

Short State Stories

Items of Interest Boiled Down for Busy Readers

Found in an unoccupied house in this city, a bunch of keys, some half-pins, a pair of spectacles, a lady's handkerchief, and an empty bottle. Owner may have same by applying at Journal office. Are you decent?—Kenmare Journal.

J. E. Cramond of Rugby, proprietor of the best hotel at that place, is being mentioned as candidate for mayor of Rugby. Mr. Cramond is well known in Ward county, having been engaged in the drug business at one time at Mohall. He would make a good mayor.

The mayor of Jamestown is now paid a salary of \$720 a year. Minot's mayor gets \$200 a year, but isn't in office for the money.

The Pierce County Tribune says that the Democrats will hold their convention in Minot on March 33. Haven't you made a mistake of about ten days, brothers?

In a disgraceful fight at Jud, N. D., Bert Davis bit Al Mooney's nose completely off and will be arrested for mayhem.

E. G. Schollander has been chosen superintendent of the sub-experiment station at Williston, for agricultural purposes.

The Grand Forks Herald got out ten thousand extra copies of its last Saturday's edition which were sent to Ward county. The extra copies were paid for by politicians.

Michael Sherman, charged with being the father of an illegitimate child, was convicted at Williston last week. His friends state that he is being made a scape goat and a motion will be made for a new trial.

Mrs. Sigurd Thompson, wife of a farmer living near Fingal, N. D., while temporarily deranged, cut the throat of her little six months' old baby girl, killing the child almost instantly. She then cut the throat of her little three year old girl, but the little one will probably recover. Then standing in front of the looking glass, she cut her own throat twice, and will probably die. The husband had been sent to town for some purchases. The woman had always been of sound mind until two weeks ago when she began to complain of being told to do terrible things by spirits. She was an intelligent woman, being Miss Palma Brownson, a school teacher, before her marriage.

J. H. Shormack, a sixteen year old lad, was killed at Dilworth by a N. P. engine. He was employed by the N. P. as a call boy and attempted to cross the tracks.

The sheriff of Benson county attended a public sale and took a "trusty" prisoner along for company. The trusty proceeded to get pretty well jagged and ere long the minion of the law found him bidding in a team of horses. Upon investigation it was found he had made numerous other purchases.

The Pierce County Tribune of Rugby has just installed a new press. The editors are deserving of success.

As a result of a fire which destroyed the Holsington building about a half mile out of Kermit, which was being moved from Kermit to Noonan by the owner Mr. Rouse, a prominent business man of Kermit has been arrested on a charge of arson and is being held under \$1,000 bail. Enmity is keen between the two cities, Kermit and Noonan and sympathizers with Kermit are believed to be responsible for the fire. Tracks in the snow, leading from the burned building to the doors of the Kermit business man led, to his arrest. He will have a preliminary hearing today.

This happened just the other day over at the G. N. stop house at Grafton. A package of rice got busted in a way freight car, and some of it got decidedly scratched around. Thos. Grace, the agent, sometimes known as Miser Grace, got the depot broom and swept it up. The head brakeman wanted information and asked Mr. Grace what he was going to do with it, and he was told. Said Mr. Grace as he brushed up the rice: "I am going to take it home and feed it to my chickens so I can sell them for Chinese pheasants."—Grafton Record.

Forum: One day this week there was brought into the Fargo postoffice a money order advise some 21 years old, which came from a foreign country and never had been paid. It was not drawn on the Fargo office but on the one at Hawley and the recipient now resides in this city. The order came from her mother in the Scandinavian peninsula and was sent here soon after her arrival in this country, but for some reason was not cashed at the time—probably, she believes, because she did not need the funds just then and thought this a good way to save the funds for future use. Afterwards she was married and for years has been busy with her household matters. The other day in looking over some old letters, preparatory to destroying some of them, she came across this order in one of them, brought it to the office to have it investigated. In time she will probably get her money, but it will require some little investigation. It is rare that an order turns up which is so old; it was the old form of money order and was quite a curiosity.

Kenmare Journal: It was just 25 years ago today that the Journal Stick entered upon his career as a printer. He has been licked, shot at, sued for libel, libelled and punctured, but unless he runs against worse ones than he has in the gyrations of the past quarter century, he hopes to round out another 25 years with a pretty fair hide.

New Rockford Transcript: "There are two ways of getting into a newspaper—'purchasing an interest and purchasing an interview.' There is still another way, pulling the wool over the editor's eyes and getting in for nothing. This is a very popular form of entry—Jespeccially with the politicians.

Forum: One of the finest herds of corn fed cattle that has come to Fargo for some time was brought here yesterday from Mapleton, by Dunken Brownley. The herd numbered forty in all and weighed on an average of thirteen hundred pounds each. Mr. Brownley sold his cattle to C. F. Egger, the progressive Front street butcher, who will supply his trade with cuts from these select corn fed cattle.

A lady 95 years old proved up her claim in Morton county the other day, and still some of the eastern people will insist that life here is very strenuous in this state. But considering this we are wont to claim that when a lady that old can prove up a claim in North Dakota, it should not be considered very strenuous.

Prof. Ladd has the millers "up a tree." In buying durum wheat they contend it is an inferior grade but when asked to label their product showing the proportion of durum to other varieties of wheat they protest that it does not hurt the quality of flour.—Ex.

A newspaper is always printed in a rush. There is always something in it that should be left out; something left out that should have been put in. It is sometimes too quick to judge, and often too quick to act, but, with all its shortcomings, there is more education in a bright, newsy newspaper than there is in a novel.

An exchange gives the following recipe for filling our penitentiary: When your boy doesn't want to go to school let him loaf; when he gets in to mischief and when your neighbor reports it to you, curse your neighbor in the presence of your boy. When he gets a little larger and perhaps something of value and you find it out, just laugh at it and let it go; when he gets into something that calls him to the justice court and he is fined, curse the court, the jury, and every one connected with the matter, pity the boy and you will soon have a splendid candidate for the pen.

There is so much smallpox at Fargo that the pest house is crowded.

Rev. W. W. Gunter of Minot, has stirred up the unrighteous at Cando by a series of revival meetings.

Devils Lake will have an old fashioned county fair.

The Sargent County Independent contains fourteen political announcements.

Editor Carroll is making a mighty bright little weekly of the Carpio News.

Old Bill Mumby advertises in the Buford Tribune that Bock beer is now on tap at Mondak.

Old Bill Mumby of Buford has been removed as post master and John Warren appointed instead.

Three soldiers were arrested at Bismarck charged with robbing a clothing store. They have confessed their crime.

Old Bill Mumby is afraid to publish the report of the last Williams county grand jury for fear that he will again be arrested for publishing obscene matter.

Archle B. Moore, the traveling man who married one too many wives, was sentenced to serve two years and three months in the state penitentiary of Minnesota. One of his wives lived at Ada, Minn.

The Minot Posten is reviving the fight which the Minot Optic made up on the Scandinavian League in this state three years ago, by publishing the editorials which that paper contained at that time.

Coteau Sentinel: The editor of the Kenmare News offers to the editors of Ward county the following resolution to be printed: "Drink to the press but do not press the drink." The gentlemen whose task is slinging ink, they're usually men of sober views, and never should be full of aught but news.

A lady got on a street car with a tall awkward boy. When the conductor came she handed him a nickel and three copper cents. The conductor held the change in his hand and said, "This won't do, the boy has on long pants." The lady answered, "Alright, take the three cents for me and the five cents for the boy."—Souris Messenger.

Fred Hoff, who carries the mail from Anamoose to Herr and Skogmo, had quite an experience. His foot warmer seemed to be getting too warm and he pushed it back under the seat and soon it became warmer and when Mr. Hoff raised up the lap robes to see what was the matter, in an instant the whole outfit was on fire. He threw out the mail and lap robes and got his team unhitched, but the buggy was burned and one empty mail sack and a few papers.

In 1878 there were 23 steamboats making their headquarters at Bismarck. The extension of the Northern Pacific and the building of the Great Northern railway cut off a large amount of river business, but after a lapse of thirty years the development of the country, has been such that the utilization of our waterways is not only desirable, but imperative. Nature's highways will always stand as a watchdog on transportation rates. Thus the increase in interest in all measures and meetings looking to the improvement of the Missouri and other rivers leading to the markets of the world.

Hingle Ding. This community has been in a quiet rest,

So I'll just stir up a hornet's nest And at another batch I'll take a fling This time it will be Hingle Ding, You all know him, well I do, He is noted for fast driving too, He goes to town and gets right back, His horses trot like on the track, The swiftest team in all his herd He gives them good care and plenty to eat And that is why they get up such a speed,

One day he had an awful spill By driving too swiftly down a hill He turned the corner struck a rock And there he nearly broke his clock The buggy it turned up side down And for repairs it went to town The worst of it is he wasn't alone He was taking his sweetheart home, She was just as brave as she could be Yes and they also broke the whipple-tree

The horses stopped when one fell down The driver landed like a clown When he landed he stubbed his toes, And now he has court plasters all over his nose,

I tell you boys he's an awful sight His pa says it serves him just right If he would drive like other folks He wouldn't be breaking all the spokes He wouldn't be break'n all the spokes Pa says we don't care to have a wake So the little girl home myself I'll take And I'll see to it that she safely lands For I do my driving with both hands His ma just laughed when she told me They were holding hands I bet says she

For that's the way the young folks do When they out a driving go, All the same he is a nice young man Here's a chance for you girls, catch him if you can

He doesn't drink or is he a crank But puts his money in a savings bank He is a good singer and has a fine voice

And over his singing you all would rejoice You forget that the prairie is lone-ly and dreary His favorite song is Holding Hands, My Dearie,

As these few lines to the press I send I hope nobody'll offend, I am a lonely bachelor with nothing else to do

So about some other bachelor I'll write a line or two, I'll write some more next time if I can Yours very truly Mary Ann.

The big mail order houses are flooding the state with their spring catalogues which show a general reduction in prices. They are giving their many customers full descriptions of the articles they sell, detailed prices, full directions how best to ship and send the money—making it as easy as possible to do business with them. It's the early bird that catches the worm and the only way to get business is to go after it, good and hard and all the time. This is a glorious time to reach the reading public—when they have time to read and figure and plan for the summer's campaign.—Bismarck Palladium.

Arrest Mohall Man. Sheriff Lee arrested Hugo Bentz of Mahall, charged with failing to publishing his liquor license. The state's attorney is watching closely for all branches of the law and will push the case to the limit.

Push That Snubs. It is amusing to see a three-for-

cent young woman who is supported by an indulgent father, snub some industrious young woman who works for wages or a salary. This same young woman would starve to death in about three months if turned loose on her own resource. A push that continually snubs the working girl ought to have their pedigree four times a year in country newspapers to keep them in mind of former times and if their parents didn't dig ditches or "work out" for a living at some time or their lives it is one of the seven wonders and are none the worse for having done so either. But these people who care only for clothes and pay enough for one pair of stockings to buy the "old man" a dozen pairs, will always be with us. They grow up and marry a chap who cares only for himself and who thinks that clothes alone make the man and they sit up nights working out a plan whereby they can make both ends meet and their daughters travel the same path they themselves traveled in younger days.—Wheatland Eagle.

Woman Charged With Pigging. Mrs. Agnes Muls, formerly Minot's lady barber, has been arrested charged with running a blind pig. She was held to district court under \$500 bail, which she furnished. Mrs. Muls has been somewhat notorious in Minot.

That old rouser, Gerrity, who doesn't do as much as take a long breath without great effort, was arrested and sent to the city bastle for twenty-nine days for vagrancy.

Youthful Burglars. Several lads entered Jacobson & Fugelsos hardware store Sunday, coming down the elevator from the opera house, and stole a 32 calibre rifle and five revolvers. The lads were suspected and arrested, and after being put thru a severe sweating process confessed. They will not be prosecuted. One of them is sixteen years old.

An Error. The Independent last week erred in stating that Dr. Guy Stone had opened offices in the Frank block. The doctor is located in the new Roell-Blakey block.

At a meeting of the state's attorneys of North Dakota, held at Jamestown, resolutions were passed deploring the fact that so many criminal cases were reversed by the supreme court on technical grounds, it being stated that in the entire United States forty-six per cent of the criminal cases appealed were reversed by the higher courts and new trials ordered.

We are glad to say this condition does not exist in the Fifth judicial district. Judge Burke of this district has presided at over two hundred criminal trials during his four year term, this number including ten murder trials and nearly one hundred other felonies; he has tried and sentenced nearly a hundred men to the state penitentiary, and over a hundred to the county jails.

During this time not a single criminal case tried before him has been reversed by the supreme court, not a single county has to bear the expense of a new trial in a criminal case.

The election of judges of Judge Burke's type would do much to remedy the condition of which the state's attorneys complain.—Valley City Times-Record.

We desire to extend our sincere thanks to our neighbors and other friends who so kindly lent us their assistance and gave so freely of their sympathy, during the last illness and death of our mother, Mrs. Anna Jensen. From the Children.

Strayed from my home, 151-83, sec. 5, Feb. 27, two gray mares, both with foretops clipped and both branded dimly on left hip. Weight 950 lbs. one black colt coming three years old, and one dark iron gray sucking colt. Notify A. P. York, Max, N. D. t-2-p

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