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EDITORIAL COMMENT

The only place where money is made without advertising is in the mint.

Ex-President Roosevelt is five foot and nine inches tall. President Taft weighs more than 300 pounds.

A New York girl insisted on having used in the marriage promise, "love and humor," a combination that is mighty hard to beat in the family circle.

We are now in a position to accept a few poems on "Spring, Gentle Spring," or, "How happy I am that Spring Has Come." This is the season for spring poetry.

The Towner Tribune is publishing a list of the pupils tardy at school. Shame on you, brother editor. How would you like to have been served that way when you were a youngster, and we'll wager money that you were late as often as the other little urchins.

Dave Carlson of the Bottineau Courant, wants to see the primary election law repealed because he says the poor man has no show to get office. He speaks of one candidate last year paying out \$50,000. Whose fault was it? The law may be defective in some ways, but the people as a rule are well satisfied with it. It does away with the bosses.

Sixteen or seventeen days were fritted away in the legislature with vacations and recesses during which time, at least a portion of the legislators gaddied about the country on railroad passes furnished to them by the ever thoughtful railway companies. Now the members are working with might and main trying to clean up the more important matters of legislation, before the session adjourns. Too many days of valuable time were squandered. A good many of the legislators themselves objected to the vacations.

Mr. Holmes, a Lynch farmer, commenting on the article recently handed to us by E. T. Carey, a Donnybrook land man, says: "Carey's idea is all wrong. What good would it do we farmers who are going to live on our land, if the price does increase say ten dollars an acre. It won't raise us any more crops. We won't make any more money, and looking at it from another stand point, it might cost us more, in the way of taxes. I agree with the Independent that each farmer had better take the five dollars and invest it in trees, or something that will enhance the value of his property in that way."

Petitions have been circulated in the city asking that the city council call a special election for the purpose of voting on the proposition of changing the form of city government from the present form by aldermen and mayor, to the one wherein only five men known as commissioners, are elected to conduct the affairs of the city. The petitions have been signed by more than two hundred voters, we are informed, and very likely the proposition will soon be submitted to a vote of the people. The proposition will no doubt be well considered by our people before a change is made, as it should be, and the matter is being discussed quite generally. If the voters decide to change the form of our city government, then great care should be made in the selection of the five commissioners who should be elected with their special fitness in view, considering the time that they would give to the work. It is not always the men most capable for jobs of this kind, who are willing to accept the position, or oftentimes, who are willing to accept the job, but cannot secure the proper number of votes to do so. It is likely that the commissioners would get a sort of salary, to remunerate them for whatever time they spend in the work.

THE GIRL WHO WORKS

God bless the girl who works! She is not too proud to earn her own living, nor ashamed to be caught at her daily task. She smiles at you from behind the desk, counter or printer's case. There is a sweet memory of her in everything she touches. She is like a brave mountaineer, already far up the precipice—climbing, struggling, rejoicing. The sight is an inspiration. It is an honor to know this girl and be worthy of her esteem. Lift your hat to her, young man, as she passes by. She is a queen in the realm of womanhood. She's a prince among the toilers. Her hands may be stained by dishwashing, sweeping, printers' ink or factory grease. But they are honest hands. They stay misfortune from the home; they support the invalid loved one maybe; they are moving, potent shields that protect many a family from the poor house. God bless and protect the girl who works.—Terrel (Tex.) Transcript.

Statistics prepared by the department of agriculture at Washington shows the farmers of Iowa and the Dakotas are the most prosperous in the entire country. North Dakota leads in the annual income of each farm worker with a total \$765.62, South Dakota \$606.69. The average number acres worked by one man in North Dakota is 134, in South Dakota 136. South Dakota farms have an average of six milch cows each, North Dakota, four. The average value of buildings on South Dakota farms is \$512.03 on each, North Dakota \$425. Value of implements and machinery on each farm in South Dakota averages \$203.04 and in North Dakota \$238.84. These statistics demonstrating the success of the middle western farmers are being cited to the farmers of the south by the farmers' co-operative demonstration workers of the agricultural department to inspire them to more effective methods.—Grand Forks Herald.

As a business getter no substitute for newspaper advertising has yet been discovered. Many methods have been exploited but none has been found efficacious. You will always find the progressive business man prominently represented in the advertising columns of his home paper. And by the same token it is always the liberal and judicious advertiser who secures the lion's share of trade and prospers accordingly.

An now comes along a man in Missouri who says he used to live in Kentucky near where Lincoln was born and to his personal knowledge, the log house in which Lincoln was born, burned some years ago, and has been replaced by a duplicate. What did the old yokel open his mouth for? We would have kept right on believing that the hut was still in existence.

Gen. Grant was a Missouri farmer, and a good one too. He raised better crops on the average than many of his neighbors, and contrary to reports he was not considered a failure as a farmer. He lived in a five room log house and lived comfortably for those days.

A New York correspondent assures us that the country is at last beginning to get over the panic. And here we have been supposing that we were over the panic long ago. Probably the panic was like the weather—they got it a good deal worse down east.

The New York World says: Nabd, ribd, bagd, sneezd, whizd, napt, ript, sopt, backt, creast, stress, cludd, dogd, kild, mant, grievd, esteemd, clipt, doft, kist, ment, brieft.
Not choctaw or Hottentot, but English after the revised spelling!

MIGHT HURT THE BUSINESS

Business men are afraid to take an active part, as a rule, in making and maintaining the right kind of government, says the Fargo Search-Light. They are afraid of "hurting their business," but if there is a remote possibility of the same business being in any manner harmed they want the immediate protection of all the courts and the whole of the constabulary and police of the country. They are insistent about having all sorts of protection for themselves and their "business" but they refuse to take a hand and help along reform in government and a cleaning up in politics, because "it might hurt my business." The average business man is a moral coward. The only place he shows courage is when he has an opportunity to dig out more money from the public or private pockets. In such cases greed, his love of money pushes him on to act, and to get after the almighty dollar as a hungry man chases a good dinner.

It should be and is the duty of business men to be prominently and conspicuously active in all that pertains to government, particularly good government and clean politics, and not throw a double burden, as now, on the farmer, the mechanic, the laborer, and many professional men—that of supporting and maintaining government. Business men must wake up. The people are getting exceedingly tired of the political cowards in politics, and they are numerous.

POEMS IN PROSE

The hen's admirers grow constant in their increase. The first official act of Nebraska's new Labor Commissioner was a former appreciation of this pillar of society. According to Mr. Maupin, this fowl brought \$18,000,000 worth of eggs to market in Nebraska last year. The Commissioner is unprepared to estimate the value of her offspring in the way of fried chicken. She laid 1,200,000,000 eggs in 1908. Placed end to end these eggs would reach around the earth and overlap 12,000 miles. They would make an egg walk three feet wide reaching from Omaha to Ogden. With ham they would furnish breakfast for 600,000,000 people and make an omelette containing 625,000 cubic feet. The hen was worth more to Nebraska than the boasted wheat crop of \$26,000,000; almost twice as much as the oat crop of \$16,000,000; twenty times as much as the barley crop; twenty times as much as the rye crop, and one-third as much as the much-talked-of crop of corn. The Commissioner believes Nebraska needs another seal. Is he not right in thinking that upon that seal no figure so well demands recognition as the ever-patient, busy, and unpretentious hen?—Colliers

DRY FARMING

In some parts of Utah and other western states, farmers are practicing the dry farming methods today with marked success. With 12 inches of moisture it is safe to depend on a good crop of wheat or other grain. Very little or no rain falls in the summer, and the only moisture that the land receives is in the form of snow, which melts in the spring. The farmers plow their land in the fall and in the spring harrow it very thoroughly so that a dust mulch forms. This breaks up the capillary ducts by which the water finds its way to the surface, and the ground beneath the mulch remains moist all summer long. Harrowing can well be applied to the land even in North Dakota where the average rainfall is almost double the required 12 inches. The more the land is harrowed, the finer the dust mulch and the better will the moisture be conserved.

The boy who calls his father "the old man" and his mother "the old woman," and lies in bed while they make the fires, will never have to be followed by a bucket of water, in order to keep him from setting the world on fire.

STRAYED—Two bay geldings, 4 years old weight about 1100 lbs each Dec. 1 from my home at Burlington, N. D., branded "G" on right jaw. Liberal reward for recovery. Daniel Conan, Burlington, N. D. 2-18 3-11 pd

FOR SALE—320 acre farm only \$8000 1 1/2 mile from Logan; easy terms if desired; worth investigating. Address P.O. Box 123, Surrey, N. D. 2-4

BANISHING THE CHANCE OF ERROR

We believe that with a prescription department organized as ours is and in which only experienced pharmacists are allowed to compound prescriptions, that the chance for error is very remote.

But to make assurance doubly sure we employ the double check system whereby the work of one pharmacist is carefully checked by another.

This increases the cost of prescription work to us, but not to you; our charges are never higher than elsewhere—are more apt to be less.

THE PUBLIC DRUG CO.

A DRUG STORE --- THAT'S ALL

MINOT, N. D.



McJannet's Furniture Store

The Best and Most Up-to-Date Line of Furniture in Northwestern N. D. Prices Lowest considering Quality. No trouble to show goods.

M. A. McJannet

212 S. Main St. Minot, N. D.

N. W. Dent seed corn and fodder corn at Robinson's Elevator, Minot.

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Notice

General order of the Minot City Board of Health:

All persons are hereby notified that the dumping of manure, garbage or refuse of any kind at any point or place within the limits of the City of Minot or in the Mouse River is absolutely prohibited.

Any one found violating this notice will be prosecuted.

By order of City Board of Health.

E. S. Severance,

10-17 tt Sec. of Board.

The Minot Insurance Agency is now located in G. W. Sword's office in Second National Bank Building. Phone 659. tt

All kinds field seeds for sale at Robinson's Elevator, Minot.

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Money to loan on Farms.—Try Grant Youmans.

2-21 tt

Danger in a Cold

Because you have contracted ordinary colds and recovered from them without treatment of any kind, do not for a moment imagine that colds are not dangerous. Not only pneumonia, but also the infectious diseases such as diphtheria and scarlet fever start with a cold. The cold prepares the system for the reception and development of the germs of these diseases. Take our advice—cure your cold while you can.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy by its remarkable cures of colds has become a staple article of trade and commerce. Its prompt, it is effective, it is reliable. Try it!

L. O. WILSON, THE TAILOR That Satisfies.

Gentlemen of Minot and surrounding towns should bear in mind that they can get their clothes made in Minot. Better, cheaper, up-to-date fit guaranteed. Save all trouble and expense of sending east for them

WHY NOT PATRONIZE HOME INDUSTRY?

My Ladies' Tailoring Department, the best in the Northwest, should be a great accommodation to the ladies that want everything just so that would relieve them from worry.

L. O. WILSON

27-28 Postoffice Bldg. MINOT.

Auction Bills printed on short notice at the Ward County Independent Office

Farm Implements

All of our implements have been removed to the big red implement house north of the Soo Depot.

We are still in the implement business prepared to give you better prices and terms than ever.

Our stock has always been first class and it is right up to the old standard. We sell everything in farm machinery.

Martin Jacobson

The Old Reliable Implement Dealer
Office in Opera House Block Minot, N. D.