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Farming Operation in Ward

Good Opportunities for Many Capable Hands—More Land Will be Tilled Than Ever—Eastern Farmers Attention

There will be a boom in farming operations in Ward county next spring and the farmers will need several hundred good men to carry on the work of developing the thousands of acres of new land entered last year. The opportunity for laboring men and good renters was never better in the history of the county and steps should be taken now to interest eastern people to this locality. Many of the older farmers, who have become well-to-do in the past few years, are beginning to look for good, steady and industrious renters, and where these cannot be secured, they are

hiring men for the entire year so as to enable them to carry on the large tracts they now have under cultivation and develop the newer tracts which they will break and seed another year. The scarcity of men is bound to make the wages an inducement for eastern young men to come here and when they arrive there will be an abundance of steady work for them the entire season. Farmers who have eastern friends and acquaintances should write them telling of the conditions and opportunities that exist here and secure their help early in the season.

A Bunch of Good Stories

Something that Will Interest You and Make You Laugh

Booker T. Washington, at a dinner in Cleveland during the National Educational association's convention, was complimented by a clergyman on his eloquence. Mr. Washington in reply told a story of a Southern minister, who could not have been very eloquent. "On Sunday morning," he said, "in the midst of this minister's sermon, a head poked itself through the door of the vestry and in a low, tremulous voice, said: 'Parson, the church is on fire.' 'Very well, Brother S-riggins,' the minister answered, 'I will retire. Perhaps you'd better wake up the congregation.'"

when you are sad, and laughs with you when you are glad, and smiles with you when you are mad?—The editor. Who has to be both kind and wise, and never (hardly ever) lies, and when he does, creates surprise?—The editor. Who owns a heart as well as cheek, possessed of spirit proud yet meek, and lives on 40 cents a week?—The editor.

A Daniel has come to judgment in the Vermont legislature with a bill intended to guard newspapers against "fakers." It makes the giving of false news to a newspaper with intent to deceive punishable by fine ranging from \$5 to \$20 for each offense. "We hope that the Vermont lawmakers will lose no time in making the bill a statute," says the Boston Transcript. "Its enactment will fill a long felt want of Vermont editors and haze the way for the relief of those of other states."

School teachers in this city have a method of rewarding the good boys which would shock American school officials, says a German, writing from Mexico City. When a boy recites his lesson perfectly he is not decorated with a medal, but is allowed to smoke a cigar in the classroom, and if the whole class has shown excellence, and earned the "good" mark, all, even the little tots are supplied with cigars or cigarettes. The teachers smoke continuously, and many of them take frequent nips from a bottle and when this latter has been exhausted, a "good boy" is honored by being sent to have it replenished.

A little effusion from the Mount (Okla.) Enterprise, going to show that journalistic conditions in the new state are much the same as elsewhere: "Who weeps with you

The friends of this paper will please hand us in news items when they are fresh. We prefer not to publish a birth when the child is weaned, a marriage after the honeymoon is over, or the death of a man after his widow is married again.—Ex.

Five Candidates For Speakership

Wolbert, White, Skulson, Fraime and McCrea Would Preside in North Dakota.

Bismarck, N. D.—There are five active candidates in the field for speaker of the North Dakota house and the contest promises to grow in interest till the Republican caucus on or about January 4 or 5. The candidates are George W. Wolbert of Burleigh county, George A. White of Traill county, Bardi G. Skulson of Grand Forks county, Major J. H. Fraime of Walsh county and D. E. McCrea of Pembina county.

received prominent mention in connection with the speakership. He is an officer of the North Dakota National guard and practices law in Grafton.

Mr. Wolbert is an old-time resident of North Dakota, and the fact that he has made his home at Bismarck and has been a member of the legislature, has put him in close touch with the workings of the state legislative body.

D. E. McCrea of Drayton is a well-known banker of North Dakota. He was a member of the house in 1903 and 1905.

George A. White of Traill county has served his district in the state legislature two terms, being a member of the 1905 and the 1907 assemblies.

Married a "Johnny"

Bardi G. Skulson, the Grand Forks candidate, directed M. N. Johnson's campaign for the United States Senate.

Many a young woman who deserves a good man for a life companion, has jumped in at a tender age and married a "Johnny," and gone through life embarrassed the rest of her days. Johnny is all right as an ice cream boy and at a slot machine, with which to get chewing gum and bon bons, but when it comes to measuring up, in after years, with the men who do things, and whose wives make up the budget of satisfied ones, he is down and out before the race starts. Girls, if you must marry, and you must, if you would be happy, be sure and marry a man, or at least what is going to be a man.

Major J. H. Fraime of Walsh county is another representative who goes to the state legislature for the first time, but who has

Mrs. H. O. Baker, wife of a rancher living near Bowman, fell into an open well on the prairie, and after a searching party had been out eight hours, her body was found. The fall and the precipitation into the cold water probably caused her death almost instantly.

WILL AFFECT HOMESTEADERS

It is reported that nearly ten thousand homesteaders in this state are affected by the report of the U. S. geological survey and the rulings which withdraw coal lands from entry. A large number of proofs are now held up on account of the mineral deposits beneath the surface. Congressman Marshall has

prepared a bill which is intended to solve the difficulty. It provides a way to dispose of the surface and retain title to the deposits beneath. This will inject a new feature into the law but if found practicable it will be welcomed by a large number of people.

TUBERCULAR CATTLE KILLED

Several head of cattle, all thoroughbred red polled, have been killed on the farm of J. D. Bacon, near Grand Forks, following a recent inspection, which showed the cattle were afflicted with tuberculosis. The meat of the cattle was thoroughly inspected after the animals were killed and in the case of the cattle which had not been affected to such an extent as to spoil the use of the product for eating purposes it was approved and will be sold. A quantity of the meat was ordered buried, being unfit for

any sort of use. This came from four of the animals. The barns were thoroughly disinfected after the cattle were killed, and precautions taken to prevent any further trouble in the herd. Suspects were isolated and the remaining cattle have no trace of tuberculosis. The loss is a severe one to Mr. Bacon, who had one of the best herds in the Red River valley. Included in the cattle killed were some fine bulls.—Grand Forks Herald.

EMPLOY YOUTHS IN POSTOFFICES

Deputy U. S. Marshal A. S. Quist drove into Rolla yesterday morning from Ackworth having in charge Albert Iverson, who has been indicted by the United States court for embezzlement while a clerk in the Aneta postoffice. The accused is nothing but a boy and we hope that the evidence in the case will be such as to clear him of the charge.

We do not believe that it is right to employ young boys and girls in postoffices, and in case it is done we think the postmaster is the one that should take the consequences in all such cases. They are employed for no other reason than that they can be had cheaper than an older person.—Rolla Herald.

LIE COST HIM HIS SECOND PAPERS

Whilimon Baybazan of Greatstone seems to be having some trouble in getting his second papers. When he was being examined he was asked if he had ever been arrested and he said he had not. He passed the examination and was told that he could get his papers.

That evening one of his witnesses reminded him of the fact that he had been arrested by his wife's former husband. This came out in court the next day and the government denied his petition. It is thought the U. S. attorney will withdraw his objection.

ROBBED PETER TO PAY PAUL

Here is a little story that will show something as to the character of D. M. Noah who is in the penitentiary awaiting execution. Three years ago, shortly after he was married, he worked for the Soo at Washburn. A car of oats was

wrecked. Noah at night, stole a load of oats, hauled it to Washburn and sold it for ten dollars. He took the money and paid it to a Soo section boss who had loaned him the money at the time he was married.

Lots Are High

The Jacobson lots on the corner of Fifth street and Kelly avenue sold for \$5,200. A number of gentlemen who have been watching this property for some time, expecting

to buy it, are now sorry they did not get into the game ahead of the recent purchasers. A man was heard to remark today that he would give \$7,900 for the lots, but it is not likely the owners would part with them for less than \$10,000.—Devils Lake Journal.

Anxiously Awaiting Decision

The Independent Believes That Montrail Case is Just as Likely to be Settled One Way as Another—Good Arguments for Both Sides

The people of Ward county anxiously await the decision of the supreme court on the Montrail case, which was argued at Bismarck on Dec. 29th. Attorneys Greene and Gammons appeared in behalf of those who believe the county should not be divided and the divisionists were represented by Attorney Bangs

of Grand Forks. Both sides cited cases to substantiate their claims, and the Independent believes the decision is just as likely to be rendered as another. The Anti-Divisionists argued that Montrail not receiving the majority of all the votes cast in the election, did not

Apples Better Than Medicine

Every Family Should Have a Barrel of Good Spicy Apples in the Cellar—Prevent Sickness

Apples in the cellar are better than a doctor upstairs and often prevents one being there. We are sorry apples are so high again this year. Though cheaper than a year ago, they are still not down to normal prices, and many who planned to put two or three barrels in the cellar are again considering putting it off till another fall. We believe, however that when good spicy winter apples can be had for a dollar or under, no family can afford to be without a barrel or two, and more if the family is large.

liberal use of this fruit. Both raw and baked, and made into sauces, pies and puddings they are a most wholesome and much relished food. It must not be forgotten that they take the place of other food and fruit, too, so they are not wholly a luxury. It seems almost criminal to have children in the family and not an apple barrel where they can get to it.

There is no question, but that much sickness is prevented by a

Think it over carefully and see if you did not make a mistake in not getting at least one barrel of apples regardless of the price. Baked apples and cream! Think of it!—The Dakota Farmer.

Game Law Changes Proposed

W. N. Smith, state game warden, in a recent letter, recommends the following change to be made in the game law of this state:

1. Spring shooting should be abolished entirely.
2. The chicken season should open 15 days later, making the opening season the 15th day of September; and the 'a' limit 15 in place of 25.
3. To allow game wardens to search a rig or any place, where game is suspected to be in hiding, out of season, without a search warrant.
4. Make it prima facie evidence of lawbreaking for a man to be found off the public highway with a gun and dog before the open season.
5. To prohibit the training of dogs on chickens before the open season, thereby removing a lot of temptation and leaving no room for excuse, which is so often used.
"In my judgment on the above amendments if made part of our law, would greatly assist the officers in securing better game protection."

The Chip On Teddy's Shoulder

The Chip on Teddy's Shoulder. Odebolt (Iowa) Chronicle: We are sorry that President Roosevelt constantly carries a chip on his shoulder and seems to think it necessary to fight every man who points his finger at it. Mr. Roosevelt has had a great career and is really a great man judged by the things he has accomplished. But he belittles himself and lowers the dignity of his office by engaging in violent and unseemly controversies over matters of little consequence which should pass unnoticed. And

in the heat of denunciation he frequently does gross injustice to his opponents; and occasionally disregards the truth and suppresses facts which have important bearing on the matter in issue. It was Dr. Samuel Johnson who said that every great man had weaknesses which the world would hardly tolerate in ordinary men; and did not Theodore Roosevelt's virtues and achievements so greatly outweigh his faults and failures, no public man of his day would be more bitterly censured.

ELECTING THE PRESIDENT

How many people know the manner of electing the president and vice president of the United States? It is ordained by the constitution that the presidential electors, for whom we vote in November, shall meet in their respective states on the first Wednesday in December and vote by ballot for president and vice president one of whom at least, shall not be an inhabitant of the same state with themselves. They transmit the result of their balloting sealed to the president of

the United States Senate. On the second Wednesday of February following the electoral votes are opened and counted by both Houses of Congress at a joint meeting in the hall of the Representatives. A majority of the whole number of electoral votes is necessary to elect. If no candidate has a majority of the House of Representatives must choose either of the three persons having the highest number of votes.

Wife of Cando Man Gets "Huffy"

My wife is mad at me, lamented an absent minded Cando man as he came down town last Friday morning. Last night she had a pain in her back and wanted me to rub it with arnica. I rubbed it and next

morning discovered that I had substituted a bottle of red stain I had been using on the leather furniture. I don't see anything to get mad about—it stopped the pain and it takes a beautiful polish.

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