



BRIGHT

The best disinfectant of all is sunlight. It destroys by its very brightness all sorts of germs and at the same time helps the growth of plants and animal life. Doubtless all have noticed that mould grows during the night and in dark, damp cellars. Bright sunlight quickly destroys germs, mould or other organisms. That is why it is best to let the sunlight into your houses for its purifying influence.

At the Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute, Buffalo, N. Y., Dr. Pierce, chief consulting surgeon, started experiments, some three years ago, with the Finson light in conjunction with the X-ray in the treatment of diseases. He got excellent results therefrom, and was among the first to adapt this remarkable cure to many cases which it was formerly supposed must of necessity be treated by the knife.

Not only is Dr. R. V. Pierce notable for his surgical achievements at his hospital in Buffalo, but nearly a third of a century ago he discovered certain roots and herbs which were nature's remedies, and succeeded in putting them up in a form that would be easily procured and ready to use. This he called Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. It maintains the patient's nutrition by enabling him to eat, retain, digest and assimilate nutritious food. It overcomes gastric irritability and symptoms of indigestion, and in this way cures, night sweats, headaches, etc., are done away with. It fortifies the body against the germs of consumption, grip and malaria, it builds up the tissues and puts on healthy flesh.

Those desiring to know something about the body in health and disease, also medicine and surgery, without technicalities, should read the "Common Sense Medical Adviser," which can be had for 25 cents in one-cent stamps for the cloth-bound book. Address Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y.

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TERMS.

THE DAILY ALERT is delivered in the city by carriers, at 50 cents a month.

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The Chicago Record Herald calls attention to the fact that 22 legislatures have passed resolutions favoring a revision of the national constitution. Two thirds of the states or 30 in number must unite in a demand on congress to act before it can be done, and the movement is said to be growing. The object is to get the narrow limitations that the founders of the republic, in some respects, placed on the country by the famous constitution, which, when adopted was the most liberal and far sighted agreement of a people for their present needs and future development that the liberty loving instinct of a free nation ever devised. The constitution needs amendment in some particulars to conform to the unexampled growth, and unforeseen conditions that developed in the nation of many races now so cleverly compacted into one—the American. The old constitutional safe guards should be retained but new powers for the future growth of the nation should be added. The same restrictions could be well removed from some of the new states in the west whose constitutions hamper free and full development of all interests.

The Valley City Times-Record notes a dismissal of certain liquor cases from Sanborn and Rogers, in Barnes county at a recent term of court and calls attention to the defect in the method of handling such cases. The complaining witnesses, in five of the cases, says the Times-Record were so called spotters, presumed to be hired by the enforcement league. They gave their evidence at the preliminary examination, but when the trial of the cases came on, the spotters could not be found. It is suggested that in such cases in the future such men be put under bonds for their appearance. This method of putting such a class of witnesses under bonds would be a good move in all cases where men without character, and for the hope of reward, act as complaining witnesses in the enforcement of the prohibition law. The counties where such men operate might be saved considerable expense often times, if such were done.

It is said that a number of the state senators of the next legislature expressed their opinion that North Dakota should not act hastily in the matter of the primary election law. That it is a double election, in fact, and the expense and complications of the present election law are already considerable. Minnesota has a primary law in force, that seems to fail to give the good result pro-claimed for it. Wisconsin has just adopted a primary election law, supported by Gov. LaFollette. It is yet an untried proposition, and the experience of older states in this matter is worth something for North Dakota to consider before branching out on experimental legislation of its own.

The Washburn Leader gives some inside history of the Washburn road

deal. The paper says that Gen. Washburn was promised large sums as subscription to the building of the road and for terminals at Bismarck, but got only \$912.50 and paid out between \$7,000 and \$1,700 for terminals he was promised free, also that a jury recently gave lawyers engaged in condemnation suits a verdict of \$1,100 for fees against the road. The future history of the state may need the item says the Leader, which also points out another interesting condition on the slope, the disappearance of cotton tail rabbits along the Missouri river from an epidemic.

The Supreme Court has reversed a decision of interest to consumers of gasoline and kerosene oil, as well as to the sellers of the same. The case came up from Minot, and was that of Morrison vs. Lee, a suit brought by a consumer against a merchant upon the claim that the latter had sold a mixture of gasoline and kerosene, for kerosene, and that the same exploded and injured the plaintiff, who obtained a verdict in the district court for \$4750 damages. An appeal was taken and the decision reversed, a new trial being granted.

It has been frequently said that the man who runs a threshing machine gets hold of something that is loaded, and generally gets the worst of the deal. An incident in Wells county seems to bear out this theory, as A. H. Peterson of Bowdon, who ran a threshing rig and was harassed by creditors, committed suicide by shooting himself through the heart. He died instantly, and his troubles were over.

The pension roll of the United States now exceeds one million of persons, the number being 1,000,781. It is thought the maximum has been reached. There has been a corresponding increase in the payments, but it is given out that the expenses of running the bureau are to be curtailed, and that in the near future some five hundred clerks may be despatched with.

The Ellendale Leader talks about a score of new residences and brick blocks for 1905. A good deal has already been done the past year but the next will show a greater activity. The prices of farm lands are steady and new people are coming to Dickey county where once the principal industry was mortgage foreclosure.

Gov. Van Sant gets into the senatorial game in Minnesota as a candidate for the United States senate, basing his claims on his opposition to the merger. It looks as if the governor's efforts in the opposition line were not entirely of an eleemosynary nature.

WILL BE SENT FREE.

The Farmer's Institute Annual published by the state agricultural college this year is full of matter of special interest to everyone doing farming in the state. The annual was compiled by Prof. Kaufman who has charge of its distribution and many copies have been distributed at the meeting of the grain growers and at Institutes to save postage. The proceedings of the tri-state grain growers convention, which will be held in Fargo, Jan. 17-20, will also be published in the next annual of 1905. A copy of this book should be in the hands of every farmer in the state and every farmer who has not been able to obtain a copy can do so by sending his name and address, to the college at Fargo, with six cents for postage when a copy of the annual will be sent in return free of any additional cost.

POULTRY AND DRESSED BEEF.

A LaMoure paper notes a shipment of a carload of turkeys and dressed beef, by an enterprising firm of LaMoure, the shipment being made to Duluth. There were over three tons of turkeys in the lot, and about eight tons of dressed beef. The firm advertised for poultry for delivery at a future time, and secured a great many hundred pounds of turkeys, chickens, ducks and geese. The pay for which went to the farmers of the county and came in alright for Xmas.

North Dakota is a natural poultry state, and as poultry is always a luxury in the eastern states, thousands of families scarcely being able to get it, it would seem to be an industry of an infant nature that needs cultivating in North Dakota.

VERY LOW EXCURSION RATES FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

On all points on the Nickel Plate Road between Chicago and Buffalo. Excursion tickets on sale December 24th, 25th, 26th and 27th, 1904, and January 1st and 2nd, 1905, good returning January 4th, 1905. Three through express trains daily. No excess fare charged on any train. Also lowest rates and shortest line to Cleveland, Buffalo, New York, Boston, and all eastern points. Modern sleeping and dining cars. Individual Club meals, ranging in price from 35c to \$1, served in Nickel Plate dining cars; also service a la carte. All trains leave from La Salle St. Station Chicago. City ticket office Chicago, Ill., 111 Adams St. and Auditorium Annex. For further particulars address John Y. Callahan, General Agent, 115 Adams St., Room 216.

\$40 TO ONTARIO AND QUEBEC AND RETURN.

Via Soo Line November 28th to December 31st. Tickets will also be sold to points in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia at slight additional cost. Return limit three months from date of sale. Stop overs allowed in Canada. Apply to nearest Soo Line Agent for further particulars or write W. R. Callaway, G. P. A., Minneapolis, Minn.

SNOW STORM

HEAVY SNOW FALL AND HIGH WIND WITH SHARP COLD SNAP—TRAINS LATE.

The first real evidence of winter began Friday night with a slight snow fall which continued Saturday, all day Sunday and most of Sunday night. The snow was followed by a high wind and the lowest temperature of the year, the mercury reaching 20 below this morning. The wind continued getting stronger and hurling the light dry snow along at a great rate; filling cuts on the railroad and making high drifts in the streets.

There was no business done yesterday and little today. People contenting themselves by staying indoors near fires to enjoy themselves despite the disturbance of the wintry elements. It is already a three days blow.

On the railroad all passenger trains were moved over this division but all were more or less behind time. The Russell snow plow went north to clear cuts on the Edmunds and northern branches. The regular engines on the main line were able to move trains without the assistance of plows, but the continued wind may require the services of the plows at any time to clear the track. The cold weather and drifting snow makes all trains hard to move and even good switch engines had difficulty in getting through the frozen snow.

The storm was severe all over the state, and appeared to be the worst in the Red river valley. At Casselton at 1 p. m. the force of the wind had increased to blizzard proportions and it was difficult to see fifty feet ahead.

DAIRY MEETING JAN. 18-19.

E. E. Kaufman of the state Dairymen's association, writes that the dairy convention to be held at Fargo, Jan. 18 and 19, will be attended by some prominent speakers, and he trusts that all farmers interested in modern dairying will attend and enjoy the benefits of a large association meeting. Contributions to the premium fund for the butter exhibit have been received, from the Laval Separator Co., \$15.00; J. B. Ford Co., \$10.00; Creamery Package Mfg. Co., \$10.00; Vermont Farm Machine Co., \$10.00; Diamond Crystal Salt Co., \$5.00 Total, \$55.00.

The rules governing the butter exhibit will be published in all the dairy papers as well as the state papers the first week in January.

North Dakota buttermakers are all urged to get their 20-pound tubs ready and make arrangements to attend the convention. Remember one-fare rate for the round trip has been made by all the railroads in the state.

ELECTION CONTEST

Chas. S. Roberts of Kidder county is contesting the election of Geo. D. Bope, for the office of county auditor, and a nice point in law is raised for the possible decision of the supreme court. Attorneys Knauf and Ellis worth of this city were in Steele yesterday, taking testimony in the case for their clients. The majority of the votes returned for Bope was 25. Roberts claims that enough stickers containing the list of names of candidates on the individual nomination ticket, were pasted over the names of candidates of the republican ticket to change the result in this case. The plaintiff in this case by Attorney Knauf, contends that this is against the spirit of the election law. The case will be sharply contested on both sides.

GOES TO CALIFORNIA

C. M. Lovett and daughter, Josephine, left Saturday for San Luis, Cal., where they will spend the winter and where they expect to remain. California is Mr. Lovett's old home, having resided there some 16 years before coming to north Dakota. Other members of his family have preceded him and Schiller and a daughter now in Grand Forks expect to follow next fall, taking in the exposition at Portland enroute.

Mr. Lovett is one of the old settlers of the county, coming to Pingree in 1881 and on account of advancing age and less robust health, he has decided to remove to his old home. The family leave numerous warm friends to regret their departure from Stutsman county.

Passengers to New York, Boston, New England and all eastern points will find it to their advantage to ascertain rates applying over the Nickel Plate road and its eastern connections. Three daily trains on which there is no excess fare charged. One special feature of the service is meals in dining cars, on American club plan. Pay for what you get, but in no case over 35c to \$1.00 per meal; also service a la carte and mid-day luncheon, 50c. Folders, rates and all information cheerfully furnished by applying to John Y. Callahan, general agent, Chicago, Ill., room 298, N. C. 113 Adams St. Chicago depot, La Salle and Van Buren sts.

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MISS ALMA LILLIA.

Miss Alma Lillia, 506 18th St., Rock Island, Ill., says:

"I am a firm friend to Peruna, for it cured me in two days of a cough which had been annoying me for three weeks, and which had developed a serious catarrhal affection of the throat and lungs. I had a number of colds during the year, and each left me with a little more catarrh; then this bad cough was the worst. I took cough medicines until I sickened at the sight of them. But Peruna cured me up in such quick time that I am its firm friend. Four weeks' constant use of it got the catarrh entirely out of my system. It deserves all the praise bestowed upon it."—Alma Lillia.

treatment that is ineffectual, and the cold continues.

Then they catch another cold and begin to cough. Then they take cough syrups, but they do no good.

By and by they get tired of taking medicine and give up in despair.

Their cold continues and their cough grows worse. Then they apply to a doctor, only to discover that they are in the first stages of consumption.

Nine cases of consumption out of ten occur in this way:

A person catches a cold. The cold is not properly cured, and they quickly catch another one. This cold is dilly-dallied with by no treatment, or some

APPLIED FOR HABEAS CORPUS.

A attorney Maddux of New Rockford, returned from Bismarck today, where he went to apply for a writ of habeas corpus, in the case of James Van Kurren, who is charged with grand larceny in Eddy county in the matter of stealing wheat. The case came up at the term of the district court, and the prisoner pleaded not guilty, but the trial was not held during the term, and the prisoner was remanded back to jail. Unless the supreme court interferes, he will have to remain some six months before another trial.

INAUGURAL BALL MUSIC.

At the inaugural ball at Bismarck the music committee engaged the Rupert orchestra at Fargo, and the Capital City orchestra of Bismarck. Both orchestras will render concert programs and will play during the dance. Rupert's orchestra will play the program number and the Capital City orchestra will play the extras and during the luncheon hour, so that there will be no intermission in the dancing.

LEGISLATIVE HUSBANDRY.

The restaurant privileges at the capitol this winter have been given to John Homan of Bismarck by the capitol board and with the new kitchen, dining rooms and all accessories, the members are to have better accommodations than heretofore in the eating line. "The good old days" when a bar was also a part of the restaurant privileges to the North Dakota capitol, have gone forever.

CONTEST NOTICE.

Department of the Interior, United States Land Office, Fargo, N. D., November 26, 1904. A student contest affidavit having been filed in this office by Garrison Beckwith on June 24, 1904, contestant, against homestead entry No. 2500, made May 8, 1902, by Wilhelmine Reich, for the northeast quarter section 20, township 187, N. range 66, W. 5th, P. M., in which it is alleged that said Wilhelmine Reich, contestant, has wholly abandoned said tract; that she has changed her residence therefrom for more than six months since making said entry; that said tract is not settled upon or cultivated by said contestant as required by law; that she has not established her residence on said tract since making said entry; and that the doctrine of adverse possession is not due to her service in the army or navy of the United States in time of war; and a notice of contest to appear, respond and offer evidence on the above allegations having been issued by this office on the 8th day of July, 1904, and as it now appears by affidavit of Garrison Beckwith, filed this day, that the said Wilhelmine Reich is now deceased, her decease having taken place on or about the 4th day of November, 1904, after due service of said notice of contest dated July 28th, 1904, was had upon her of this action, and as the contestant alleges that the deceased entrywoman has heirs upon whom it is desired to serve notice of this action and make them a party thereto; and as by the showing made by said contestant it appears that only one of said heirs is residing in the United States of America, it is hereby ordered that the heirs of Wilhelmine Reich, deceased, be made parties to this action and that personal service of this notice be made on the resident heir, Gottfried Reich, and that notice by publication for a period of thirty days in the Jamestown Aert be had on all of the non-resident heirs, who are alleged to be resident in Russia. Said parties are hereby notified to appear, respond and offer evidence touching said allegations at 10 o'clock a. m. January 14th, 1905, before Dorman Baldwin, Jr., a notary public in and for the county of Stutsman, N. D., at his office in Jamestown, N. D., and that final hearing will be held at 10 o'clock a. m. on January 20, 1905, before the register and receiver of this office in Fargo, N. D.

CATTLE RUSTLEIS.

A Windsor correspondent writes: While Will Goodroad and Fred Skinner were driving home Tuesday evening they noticed two men on horseback with a number of cattle at one of their haystacks. They drove towards the stack and the two men fled as fast as their horses could go. This looks as though some one was stealing cattle. The cattle are still in this vicinity.

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Miss Lillia, of Illinois, started out exactly in this way. Fortunately, she took a course of Peruna before it was too late. She had caught several colds, then a cough developed. She took all sorts of cough medicines, until, as she puts it, "I sickened at the sight of them." In four weeks Peruna had cured her of her catarrh and her system was entirely rid of it.

This is what Peruna is doing all the while. Not a day, and probably not an hour, passes but some one has a similar experience with Peruna.

The first step toward consumption is catching cold. The next step is a failure to cure it promptly. The third step is the development of catarrh, which gradually becomes chronic. The fourth step, the catarrh begins to spread from the head to the throat. The fifth step, the catarrh spreads to the bronchial tubes and lungs. It then becomes consumption in its first stage.

At any time during the progress of the catarrh, from the first onset of the cold to its final settlement in the lungs, Peruna can be relied upon to stop the disease. It cures entirely. Even after consumption has become thoroughly developed, many cases have found in Peruna a permanent cure. After they have been given up by physicians to die of consumption Peruna has cured them.

We have hundreds of testimonials that declare these facts in the most enthusiastic language.

U. S. Senator John M. Thurston, from Nebraska, writes the following letter from Washington, D. C., under date of April 6, 1901:

"I have used Peruna at various times during the past year or two with most satisfactory results.

"I am entirely relieved from an irritating cough, the result of excessive effort in the Presidential campaign, and I am a firm believer in its efficacy in any such trouble."—Jno. M. Thurston.

To take quieting medicines to stop a cough is absurd and harmful. The only way to stop a cough permanently and without doing more injury than good is to cure the catarrh, which is exactly what Peruna does. It cures the catarrh of the bronchial tubes and the cough ceases.

At the slightest appearance of a cough a bottle of Peruna should be taken according to directions. One bottle in the beginning will do more than a half dozen bottles after the catarrh has fastened itself on the lungs.

If you do not derive prompt and satisfactory results from the use of Peruna, write at once to Dr. Hartman, giving a full statement of your case, and he will be pleased to give you his valuable advice gratis.

Address Dr. Hartman, President of The Hartman Sanitarium, Columbus, O.

THE LAST LEAF is torn from the Calendar, and we write down a new year, 1905, and we begin where we left off. But we begin right.

There will be no stop backward. Within the year our store has grown in volume and prestige and commands increased respect. In wishing you a

Happy New Year

and thanking you for our growth and prosperity, we promise better things—improvements in methods, merchandise, and store service. Our store shall be something better than a place to haul out goods and take in money. May the new year be kind, and when Time shall harvest 1905, may we all be here and able again to say

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