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GOSS DISHES OUT SOME BITTER DOSES

Law Breakers Draw a Combined Sentence of Forty Two and a half Years in the Penitentiary—Piggers Shown no Mercy.

That Judge Goss has little mercy on the offenders of the law is plainly shown by the following sentences which he gave the men found guilty of crime in his court. The sentences were given Monday:

Martin Mattison, convicted of shooting Jourgen Olson in an attempt to take his life, was given five years in the penitentiary. His father, who was with the son, was sentenced to three years in the penitentiary. At the first trial the men were given three and one and a half years respectively. The case will be appealed to the Supreme court. The Mattisons are out on bail.

A. Herman convicted of perjury, was sentenced to ten years in the penitentiary. This was the lightest sentence which he could receive. It will behoove

all witnesses hereafter to stick closely to the truth.

Nightengale, convicted of stealing a check of \$230 from Robert Rowan, drew four years in the pen.

Sam Pompelli, the all around bad man, who obtained money under false pretenses, succeeded in getting only three years in the twine factory.

James Wheeler, the sodomist, drew six years. Wheeler is a young degenerate.

Peter Bowers the twice convicted blind pigger, was given a year and a half in the penitentiary.

Al Hamilton who plead guilty to maiming was sentenced to 100 days in the county jail and fined \$25. Hamilton by pleading guilty undoubtedly escaped a penitentiary sentence.

A grafter who sold resurrection plants in Minot is said to have sold a very good sample of a sea weed, well perfumed with drug store perfume which was guaranteed to last as long as the plant. Such grafters should be resurrected in a hotter clime.

Geo. Poepping brought to this office the largest bunch of lettuce we have ever seen. It is fully three feet across and it is large enough to supply a good sized family for a week. Mr. Poepping feeds his hogs lettuce, which is very fattening.

KEEP YOUR BOATS NEAR THE SHORE.

"How is business?" an INDEPENDENT reporter asked of a prominent lumber dealer the other day.

The gentleman looked up rather surprised at the question and smilingly replied: "Well, we are satisfied, and that is saying a good deal. But do you know that we have the hardest work to keep people within bounds? Everyone wants to build. One man sees his neighbor putting up a finer residence and that gets him anxious and he is bound to do likewise whether he has the capital or not. Now we believe in people keeping their boats near the shore and have turned down a good deal of business which perhaps was safe enough, but we want to discourage people taking too many risks. A time is coming when Minot will have enough buildings. We will not get bumper crops every year. I have been through the mill. I know all about it. In a city in North Dakota where I formerly lived we had good crops for the first few years I lived there. Everyone was building and everything was on the boom. Finally there came a year when the crops were poor and the building was stopped. The next year the crops were no better and there was not a business man who did not want to sell out. Yes, sir, I repeat, keep your boats near the shore."

HOW THE STRIKE IS PROGRESSING

The telegraphers' strike goes merrily on. Minot, the North Dakota headquarters for the strikers, is liberally represented with telegraphers this week. They have taken up headquarters at the old Optic building.

The strikers were never more confident of success. The railway company claims that up to date it has the better of the fight. One official remarked: "We can show the telegraphers that while they were a convenience, they were not by any means a necessity, and we can run our regular passenger trains and freights by having a dispatcher at every 100 miles."

The telegraphers aver that the railway company will be on the run as soon as the cattle and grain begin to move in a month, if the strike is not settled before that time.

The next teachers' examination will be held on the last Friday and Saturday in August at Minot and Bowbells. All teachers not holding valid certificates are required to be present. The October examination will be held at Minot and Mohall.

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Among the Sick.

Dr. Windell reports the following successful operations at the hospital, all of which are of recent date:

Mrs. Egan from Lansford is recovering from a difficult operation for an infected gall bladder.

Mrs. Ole Oen is recovering rapidly from an operation for cancer.

Mrs. Ole Olson of White Earth has recovered to such an extent that she was able to return to her home.

Mr. Bice from Glenburn, who

was operated upon for appendicitis, is better.

Raise Price for Threshing.

The threshermen of the county have organized and raised the price for threshing. The following prices will prevail: Feed, 6c; wheat, 12c; flax, 20c. There was a raise of three cents a bushel on threshing flax. This has caused the farmers to raise a vigorous kick, and many will form stock companies and buy rigs of their own.

WATCH BUYERS--- BEWARE!

The watch market is just now being flooded with a lot of cheap, no-good watches; most of these are marked "Engineer's Special," "Railway Special," "21 Jewel Railway," etc. These movements are made to sell and not to run. We guarantee our watch repairs for one year when the watch is of standard make, but on these movements we give no guarantee. If you want a watch you want a good one, and that's the reason you want to come to us. We don't buy any "phony" jewelry, therefore have none to sell. We sell all such standard

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