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EDITORIAL COMMENT

The man who gets angry at what the newspapers say about him, ought to return thanks three times a day for what the editor knows and does not tell.

The wise man now layeth in his winter's supply of coal. We may have an open winter—but you'll need a little fire "of a mornin'" to take the chill off the rooms.

The potato crop at Ross was practically a failure this year, by reason of the early frost, and tubers are being shipped into that place at a good figure. The crops was most promising before the frost.

After Nov. 1, all persons filing on land and commutiny, will have to reside on the said land for fourteen months continuously. The six months' "constructive" residence, will no longer be recognized.

Dean Bruce, who was brought out for the U. S. Senate, by Geo. Winship, editor of the Grand Forks Herald, has re-considered, and says he does not care a tinker's darn for the old office. He's out of the race.

Editor Whitehead of the Williston State is having his troubles. He was late in getting his edition off the press one evening, and his carrier boy was nabbed by the chief of police for being out after the curfew bell had rung.

Up around Upham, there are so many hard drinkers that the boozy fellows throw the bottles right in the road. The Star says the broken glass is dangerous, in cutting horses' feet. It will make splendid paving after it gets well crushed.

We neglected to mention the fact that Editor Miller of Towner was in bed when his suit of clothes was stolen, but we hardly need to take the trouble to explain this part of the great robbery, if Miller is like most newspaper men. There is talk of an investigation to learn where the editor got his watch and diamond.

A traveling man in this part of the state heard one of his customers complain about business being dull, and the farmers sending to the catalog houses. The Knight of the Grip picked up the home paper and did not find a sign of an ad from this merchant. The fellow said it didn't pay to use printer's ink.

A Bantry farmer cleaned his wheat before taking it to the elevator, thereby raising its grade from No. 2 to No. 1, and saved a good many dollars for a little work. A stockman would hardly mix a bunch of mangy half starved critters with his fat cattle, neither should a farmer sell dirty grain.

Deering is setting up a howl about car shortage, two of the elevators shutting down last week. Seven cars went up the Branch to Lansford—which road is also on the Soo—and poor Deering will have to wait till the G. N. gets good and ready to furnish cars. The shortage promises to be worse than last year.

One delinquent subscriber said, "I will pay you Saturday if I live." He is dead. Another said, "I will see you tomorrow." He's blind. Another profane one said, "I hope to pay you next week or go to —." He's gone. Dear delinquent, if you don't pay up, the devil (printing office devil) will get you.

The Coteau Sentinel will raise its subscription price to \$1.50 after the first year. If the Independent's subscribers all send in their subscription money promptly this fall, we may not be compelled to raise the price, otherwise, we may be compelled to do so. If you don't know just where you stand on the subscription books, send the money along anyway. We will give you proper credit and send you a receipt.

The millers of North Dakota are very indignant because Prof Ladd has declared that it is illegal to bleach flour, and many injunction suits have been started against Ladd to restrain him from declaring that the flour of this kind is an illegal food product. Millers everywhere make a practice of bleaching the flour by electricity as it is being manufactured, and it has not yet been proved that such flour is injurious. The millers bleach the flour because the housewives demand that their bread must be as white as the driven snow, although the darker colored bread is just as good and palatable. By the bleaching process, wheat may be used for milling purposes which otherwise would have to lie for several weeks. It seems that the question ought to be solved by experts.

The Independent seldom picks up an exchange but that we notice that merchants are shipping in potatoes for home consumption. Think of it. Buying potatoes from Minnesota when North Dakota ought to export several thousand cars of tubers every season. There's nothing that one can raise on the farm that will pay better than spuds, and the ground is left in better shape at that. North Dakota ought to export butter, eggs, potatoes, flour, cheese, coal, poultry, hogs and cattle in large quantities and numbers every year. There is no state that has better resources. They simply need developing.

The successful candidate for the U. S. Senate in North Dakota will have to spend a lot of money this year. According to the primary election, the successful candidate must receive forty per cent of all the votes cast at the primary election, when the legislature will cast their votes according to the wishes of the voters at the primary. Of course they could go directly against those wishes, but they would be nothing short of scoundrels to do so. In case no candidate receives forty per cent of all the votes cast at the primaries, then the two highest will fight it out in the legislature. As there are already five candidates for the Senate, with chances for some more, it hardly seems probable that anyone of them will receive the necessary forty per cent of the votes.

Times are Different.

When you hear any one complaining about the high prices of merchandise, just read him the following and let him figure out how far the conditions mentioned are true in his case:

Not long ago a farmer in Iowa went to a harness dealer to buy a harness for a team. He found one that suited him and the price was \$45. The farmer happened to remember that about a dozen years ago he had bought a harness just like it from the dealer for \$35, and he mentioned the fact. The dealer went to his book and found this to be true. "But," said the dealer, my book shows that you did not pay cash for it because you did not have the money. You hauled in 300 bushels of corn, and gave it to me for a \$35 harness. Now I'll tell you what I'll do. If you will bring me 300 bu. of corn I will give you the \$45 harness, also a double-buggy harness valued at \$35, a single-buggy harness worth \$15, a \$7 plush robe, a boy's riding saddle worth \$5, one riding bridle and whip worth \$1.50, two leather halters worth \$2.50, brush and curry-comb worth \$1, and a rawhide buggy whip worth \$1."

Will Head Off Dead Beats.

On the first of the year, Minot merchants and business men in general, will enter into an agreement, whereby all dead beats will be refused further credit at any of the places of business which sign the agreement, until all debts owed to any of those concerns are liquidated. The merchants will be asked to put up a good sized forfeit, in case any should grow chicken hearted and break over the rules. This of course will not effect the honest man or woman, and will have a tendency to head off the dead beats—of which there are a good many. The honest man will be glad to hear that this rule is to take place, and the dead beat—well, he will have to pursue some other course. The honest man has been paying the bills for the dead beats long enough in Minot. Little booklets will be published to distribute among the merchants, in which the dead beats will be listed, also those marked "slow" and those who are listed as gilt edged. A paid secretary will keep the business in good order. This has been tried in other cities with excellent result. This will not in any wise effect the honest man, who will be able to receive as many or more favors than ever, and will prove a splendid thing for the business men.

Ten Modern Commandments.

- Ten commandments for the business world, taken from the Boston Commercial.
1. Thou shalt not wait for something to turn up, but thou shalt pull off thy coat and go to work that thou mayest prosper in thine affairs and make the word "failure" spell "success."
 2. Thou shalt not be content to go about thy business looking like a bum, for thou shouldst know that thy personal appearance is better than a letter of recommendation.
 3. Thou shalt not try to make excuses, nor shalt thou say to those who chide thee, "I didn't think."
 4. Thou shalt not wait to be told what thou shalt do, nor in what manner thou shalt do it, for thus may thy days be long in the job which fortune hath given thee.
 5. Thou shalt not fail to maintain thine own integrity, nor shalt thou be guilty of anything that will lessen thy good respect for thyself.
 6. Thou shalt not covet the other fellow's job, nor his salary, nor the position he hath gained by his own hard labor.
 7. Thou shalt not fail to live within thine own income, nor shalt thou contract any debts when thou canst not see thy way clear to pay them.
 8. Thou shalt not be afraid to blow thine own horn, for he who faileth to blow his own horn at the proper occasion findeth nobody standing ready to blow it for him.
 9. Thou shalt not hesitate to say "No" when thou meanest "No" nor shalt thou fail to remember that there are times when it is unsafe to bind thyself by a hasty judgment.
 10. Thou shalt give every man a square deal. This is the last and great commandment, and there is no other like unto it. Upon this commandment hangs all the law and the profits of the business world.

THE PUBLIC DRUG STORE SERVICE

CONSISTENCY

EVERY RELIABLE DRUG STORE'S aim should be to supply its patrons with the best in everything at the lowest consistent price, together with the very best service that can be given.

CHEAP DRUGS DON'T PAY,
DON'T PAY TO USE,
DON'T PAY TO BUY,
DON'T PAY TO SELL.

THE PUBLIC DRUG STORE has none of them. Whatever you buy at THE PUBLIC, and whatever price you pay, you have a guarantee of Highest Quality with the lowest consistent price.

The Chance Customer at THE PUBLIC becomes the permanent Patron.

THE PUBLIC DRUG CO.

Retail and Wholesale
MINOT, NO. DAK.

Mitchell's Opening Week

The first week in November will be **Mitchell's Opening Week**, when the new store in the new Masonic Temple block will be opened to the public with the swellest line of Men's and Boys' toggery and shoes for everybody, you have ever had the pleasure of inspecting in the northwestern part of the state.

Our business is going to be conducted in a way that the name **Mitchell's**, will be a synonym for swell toggery.

Our stock will be the largest of the kind in Western North Dakota and will consist of Hats, Caps, Furnishings, Neckwear, Gloves, etc., for men and boys and shoes for everybody.

Shoes Our shoe stock will be a revelation to the buyer of fine goods in this line and the stock will be so large that the most fastidious can be satisfied and every one guaranteed a perfect fit.

You'll be pleased with our prices.
You'll like our method of doing business.

We want to get acquainted with you, and there will be no better time than during our opening week.

E. M. Mitchell

Masonic Temple Block

Minot, N. D.



MACHINES \$10, \$22, \$40
LARGE SUPPLY OF RECORDS

A. P. SLOCUM,
Minot, N. D.

FOR SALE—Three good young work oxen, weight about 1600 lbs, harness also. Price \$185. a soap. C. C. Almy 9 miles north of Burlington, N. D. t 3p

Minot Granite and Marble Works, 300 right-of-way, one block east Court House, is now open for business.

IN NEW HANDS

The European Restaurant is now conducted by

Houghton & Verdon

and has been thoroughly overhauled. When you want a short order, or a first-class meal, don't pass up this place. Every effort will be made to please you.

North Soo Track Main St. Minot, No. Dak.

John Lynch,

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Farm Insurance

Sale Bills printed at this office on short notice