evidently an illiterate person, and the affair is considered a very bunglesome attempt at blackmail.

The letter reads: "Dear Sir, John I will drop you a few lines. You shot your brother Carl. I signed it, and if you will give me \$300 I will cease still. You put the money on the telephone post two miles north from Beulah. Just first post west from corner on the school house about December 5. Be quick or I do som ting."

A well known Beulah character is suspected of having written this letter and will be taken into the toils when the proper time comes. Orders for Arrest. John F. Albers, a brother-in-law of the deceased, has sent circulars broadcast ordering the arrest of the two men who were seen in the vicinity of the Maier place the day of the tragedy. When last seen they were mounted on a bay and a black horse and were accompanied by a black dog with a white ring about its neck.

URNS THUMBS DOWN ON GRAND INAUGURAL BALL

Sentence Passed This Morning on Time-Honored Event in State Affairs at Capital City.

DEATH KNELL SOUNDED BY FRAZIER NOW IN CHICAGO

Hopes Held That He Would Not Abandon This Brilliant Social Affair Also Pass.

The inaugural ball is doomed. Its death was officially proclaimed when the governor-elect of the commonwealth of North Dakota turned his thumbs down.

Word to this effect has been received on previous occasions, but it was believed Governor-elect Lynn J. Frazier would change his opinion and that the brilliant event for the smart set would be saved.

"I have always felt and now feel that I am expressing the feelings of most of the people of Bismarck, that some kind of reception is due the incoming state officers. We do not want to delay legislation and can arrange to have the reception and the ball in the armory building some evening, shortly after the oaths of office have been taken," added the commissioner.

"Your message at hand, I am not in favor of having an inaugural ball." "That was the official word sent to R. L. Best, one of the city commissioners, who had wired the governor, stating: "I have always felt and now feel that I am expressing the feelings of most of the people of Bismarck, that some kind of reception is due the incoming state officers."

COURT MUDDLE HOLDS UP QUALIFICATION OF NEW-MADE BARRISTERS

Successful Candidates Cannot Be Admitted Until Question Is Settled.

Today's decision in the supreme court controversy brings joy to the hearts of the barristers-to-be, candidates who were successful in passing the state bar examinations held in Fargo last week, but who could not be sworn in until the status of the North Dakota supreme bench, which does the swearing, was established.

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WHEAT FALLS OFF AFTER SHARP RISE

Free Offerings Cause Decline—Corn Flattens Out on Easy Sales.

Chicago, Dec. 11.—Wheat fell off today after a sharply higher opening. Buying was good at the start, but free offerings soon caused a decline at noon.

Prices today were below Saturday's close. December was way down, two below today's opening, at 165; May, down 2 1/4, at 175 1/4; July, 153 1/4, down 1 1/4.

Corn Flattens Out. Corn opened higher, but flattened out on liberal selling, going about one below Saturday's closing. December was down 1 1/4 from the opening, at 90 1/4; May was down 1 1/2 to 32 1/2; July down 1 1/4, at 92 1/2.

Oats were weak. December was unchanged at 52 1/4; May, down 1/4, at 56 1/4; July, down 1/4, at 53 1/4. Provisions were lower.

GRAIN MARKETS

Table of grain market prices for Minneapolis and Duluth, listing various grades of wheat, corn, and oats with their respective prices.

STOCK MARKET IS IN UPWARD TREND

Steel, Coppers and Rails Lead in Advance Movement—War Rumors Hurt. New York, Dec. 11.—The stock market started upward with moderate opening gains today after a week of nervousness and unsettled trading.

CATTLE MARKETS

Chicago, Dec. 11.—Hogs closed active and 50 to 100 cents higher today, with the top at \$10.20. Estimated for tomorrow, 42,000.

UNION STOCK YARDS.

HOGS—Receipts 62,000; strong; mixed and butchers \$9.30@10.05; good heavy \$9.50@9.95; rough heavy \$8.45@8.60; light \$8.90@9.35; pigs \$6.75@8.75.

CATTLE—Receipts 28,000; market, \$7.00@12.00; beefs \$3.85@10.20; hogs \$3.85@10.20; cows and heifers \$4.80@7.85; stockers and feeders \$7.85@9.30; Texans \$9.50@13.25.

SHEEP—Receipts 22,000; market, steady; natives \$8.50@9.00; western \$8.60@9.50; lambs, natives \$10.25@13.00; western \$10.50@13.00.

GERMANY REPLIES.

Berlin, Dec. 11.—Germany delivered to Joseph Grew, secretary of the American embassy, the reply to the United States' inquiry regarding the sinking of the steamer Lano, and he will give Germany's United States' inquiry on the sinking of Norwegian