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20¢
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MINOT, N. D.

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Gopher Poison

"Kill-em-quick"

Small size... **.75**
Large size... **\$1.25**

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Gopher Poison

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1-8 oz. **.25**
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Advance Clothing Special

The most desirable Suits for Men, shown anywhere this Spring, at the popular price of

\$15.00

The **WARDROBE**

"Sellers of Good Clothes"

HIGH SCHOOLS WILL BE INTERESTED.

The high schools in this part of the state have received the independent has received a very large line of 1911 samples of invitations and commencement programs, anything that is needed for the commencement exercises. We would be pleased to quote prices to any schools interested, for we believe we can save them some money. We can furnish either engraved invitations, or printed, and the work is guaranteed to be the very best possible to do.

SOME FINE POULTRY.

I. T. Zock, who lives east of Minot has a flock of Buff Orpington hens that is worth its weight in gold—almost. He has 110 of the hens, all pure bloods and he is getting from 60 to 80 eggs a day, besides ten of them are hatching.

WHITE EARTH RECORD

BUYS UNITYPE.

A. W. Canterbury of the White Earth Record visited Minot Tuesday. He is a live wire and is giving White Earth the best paper that town has ever had. He has just bargained for a Unitype machine, a \$1,500 arrangement for setting type and besides doing his own work, will set type for other papers in that part of the state.

IVER JOHNSON MARRIES.

Iver Johnson and Miss Bertha Peterson were married Saturday evening. The couple left for Longwood, Sask., where they will live on Mr. Johnson's claim. Iver has lived in this vicinity ten years.

Harvey Emanuel of Berthold, was operated upon at the Northwestern hospital in this city for appendicitis. He is getting along nicely.

PAVLIC BUYS CARPIO NEWS.

Dorr H. Carroll has disposed of the Carpio News to M. J. Pavlik, for five years foreman of the Bowbells Tribune. The new editor is a hustler and he ought to win.

WHY THE BRIEF WASN'T FILED.

The friends of a well known Minot attorney tell a good story on him which is true and which dates back several years when he was first admitted to practice. He had carried a case to the Supreme court, the first time he had had that experience and he failed to file his brief in time. The attorney for the other fellow moved that the case be stricken out on those grounds, and ordinarily he would have won his point. The young attorney, however, arose before the august body of jurists and said: "Your honor, I will admit that I failed to file the brief in time, but I had good and sufficient reasons. In the first place, you should consider that I am an inexperienced attorney, green you might say. In the second place, I own a newspaper and last week my printer got drunk and this delayed the printing of the brief. In the third place, the finest little baby girl you ever saw has just come to bless our home, and withal I have been fairly busy."

The court allowed the case to proceed.

SHAW WAS NOT THE AUTHOR.

My attention was directed to an anonymous communication in your issue last week, with reference to the Sawyer quarantine. Like most communications, of which the author desires to remain unknown, it is remarkable only for its deliberate and reckless mendacity. I am not the author of the article and wish it distinctly understood, and would ask you, Mr. Editor, to kindly verify my state-

ment if the "citizens" desires the truth. The remainder of the letter is as vulgar as the original from which he quotes, and I would have given credit to the gentleman had he been able to conjure up some new views, however, abusive. An untruth, in the framework of borrowed vulgarisms, is a poor effort from one who would claim to be a saint.

JAMES SHAW.

WARD CO. POOR FARM

(Cont. From 1st Page)

The Ward county poor farm has been grossly mismanaged. If the independent has made a misstatement, we wish to stand corrected and will give the commissioners space gladly to let the taxpayers know a few things.

The money expended on repairs and improvements at the county hospital during that period amounted to \$4,660.38. For supplies, improvements, repairs and permanent records for the court house, sheriff's residence and jail, during that time, \$10,738.14 was spent. This does not include office stationery. The county fair association was paid \$8,815.54.

The bonded indebtedness of Ward county at the present time is \$187,000. Outstanding warrants amount to \$165,249.86. The total indebtedness of Ward county, including Renville and Burke counties is \$354,651.70. The county poor fund has been overdrawn \$2,410.84.

The assessed valuation of the three counties in 1910 was as follows: Ward county, 59,423 per cent; Burke, 78,128; Renville, \$3,477,081. Total, \$17,887,081.

Burke county will claim the pro ratio of settlement to be as follows: Ward county, 59,423 per cent; Burke, 21,139 per cent; Renville, 19,438 per cent.

If the supreme court decides that the roads and bridges do not belong to the counties, but to the public in general, which it probably will, then Burke and Renville counties will be owing Ward county quite a sum. If the court decides otherwise, Ward county will owe those counties considerable.

Mrs. Peter Neilson died at Kenmare, March 24, of cancerous tumor, at the age of 36 years.

J. A. Englund of Kenmare, shipped a fine young stallion to Savage, Mont., for which he received \$600. Mr. Englund raises some of the finest stock in the state on his big farm.

Miss Alice Bryant, stenographer at the Williston State bank, fell on an icy slide walk and broke one of her legs above the ankle, both bones being fractured.

Chas. L. Clark, a prominent Cotton drayman, died of pneumonia.

Geo. Ojertson, the Bowbells attorney, has returned from Hot Springs, Ark., much improved in health.

BUILDING UP A DAIRY HERD

In Order to Make Industry Profitable Low Producing Animal Must Be Eliminated.

(By G. L. MARTIN.)

The popularity of the dairy cow was never keener in the northwest than at the present time. This is due somewhat to the partial failure of the grain crop the past year, together with the prevailing high prices for dairy products and the quick continuous returns which this industry insures.

The average cow found on the farms throughout the northwest is largely of the scrub type. A great many of these have descended from the beef types of cattle that prevailed on the ranges previous to the period of settlement. As a result the common cow is not well adapted to meet the needs under the present conditions. Because of the high price of feeds and labor the cow that returns but 5,000 or 6,000 pounds of milk per year is no longer profitable, so the low producing cow must be detected and eliminated in order to make the dairy herd profitable.

For the average farmer it is not advisable to buy expensive pure-bred cows. The fact that a cow is pure-bred does not necessarily make her a profitable animal. There are a great many registered animals that are worse than scrubs. Likewise there are many grade cows that are high producers, so the only reliable way is for each farmer to test his own cows periodically or belong to a testing association. This is the only practical way to detect the "boarders" and raise the standard of the herd.

The most economical and practical way to build up a dairy herd is to start with the common cows and use a pure bred sire of some recognized dairy breed. Where a farmer attempts to build up a herd by purchasing pure-bred cows he usually finds it rather expensive and unsatisfactory. Every breeder of dairy cattle is endeavoring to build up his herd by cutting out his poorest cows and keeping the best ones as foundation for his herd. Often where one attempts to purchase pure-bred cows he pays high prices for the poorest animals upon the reputation sustained by the best individuals in the herd.

The most reliable way for the average farmer to do is to begin with the cows already on hand, cull out the unprofitable ones and keep the heifer calves from the best ones as a foundation for his herd. By using the milk scales, tester and record book, it may easily be determined the quantity of food each animal consumes, the amount of milk returned and a test for the same. The profitable cow quite often is not the best looking animal, but the one that has the inherent ability to utilize her food to the best advantage and bring the largest returns. The same thing holds true with cows as with other animals. Two race horses may look exactly alike, eat the same amount of food and receive like care, but the only way to determine which is the superior animal is by use of the stop watch. Results are what count, whether it be on the race track or in the milk pail.

The importance of using a good sire cannot be over-estimated. It has been said "the sire is half the herd." A good one is even more, since the first cross imparts to the offspring half the characteristics of the sire, the second cross three-fourths, etc. The best authorities on breeding agree that a sire by virtue of having a long line of breeding back of him will stamp his characteristics more firmly upon the offspring, hence the advisability of having a pure-bred animal. Many good herds are being built up in this way all over the country, and quite often the grade cows prove to be superior to the pure-breds as profitable milk producers.

The principal drawback for most farmers in improving the dairy herd is the lack of a record of what each cow is doing. In too many herds cows are being kept at a loss without the owner even suspecting it. The poor cows are eating up the profits of the good ones, so the herd as a whole is unprofitable. Cow test associations are doing a grand work in many states. Their chief advantage lies in the supervisor being a trained man who comes into personal contact with the cow owner and is able not only to instruct in selection, care and management of the dairy herd, but can bring the people together in one common interest, which, after all, is the big thing in all lines of advancement. If there is any one thing above another that will aid in building up the dairy industry it is the detection of the unprofitable cow. In short, it is the application of business methods in farming.

Grazing Hogs.

F. M. Sumpter of Sumner county, Kansas, says he raises and markets from 500 to 600 hogs every year. They are grown mainly in his large alfalfa pastures, with an average of an ear of corn per day until their six weeks' fattening is begun, when they are furnished corn liberally. He does not stock his pastures heavily enough to prevent harvesting from them three cuttings of hay each season. The hogs have continuously a fresh, tender growth to graze on instead of the coarse, woody stems they would have if no mowing were done, while the hay obtained is as valuable as the same amount gathered from meadows not used as pasture.

Lessen Drudgery.

If you are willing to pay your boy the \$30 a month you would have to pay a workman to fill his place, you will not hear so much about the drudgery of life on the farm.

Short State Stories

Items of Interest
Boiled Down for
Busy Readers

The Advance says that every farmer around Bantry will sow at five acres of corn and 2,000 acres will be sown all together.

Senator Hansbrough, who wrote "the Second Amendment," is getting a great deal of advertising over the state. The story is said to be an exceptionally good one and true to life.

Word received from C. K. Brauer, who joined his wife in Europe, says he is enjoying himself mightily at Copenhagen, one of the cleanest and best regulated cities in the world.

Chas. Olson, who is on his way to the Philippines, where he is treasurer of one of the Provinces, was in Hong Kong, China on March 12, when he wrote to his father, Olof A. Olson. He reports the stormiest ocean voyage he has ever experienced.

Axel Benson, after three months spent in Sweden, has returned and bought a fine farm of 240 acres south of Minot.

W. E. Krick, the Berthold editor—postmaster, spent Saturday with Minot friends.

D. B. Laughridge, realizing what damage is done by gophers, wants to employ a boy at once to poison the pests. He lives east of Minot on R. 4.

On April 25, the Grand Commandery of the state will unveil a monument at Fargo in honor of the late Frank J. Thompson, secretary of the State Masonic bodies for years. A number of Minot Masons are planning on attending the ceremony.

Theo. Roosevelt passed thru North Dakota Friday. He stopped at Fargo for ten minutes where he talked to 600 admirers who had gone to the station. He was greeted by many personal friends in a familiar manner.

In his speech before the Senate, Judge Cowan refers to impeachment proceedings, as a near approach to barbarism and declares that Great Britain, the mother country, hasn't had an impeachment since 1806. North Dakota will hardly break the chain.

The Bismarck Tribune urges a paid fire department for that city.

The Bismarck Tribune published the address of John F. Cowan to the Senate in its entirety.

Geo. McClure was arrested in McKenzie county for carving W. Ehler in numerous and sundry places. The victim is recovering.

The young wife of Leonard A. Fleming of Berthold died suddenly of heart trouble. An infant son preceded her a few weeks ago.

Chas. Paulhaber's four year old son, Lester, of Berthold, died of spinal meningitis.

Editor Bierly of the Stanley Sun takes a rap at Oregon. He says that fine climate is about all that they have to boast of, and he knows as he's been right there. He declares that the inhabitants of that state have as hard times meeting their grocery bills as those of North Dakota—and hard.

Matt Skaada of Amanda is still looking for a wife, and he has his optics cast eastward. The Stanley Sun is trying to overcome his difficulties. If Matt would develop his brain along the right line and live the right kind of a life, he might find some damsel near at home who would take the contract to wash his socks and bake his bread for the rest of his days.

John Welo, brother of Senator Welo of Velva, who has been section foreman at Tioga since that country was "discovered," has been promoted. He now has charge of an extra gang between Palermo and Williston.

County Judge Medberry of Mount-rail county was married recently to Miss Edna Fladeland of Ross.

Miss Edna Wilson of Stanley is in Minot for a second operation for appendicitis, the first incision having never properly healed.

The county commissioners of Burleigh county ordered 10,520 bushels of wheat and 14,193 bushels of oats from the Great Western Elevator Co. of Minneapolis, to be used by the farmers for seed and feed.

P. W. Myers, of the Ash Grove Poultry farm, will soon have 850 little chicks hatched out. He has a number of the full blood varieties, but raises mostly Buff Orpingtons. Mr. Myers had a fine Easter display in the window of the Temple pool room Saturday, a large number of the little chicks.

Geo. E. Duls of Grand Forks has been admitted to the practice of law in North Dakota. He had already held certificates to practice in Illinois and Montana.

A worthless sort of a fellow who simply will not work, arrived in Crosby the other day intending to spend the summer at his trade. Some kind-

hearted fellow bought him a ticket to another town and the marshal escorted him to the train.

The Adams Budget can't see much reciprocity in fighting against mail order houses to boost the business of local dealers—when the latter send to big eastern houses for cheap letter heads and envelopes.

In order to assist and encourage the destruction of gophers at this season of the year it has been decided by Berthold township to furnish free to the owner or renter of every quarter section of land in the township bottles of strychnine which can be secured by making application at the drug store.

If you want to water your horse at the village water trough at Bowden, you will have to get a license, costing you \$2.00 a year. An ordinance to that effect has just been passed.

Dr. Farmer of Deering, while scuffling with a friend, slipped and broke his leg. The doctor can take a dose or two of his own medicine.

The Deering Enterprise is still running a local for the Minot College of Commerce, notwithstanding the school has been closed, and Professor Stoessmeister has gone west.

Lee Miller of Granville, had two horses killed Saturday, as they had glanders. This makes seven horses he has had to kill on that account, all that he had. He has burned his barn and hopes that the disease has been stamped out.

Granville seems to have a conscientious dentist. He acknowledges in the local paper that his prices for certain work have been too high, and he will make a further reduction to those whom he has overcharged.

Ed. Pierson has shipped the old Granville Record plant to Meolius, Ore., and will again engage in the newspaper work. The average newspaper man simply finds it impossible to quit the business.

Williams and Divide counties have been having quite an altercation over which one should be allowed to collect the taxes on land in Divide county unpaid Jan. 1. Williams county was going to appeal from an adverse decision, but abandoned the idea, and the Divide county treasurer, will be allowed to copy the records.

Newmann, the hypnotist, was in Palermo recently, but he didn't get in his work on Victor Peters, editor of the Standard.

A White Earth man is accused of attempting to commit a serious offense upon a poor old woman, 75 years of age.

Three horses were found in a shack west of Williston where they had taken shelter during a storm early last winter. They had starved to death. The poor beasts had the panels from the door and the frames from the windows. They had gone into the shack and the door had closed.

Traveling men state that the North Dakota merchants are buying more carefully this spring than ever before and this is giving them good standing with the wholesale houses. They are looking up their sales of last year very carefully and buying accordingly.

The Willow City Eagle accepted a big ad from a store in another town, because the local merchants were not loyal enough.

Miss Maude McGovern has had her contract to teach at Bantry revoked, the board claiming that she failed to pay her board. In a letter in the Bantry Advocate, she dares anyone to give an instance where this was the case and says she does not want to teach in a district anywhere, where there is any friction.

The Devils Lake Inter Ocean hints that Editor Mitchell of the World has been double crossed, by some of the stockholders who are not satisfied with the lenient way which he has handled the political enemies of that paper.

Mrs. Wm. Burrows of Bowbells, died from the effects of a fall, which occurred when she attempted to rise from her bed, after a long spell of pneumonia. In falling, her head was injured by striking some sharp object.

O. J. Clark, vice president Farmers & Merchants bank, is the owner of two deer, a buck and a doe, which he purchased at the Mrs. Harry Hart sale at Kenmare, some time ago. Mr. Clark received the animals on Monday's train and has them in a corral at his residence in Sherwood.

Paul H. Jerdeau of McClusky, grand lecturer and auditor of the Masonic blue lodges of the state, visited Minot Monday and attended a special meeting at the temple that night, when the third degree was exemplified, the candidate being H. A. Kluver of Burlington.