

North Dakota News Digest

Judson—Julius Guon has been commissioned postmaster.

Kemmare—Business men have organized a booster club.

Bismarck—A state bar examination will be held December 28.

Beulah—The new Congregational church has been dedicated.

Granville—N. A. Rollag is president of the new Community club.

Minot—A Rochdale store incorporated for \$100,000 is being launched here.

Starkweather—The second annual community Christmas was a decided success.

Sterling—Backfiring of a truck ignited fumes and burned the Standard Oil station here.

Grand Forks—North and South Dakota and Minnesota Greeters meet here December 28.

Dunseith—The long-heralded motion picture machine is at last in operation in the state sanitarium here.

Maddock—Judge T. O. Gilbert, national president of the Sons of Norway lodge, lectured before the local body.

Valley City—In the first game of the season the Legion basketball quintet defeated the Fargo "Y" team 28 to 18.

Bottineau—Edward L. Vinje, prominent young farmer, committed suicide by hanging while visiting at a cousin's.

Hillsboro—Bohnsack and Greenfield school districts near here, each will get a new school building at a cost of about \$25,000.

Lisbon—The local post of the American Legion was one of the first in the state to institute the use of the new Legion ritual.

University—Kappa Phi Beta, Beta Chi, and Phi Rho Chi are three new fraternities recently granted charters at this institution.

Paulson—With the discontinuance of the postoffice here December 15, mail for this community is now going to Kermit, Divide county.

Langdon—A 62-pound badger trapped near here by William Klemisch dragged a large fallen tree several rods before it was found and taken.

Crosby—Forty thousand bushels of grain worth at least \$50,000 were saved to farmers of Divide county by the poison campaign against grasshoppers.

Burlington—The first state and federal aid road project in Ward county is finished and the road from here to Minot is now in use under county maintenance.

Agricultural College—More than three-fourths of the farmers in counties in this state having active farm bureaus will become bureau members, it is estimated.

New Salem—A Holstein cow in the herd of Dick Wilkins made a new record when she produced 364.9 pounds of milk, yielding 19.236 pounds of butter, in one week.

Williston—Six local gridiron stars, four Grafton players, and one Valley City man, constitute the all-state high school football eleven as chosen by prominent football critics.

Bismarck—Sometime in January the first institute solely for county superintendents of schools ever to be held in the state will be called here by the state superintendent, Miss Nielson.

Lakota—Vacancies exist in both West Point and Annapolis, according to Senator A. J. Gronna, and young men may file application for admittance to either institution through him.

Harvey—Fire believed to have originated in a tank heater destroyed the large barn on the Glenn Frost stock farm near here, and with it went 18 head of cattle and large stores of feed. Ten of the cattle were purebred animals.

Towner—Charges that he introduced some \$50,000 of forged paper into the First National bank here to take the place of securities to which the bank examiner had objected, have been lodged against H. H. Bergh, the cashier, who was placed under \$5,000 bond. The bank was closed.

Streeter—Postmasters recently commissioned in North Dakota by federal authorities include: George H. Rieland at this point, Reno T. Peterson at Chester, John M. Wickersham at Hereford, Allen H. White at Harmon, Fannie E. Kelly at Adrian, and Harry E. McPherson at Carson.

Jamestown—In the receivership of the Collins Safety Razor company, which sold thousands of dollars worth of stock in North Dakota, many Jamestown and North Dakota citizens will lose considerable sums of money. The company's assets are \$250,000 and the liabilities are practically the same amount.

Dickinson—This city, Mandan, and Bismarck, stand in a good way to lose their rights to national guard companies. No organization has yet been attempted and so many cities in the state are seeking guard companies that it is likely the new roster will contain many new town names, including New Rockford, Harvey, Cando and Towner.

Bismarck—A state insurance actuary is among the recommendations of Commissioner Oisness in his annual report.

Mandan—Mrs. E. G. Wheeler has returned from a tour of Europe, where she was a delegate from the United States Federated Women's clubs to the International Council of Women at Christiania, Norway. She led the community singing at the convention. The tour, Mrs. Wheeler says, revealed great unrest, especially in Italy, and showed the peasants, and especially the children, of Europe to still be under the shock of war.

Glenburn—Bonds for a \$25,000 school will be issued.

Argonne—Clifford O. Hanson is now postmaster at this point.

Devils Lake—The paving job recently completed cost \$415,483.53.

Center—The fund for the Hazel Miner memorial has reached \$800.

Sherwood—Eighteen head of tubercular cattle have been killed here.

Harvey—Farmers and business men met in joint session to discuss finances.

LaMoure—Robert Lloyd, 84, for 35 years a prominent stock buyer, is dead.

Starkweather—A Y. M. C. A. has been organized with Lorau Currie president.

Williston—Cottonwoods in this vicinity were beginning to leaf when the cold snap hit the state.

Gardner—The tender of the Oriental Limited left the track here and delayed Great Northern traffic eight hours.

Grand Forks—The North Dakota association of County Commissioners will meet here January 18-19-20.

Barney—Yeggs with nitroglycerine secured \$2,500 in cash and \$20,000 in securities in a robbery of the Bank of Barney.

Bergen—Two hundred is an average attendance at the meetings of the local farm bureau, which is accomplishing remarkable results.

Lisbon—Fire breaking out in the Cohen & Frisberg store burned that establishment and four other business houses with a loss of \$83,500.

Linton—Seventeen candidates were given the work of the Knights of Pythias when 100 members from the local and neighboring lodges met here.

Fort Yates—Two youths pleaded guilty in district court to slaughtering cattle on the ranges near here. One was remanded to the reformatory, the other was paroled.

Valley City—E. C. Hilborn has been honored with the presidency of the Northwest Nurserymen's association, comprising Wisconsin, Iowa, Minnesota, North and South Dakota.

Devils Lake—Finding by Sheriff Ed Elliott of a number of files and hacksaws in the cell of G. C. Turner in the county jail is believed to have frustrated a wholesale jail delivery.

Carrington—Charles F. Varty, now with the Independent here, learned the printers trade in England, where, at the end of a six years' apprenticeship he was getting a wage of \$250 per week.

Drake—A ten-year-old boy is plaintiff in a suit against Joseph Keller for \$10,000, alleging that he was injured when invited by Keller to ride on a hand sled behind the latter's motorcycle.

University—Gottfried Huit, professor at this institution, has acquired considerable note as a poet. His latest volume is "Outbound." A former volume winning much favor was "Reveries."

Buxton—Finding that sugar beets can be very successfully grown in the Red River valley, farmers of this vicinity have launched a movement looking toward the establishment of a sugar refinery.

Hillsboro—Climbing through the window of a downstairs bedroom, Mrs. Andrew Christiansen rescued her two-months-old baby from flames which destroyed her home. The day before the fire Mrs. Christiansen's mother died.

Bismarck—Search of the records fails to reveal that John Ford was a candidate for sheriff in any North Dakota county. The warden of the penitentiary at Joliet, Ill., wrote to this state that he had information that escaped convict No. 4321 ran for office under that name in this state.

Anamoose—Whether or not a man engaged in operating a threshing outfit is legally in the pursuit of agriculture is a technical question that may be settled for the North Dakota compensation bureau in a suit pending here. Mike Charnesky asks \$20,000 damages for the loss of an eye when the water glass of a threshing engine blew up.

Mapleton—Eleven Cass county wheat growers are \$47,500 better off than they would have been had they raised some other variety of wheat than Kubanka, according to the report of the county agricultural agent. They sowed 3,380 bushels to 2,000 acres of land and the yield was worth \$48,500 more than that of other wheats grown under exactly the same conditions.

Agricultural College—"Farm Management as Insurance in the Great Plains of North Dakota" is the subject upon which Professor Cap E. Miller will deliver a paper before the American Farm Economic association in annual convention in Washington December 30 to January 1. Professor Miller of the North Dakota college was invited by H. C. Taylor, chief of the office of farm management of the United States department of agriculture.

Valley City—Ten thousand dollars has been pledged by good roads enthusiasts of Minnesota to aid North Dakota in launching a state highway system similar to that in operation under the Babcock plan in Minnesota. I. J. Moe of this city, president of the North Dakota Good Roads association, together with three other officials of the state organization, met with Minnesota boosters in St. Paul to learn the details of starting the move.

Fargo—During the Tri-State Stock and Grain Growers convention here January 18 to 21, the following organizations will hold their annual meetings, making this one of North Dakota's biggest weeks: North Dakota Improved Seed Growers association, North Dakota Poultry association, Equity Co-operative exchange, Equity Co-operative Packing company, North Dakota Potato Growers exchange, and the Association of Farm Managers. The Fargo Manufacturers association also will put on their annual home products show at this time. An attractive premium list is announced

PROPER TIME TO PREPARE GARDEN

A Few Well-Cared-For Hotbed Sashes Are Good Money Makers on Any Farm.

COVER CROP IMPROVES SOIL

All Rubbish, Dead Vines or Plants, Stakes and Poles Should Be Cleared Away and Ground Planted to a Green Crop.

Whether it is conducted on an extensive scale to supply the market or whether it is to produce food for the family the garden plot is likely to be the most profitable acreage on the farm. Gardening really starts in the fall. When the last vegetables have been removed and stored the prudent gardener sets about to prepare the ground for the next year's crop.

Clearing Away Refuse.
Any rubbish, dead vines or plants, and bean poles or tomato stakes should be cleared away, says the United States Department of Agriculture, and the ground sown to rye or some other green crop to prevent the loose earth from washing under the winter rains. A cover crop also improves the physical condition of the soil. When a cover crop cannot be supplied the next best thing that may be done is to plow or spade the soil and allow it to lie rough throughout the winter. This practice destroys many insects that lie just below the surface. The



Hotbeds Furnish Early Vegetables at a Time When They Command Highest Market Prices.

winter frosts have a lightening effect upon the soil, especially on clay soils.

The earliest and choicest vegetables are harvested by the man who maintains a few hotbed sashes and uses them to start his garden. He is able to handicap the frost line by several weeks, and to set strong, well-developed plants in his garden at a time when his neighbors are planting seed.

The farm income is at its lowest point in the early spring, but it can be increased considerably by the sale of young plants grown in hotbeds and ready for transplanting. Tomato, cabbage, eggplant and pepper plants are always snapped up when the first warm planting days come, and they are easily grown in the hotbed. A little more space and a little more seed than the grower needs for his own use are likely to bring good profits. Before the ground freezes in the fall is a good time to clean out the old hotbeds.

Unless the soil used in the hotbed is to be exchanged for fresh earth it should be shoveled from the bed and tossed into a pile nearby. The decayed manure from the bottom is scattered over the pile and thoroughly mixed with it to form rich soil for next year's beds. Over this goes a coat of straw or leaves held down by bits of board to keep it from blowing.

Some farmers find it convenient to use evergreen boughs instead of straw for the outer covering.

Preparation of Hotbed.

New hotbed pits should be dug so that they will face the south, and the location should be selected so that the beds will be protected from the cold north winds and late spring storms. Sometimes the earth taken from the new pit is suitable for use in the hotbed, but this is the exception rather than the rule. A few loads of leaf mold from the woods mixed with the natural soil will often form a smooth, rich stoneless mass which gives an ideal hotbed filler.

The back or north side of the frame is usually from 12 to 18 inches high, while the south end is about eight inches, so that the whole bed may have pitch enough to get the sun upon all parts. The standard hotbed sash is handled by most dealers, and measures three feet in width and six feet in length. A frame just wide enough to support the sash seems to be the most satisfactory, though wider beds are sometimes used with supporting ridges placed at six-foot intervals. A well-painted cypress sash, glazed with a good double-strength glass well set in putty should give the careful gardener 12 to 15 years' service.

Heat for the hotbed is furnished by means of a bed of horse manure 8 to 16 inches thick in the bottom of the pit. Permanent hotbeds are often heated with coils of steam or hot-water pipes under the bed.

Hotbeds require constant care to prevent their becoming overheated, especially during bright weather.

FARM INVENTORY IS INDEX TO PROGRESS

Practicable Way of Answering Important Questions.

Bulletin Recently Issued by Department of Agriculture Enables Farmer to Determine Exactly His Financial Status.

What is the net worth of your farm business? Is it more or less than one would imagine from a casual inspection of your farm? Do you know for sure whether you are going or coming in financial standing?

These are important questions to the farmer, and questions that are not so easily answered as would at first appear. Farming is an intricate business, and one in which returns from investment are sometimes long delayed, so that progress cannot be accurately measured by the amount of money taken in a given time. Sometimes cash income may be almost wholly attributable to reduction in other assets, so that in reality the result is like taking money from one pocket and putting it in another.

The farm inventory, or property list, offers the only practicable way of answering these questions. Once the farmer has made a complete list of all his assets and liabilities and has balanced them he knows just what his net worth is, and when he has made such a list annually he knows each year whether he has gone forward or back, and just how much has been the increase or decrease in the net worth of his business.

The United States Department of Agriculture has just issued Farmers' Bulletin 1182 entitled "Farm Inventories," in which are given detailed instructions for making an inventory of farm property and revising such a list from year to year. By using the simple system described in this bulletin any farmer can determine exactly his financial status and lay the foundation for a permanent system of accounting. Without the farm inventory as a basis no system of accounting that might be chosen would be of any great use to the farmer.

ESSENTIALS FOR BEST EGGS

Proper Proportions of Sound Grains, Oyster Shell and Clean Quarters Are Necessary.

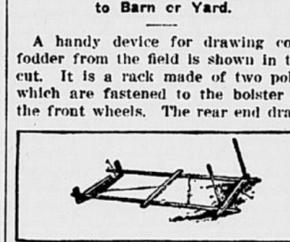
Just because an egg is freshly laid by an apparently healthy hen it cannot be assumed that it is a good egg. Hens that are forced to obtain the greater proportion of their living as scavengers and given a poor range to work on cannot produce eggs of as good quality as can a flock which regularly is fed a good ration.

Eggs lacking protein have a watery white and the shell is apt to be thin, owing to the partial absence of such lime. Such eggs, besides being of less value as food, are more than likely to bring forth puny chickens of low vitality, subject to white diarrhea and an early death. With proper quantities of wheat, bran, clover, oyster shell and sound grains in the ration fed to laying hens, eggs with firm shells, rich in protein and delicately flavored are sure to result, providing, of course, that the flock is given clean nests and runs and is kept free from mites.

DEVICE FOR HAULING FODDER

Several Shocks of Corn Can Easily Be Drawn on Inexpensive Rack to Barn or Yard.

A handy device for drawing corn fodder from the field is shown in the cut. It is a rack made of two poles which are fastened to the bolster of the front wheels. The rear end drags



Handy Rack for Fodder.

on the ground. Two crosspieces are firmly fastened to the poles and two uprights at the rear prevent the corn from sliding off. Several shocks of corn can be loaded on this and drawn to the feeding yard or barn.

PREVENT RATTLE OF BONNET

Strip of Lamp Wick or Rawhide Fastened Along Edge of Radiator Will Stop Noise.

The motortruck is, of course, peculiarly liable to rattles, and anything that helps reduce this will be valuable. A strip of round lamp wick or rawhide fastened along the edge of the radiator upon which the front end of the bonnet rests will prevent some of the noise. The ledge can be prepared for the wick or hide by drilling holes, through which the material is threaded, or by drilling smaller holes and securing the wick in place by pieces of fine wire.

MUCH SOIL FERTILITY LOST

Soil Washing or Erosion Can Be Prevented by Keeping Hilly Lands in Sod, Etc.

Much soil fertility is lost every winter by washing or erosion. Put a stop to it by keeping the hilly lands in sod, planting a cover crop, providing underdrainage, filling the gullies with brush, etc.

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Information Bureau.
A man sent his bumptious son to college and in a month or so wrote inquiring how he was getting along in the grind of knowledge. He got this characteristic reply: "Fine. Write often and ask me anything that puzzles you."—Everybody's Magazine.

Watch Cuticura Improve Your Skin.
On rising and retiring gently smear the face with Cuticura Ointment. Wash off Ointment in five minutes with Cuticura Soap and hot water. It is wonderful sometimes what Cuticura will do for poor complexions, dandruff, itching and red rough hands.—Adv.

Keep It Quiet.
Little Jacky—Look, mother! that bulldog looks just like Aunt Emily.
Mother—Hush, child! Don't say such things.
Little Jacky—Well, mamma, the dog can't hear it.

Below the Average.
According to the comptroller of currency the average man carries \$10 or \$15 in his pocket every day. Oh, to be an average man!

Love of money is the root of all evil—and of some good.

Big Rat With a Bark.
The attention of the Texas department of health has been called to a new rat which has appeared near Red Rock, which is said to be as large as a squirrel and acts much like a kangaroo. It has a bark like a small dog.

Which?
"Agnes thinks her husband is deceiving her. She smells a rat and is going to set a trap for him."
"Which, the rat or her husband?"—Boston Transcript.

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A Silenced Song.
"Nobody gets out and sings, 'We Won't Go Home Till Morning,' any more."
"That's true," rejoined Uncle Bill Bottletop. "Most of those old serenaders are now sticking close at home day and night, keeping tab on the yeast cakes."

Boosting Bicycle Trade.
The tendency all over the country to raise trolley and railroad fares had an immense effect on the bicycle trade. They are being sold to persons who are going to take care of their own transportation problems.

The Result.
"I told Brown those were doubtful securities."
"Did he raise anything on them?"
"Oh, yes; he raised a smile."
When actors quarrel they can resort to the makeup box.

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