

North Dakota News

SHRUNKEN GRAIN GOOD FOR SEED

Germinating Qualities of this Year's Crop are Fine, According to Ladd.

Bismarck, N. D., Nov. 1.—The germinating quality of this year's shrunken wheat is splendid, Dr. E. F. Ladd, president of the agricultural college, advises Chairman W. H. Stutsman of the state railroad commission. This advice is contained in a reply to a letter written by Mr. Stutsman last week.

Stutsman Questions.
Mr. Stutsman wrote: "My attention has been called by persons interested in making experiments to the effect that the shrunken wheat of 1916 is practically as good in germinating qualities as if it had not been touched by the rust, and it has occurred to me that it would be a good thing for publicity to be given to the results of experiments of this nature, so as to reassure the farmers that they will not be forced to import their seed for next year. I suppose you have been making similar tests and can verify this statement."

"Have you made experiments by which you can determine the percentage of moisture that this shrunken grain would absorb? There has been complaint in this state that the grain buyers have docked the shrunken

wheat very heavily by reason of its light weight rather than by reason of the actual dirt in it. In other words, because of its being light, the grain runs out in the chaff, and does not hold its own and hence receives a heavier dockage than would otherwise be the case. Of course, this is not a legitimate method of dockage, but whether it could be obviated by increasing the moisture in the grain is the question that has been submitted to me, and I write you for suggestions."

Ladd Replies.
In reply, Dr. Ladd writes: "Professor Bailey informs me that if the wheat is not injured by exposure to dampness, moulds, etc., its germinating quality this year is running good, although of course weak. Where the wheat has been damaged by exposure to rains, moulds, etc., the germinating quality is poorer."

"Now with regard to the moisture content of shrunken wheat, our miller informs me that the moisture content averages from one per cent to one and one-half lower than last year for the same samples up to date. The addition of moisture, it seems to me, or increase in the per cent of moisture for wheat, would not remedy the question of dockage, concerning which you speak, because with the increase in moisture in wheat to bring it up to the standard, would mean lowering of the grade because the weight per bushel would be thereby decreased. The remedy, it seems to me, lies in a different method of determining the dockage for a year like this, when there is a great deal of shrunken wheat."

Mandan Boy Loses Foot When He Tries to Climb on Train

Mandan, N. D., Nov. 1.—Henry Wesch, 13, suffered the loss of one foot and other injuries when he tried to board a moving freight train near the Missouri river bridge.

In trying to catch the ladder on the side of a freight car, the lad lost his hold and fell beneath the wheels. His left foot was cut off at the ankle. He was picked up and hurried to a Bismarck hospital where an operation was performed.

Although this accident was serious, it is claimed by railroad officials that it is the only way the boys of the two cities can be taught the danger of boarding moving trains. It is a common practice for them to ride from one city to the other on freights.

TRUTH, THE UNPALATABLE.

"I always like to hear a man say what he thinks."

"But people who always say what they think usually think such disagreeable things."

FUGITIVE FROM STATE PRISON IS CAPTURED

Bismarck, N. D., Nov. 1.—Mack McGee, a negro lifer who escaped from the state prison here last summer is under arrest in Chicago. He has committed his identity and an officer has been sent to Chicago to bring him back.

Sheriff H. C. Nelson of Divide county probably will collect the reward, which has been offered for McGee's capture. He called up the warden and was advised that the reward still held good and he stated that he had traced the man to Chicago.

The capture of McGee leaves only two of the eight men that escaped at that time at large. William Neavala, ring leader, and Orville Rudolph are the two men yet to be located.

NEW CORPORATIONS HAVE FILED ARTICLES

Bismarck, N. D., Nov. 1.—Recent corporations which have secured charters from the secretary of state are:

Mohall Improvement company, Mohall, \$25,000; G. H. Whitford, N. Iverson, Charles Brady, J. C. Peters, William Clifford.

Kulm Farmers' Mercantile company, Kulm, \$25,000; Samuel Rabl, ovitch, William Kramlick, Daniel Rankes.

Myers Shock Loader company, Minnetonka, \$50,000; O. B. Gray, Page, Alexander Curry, Sharon, Charles C. Daugherty, Minot; Samuel J. Hillis, Berthold; Henry Cumerland, Fargo; M. M. Lafontaine, Berthold.

Northwestern Theater company, Williston, 10,000; J. Walker, McGuinness, R. L. Welliver, Kate Welliver, all of Williston.

Eckman Farmers' Telephone company, Eckman, \$25,000; Charles E. Berker, Henry J. Hehl, C. G. Faist.

Lostwood Farmers' Elevator company, Mountrail county, \$10,000; F. Neuman, J. S. Paulson, A. N. Erickson, F. E. Van Vort, Albert Hanson, D. D. Kepner, Lostwood; C. O. Hoffman, Palermo.

Granora Farmers' Elevator company, Granora, \$20,000; Peter T. Peterson, Howard, John C. Hanson, Damar, L. C. Reep, Bonetral; H. Isaacson, A. Fischer, John Peterson, Dave Johnson, all of Howard.

Dennis & Dennis, Sioux Falls, S. D., \$500,000; real estate and loans.

National Land Security company, St. Paul, \$500,000; real estate and loans.

Dakota-Montana Mortgage company, Minneapolis, Minn., \$500,000; real estate and loans.

RAGMAN OUT SMALL FORTUNE IN COINS FROM YEARS BACK

Bismarck, N. D., Nov. 1.—Because a Bismarck ragman was one day late in calling for a purchase, he is out a small fortune in old coins and money of more modern denominations, and John B. Kenyon of Mandan avenue, for the past decade elevator man at the state capitol, is ahead just \$410.

Before Mrs. Kenyon died last July she laid an earnest injunction on her husband to not discard the smallest scrap of cloth or paper found about the house after her death without first carefully scrutinizing it.

While engaged in stowing old cloths in sacks a member of the Kenyon household discovered some hard disks sewed in one strip of cloth. An investigation revealed an 1850 \$250 gold piece of San Francisco vintage, valued at \$50, an 1854 Denver gold piece of the same denomination, now worth \$12, and four other old coins, in addition to a large number of later coins. Since Mrs. Kenyon's death, \$210 has been found in coins of various denominations wrapped in old newspapers, and with this week's discovery, the total is brought up to \$410.

The old coins, whose value is established by official numismatic tables, were presented to Mrs. Kenyon by her husband twenty years ago when the latter was an employee of the Bismarck bank. They had been treasured all these years in a manner typically feminine.

MANDAN MAN ESCAPES CREMATION

Mandan, N. D., Nov. 1.—William Kinzel of the Electric Supply company had a narrow escape from cremation when his car turned a turtle, plowing him under it, and then caught fire.

Kinzel was driving near Dodge when the machine left the road and upset. The man escaped injury, although he was trapped under the car, the curtains and top being in place. He got hold of a knife and cut his way out through the top, just as the gasoline tank caught fire and exploded. A moment later the whole machine was ablaze and was completely destroyed.

CAR KILLED HIM IS JURORS DECISION

Bismarck, N. D., Nov. 1.—The coroner's jury which investigated the death of Charles E. Ferguson, who died after a fire took place following an automobile accident, decided that the man came to his death by the accidental overturning of an automobile, which crushed him.

It first was thought likely that the man had been hit such a blow in the abdomen by another occupant of the car that death resulted, but witnesses convinced the jury such was not the case.

Fargo Country Club Elects Officers For Year—Plan Club House

Fargo, N. D., Nov. 1.—E. H. Stranahan was elected president for the coming year of the Fargo Country club, at the annual meeting held at the Metropolitan hotel here. J. A. Montgomery was elected vice president and Thomas B. Hull was elected secretary-treasurer.

Plans were approved for the construction early next spring of the club house—the construction of which was delayed this year because it was found that original plans were too elaborate.

The directors for the coming year are the three officers and Frank DeCamp, N. C. Young, H. E. Magill, Maurice Kaufman and Pomeroy Smith.

DID NEW ROCKFORD SCHOOL GIRL ELOPE?

New Rockford, N. D., Nov. 1.—Martha Iverson, daughter of John Iverson of this city, and a student of the local high school, disappeared Wednesday and has not been heard of since. On the night of her disappearance she had attended a show with a girl friend and had gone to her



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room about 10 o'clock. Later her mother heard her come downstairs and go out, but thought nothing of it. When the girl did not return within a short time, the mother went to her room and found that she had taken some of her clothes with her.

An automobile was heard at the time she departed and it is supposed that she left in it. She had of late been receiving letters from some one unknown to her parents, and on Wednesday received one postmarked in this city.

Fear \$261,000,000 Loss of White Pine; Warning is Issued

Washington, Nov. 1.—Declaring that white pines valued at \$261,000,000 are threatened with destruction by the white pine blight rust, the American Forestry association today sent a warning throughout the United States and Canada.

The disease already is progressing in Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, Minnesota and in the province of Ontario and Quebec in Canada.

New York and Wisconsin have established a rigid quarantine, and some state agricultural boards have ordered that there shall be no shipment from state to state of white pine seedlings, gooseberry or currant bushes. There is no known cure for the disease.

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B. P.—Well, gimme four-more papers.

LUCKY.
Briggs—It has been my experience that at every public dinner there's always one speaker who bores everybody.

Griggs—My! How lucky you've been!

Table Showing Attendance of Students From 13 Slope Counties at the Several State Schools

	FARGO	AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE	UNIVERSITY	GRAND FORKS	MAYVILLE	INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL	ELLENDALE	NORMAL SCHOOL	MINOT	NORMAL SCHOOL	VALLEY CITY	WALHEPTON	SCHOOL OF FORESTRY	BOTTINEAU	IN ALL
McKenzie	6	2						4	1					2	15
Golden Valley	4													4	4
Bowman		1											2		3
Billings	3	1			1										6
Adams	2	1													4
Stark	10	10													24
Dunn	2	2													4
Morton	19	10				3									43
Slope											11				11
Hettinger	1											4	1		6
Mercer	1						1								4
Oliver	3														6
Sioux															
Slope Total	51	27			7	4	25	3	2	119					

What More Convincing Argument Could Be Required to Secure every vote for the Dickinson Normal School