

THE GREAT FARMING GAME.

The editor of the Independent talked with two Glenburn farmers the other day and both seem to be making a success, altho their farming plans are diametrically opposed to one another. One of these farmers is ultra conservative and the other is a plunger. The conservative farmer has for a number of years followed the course of diversification and although he is not yet in the millionaire class, he is getting along comfortably and making a little money every year. His cellar is full of potatoes and at present he is getting only 35 cents a bushel for them, altho last year he sold at around the dollar mark. "Next year I will plant five acres of potatoes and if anyone would guarantee to give me 25 cents a bushel at the farm, I'd be willing to put my entire quarter into this crop," he said. Continuing, he stated: "I threshed a good crop of wheat, the average on spring plowing being 23 bushels, yet I can't say that I made any money from my small grain. Take oats for example. One had to haul a fourth of the crop to the elevator to pay for the expense of threshing alone. I'm not surprised at the low price for grain considering that not only every state raised a bumper crop, but practically every country in the world. The only wonder is that the price of wheat holds at around 70 cents. I believe in good farming, but I think that this explodes the theory of the Better Farming association. The greater the crop we produce, the lower the price we may expect for it under the present method of marketing it. Let every farmer around Glenburn keep milch cows and see how quickly the milk and butter market of our town would be glutted. I understand that your dairymen get 12 cents a quart for milk in Minot, a mighty good price considering the low price of feed, but let twice as much milk be produced for your local trade and see how quickly the price would fall. About the only way for the farmers to get rich quickly is to produce a big crop when practically all of the rest fail. We are advised to raise hogs, but there are few farmers in my neighborhood who feel able to invest in the wire for a hog tight fence, let alone the cost of the porkers. I am not a pessimist, but I do say that you can't lay down a rule for our success."

The "plunger" farms a large area of land. He is a hustler. He gets up in the morning and he knows how to manage men. He has a gas tractor and all the latest farming equipment. His story follows: "Farming is a gamble, pure and simple. For two years the cards

FRANK HITCHCOCK.



Mr. Hitchcock predicts that it is only a question of time until the government will take over the business of the express companies. The parcels post is but the beginning of a vast, new federal institution, he believes.

were stacked against me, but I got a better deal last season and made some money. Look at the wealthy Red River valley farmers. They made their money plunging. The theory of diversification is all right but life is too short for me to practice it. I'm either going to make or break. I am an optimist. Ten years ago I thought I'd be a millionaire long before this, but I missed my calculations. Give me a fair chance next year and I'll make a killing."

These men are after results and it's possible that both of them will succeed. The farming game isn't played exactly alike by any two individuals.

The parcels post will give the country merchant a delivery system as good as that of the city mail order house. The catalog house will learn that the 100 pound freight shipments will no longer induce the customer to increase his order in order to save freight and the country merchant who advertises right, ought to build up a greater business than ever. When the self binder made its appearance there was great consternation among laboring men who feared that many would be thrown out of employment. Every step of progress seemingly injures some class, but the obstacles are always surmounted and the old world goes on. The country merchant should have no fear of the parcels post. Get busy and make use of it.

A nursery of the state offers to trade nursery stock for advertising space. Most of the publishers turned the proposition down. It takes cash to run the newspaper business and its a poor plan to cheapen one's space by accepting every proposition that comes along. Establish a fair rate and stick to it.

MEETING THE SITUATION.

It has been within only the last year that North Dakotans have been thoroughly aroused to the fact that this state, rich in resources and wealth, has an agricultural problem. At the present time there are few farmers and business men who do not see that North Dakota, like the older middle states, must of necessity change from the production of small cereals and nothing else to diversified farming—that the farmer cannot longer rely on wheat, barley, oats and flax. This does not mean that it no longer pays to raise wheat in North Dakota because it does. But it does not mean that the most fertile soil in the world cannot be depleted definitely without replenishing it. It means that crops other than small cereals must be grown that the raising of corn, clover, alfalfa and dairying and cattle raising must supplement the production of small cereals. But the satisfying feature of the whole situation is that it is being intelligently met by all classes for there must be co-operation of businessmen, barker and farmer. If this transition is to be accomplished without depression and economic loss. The Better Farming association and other agencies are aiding the farmer in making the transition without those costly experiments that his predecessors were compelled to make. The Farmers' clubs, where methods are discussed and experiences compared, are most important agencies. Altogether the year of 1913 comes in with unusual possibilities or constructive development.

SHOULD NOT BE SECRETARY.

James J. Hill is too big a man to go into the cabinet of the president-elect. The ripeness of Mr. Hill's years and judgment, his experience as an empire builder, his knowledge of agriculture, and the wealth of his disposition and means, all conspire to give him a position of unique honor and usefulness as a private citizen. Such a man in private life can do a work for his country greater than he could accomplish in any bureaucratic position where his usefulness would be hampered by public expediency or governmental red tape. Northwest

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Framstead trusts that Mr. Hill will live long to serve the whole country and especially the American Northwest, but he can do a larger service and with greater comfort to himself in his present unique position than under the limitations of any appointive office. He wisely declines to be a candidate.—Northwest Farmstead.

BEWARE THE "GET RICH QUICK" STOCK SALESMAN

North Dakotans because of the fact that they make money from their

North Dakota investments, are constantly importuned by salesmen for all kinds of so-called "investment propositions," which range from distant land purchases down through the scale to mining stocks, wild cat industrial stocks, oil stocks, and many other "get rich quick" propositions. Hundreds of thousands of dollars are lost to our people every year through which might be saved were the inventor to stop to think that were the propositions as promising as the salesman presents them, that it would not be necessary to send him out to sell the stock.

Save your pennies, suggested J. Rockefeller to a poor teacher, who contrasted his gorgeous estate with her cheerless boarding place. John knows. He started poor, and by close economy is now able at 75 to live without working. Most of us do not save when we are young, or we might be millionaires today. We eat too much candy, buy forty cent butter, attend too many nickel theaters, invest in diamonds, hire autos, give big parties, wear seal skins, in short are reckless with our hard earnings, and the future finds us down and out.

These stormy days call loudly for saurkraut. No matter if you father did not come from Germany, or you don't speak Pennsylvania Dutch saurkraut is the smoking dill to match the pera mark in the mercury. Do not forget the solid piece of "speck" a chunk of pork, with streaks of fat and lean. Let the mass simmer slowly for four hours. Serve piping hot. If you have a squash pie for dessert, it will not hurt. Mrs. Potter Palmer may turn up her nose, but let her turn. Give us the S. K.

A new ailment in the Friday's papers. The doctors have discovered a weakness among rich folks, and they diagnose it is the "auto foot." So much speeding in the autos has put the foot out of business, these pampered sons and daughters will not walk, and the feet are losing their power. Herole treatment is necessary. Burn or sell the machine, get a pair of heavy stogies, trot five miles a day, and these useful members will resume their normal condition. The feet were made to walk. They are not for ornament. Don't be afraid to be a kicker. That is the only way to get things

done. Great reforms come thru kicking. Paul and Wesley and Luther and Moody were all kickers. Slavery was put down by the kicking started by Lloyd Garrison, Wendell Phillips, and John Brown. These quiet people who say yes to everything, and are willing to let matters jog along the old way, are not much account in pushing the world forward.

Does it pay to become great? Several of our noted men succumbed to the inevitable during the past week. Senator Jeff Davis of Arkansas died of heart failure on the eve of the ratification of his re-election. Congressman Wm. Wedemeyer of Michigan went insane as the result of a trip to the Isthmus of Panama and committed suicide by jumping from the ship. These law makers as a rule live too high. Take a lesson and keep out of politics.

If the doctors are right, we eat too much refined food. Wheat is robbed of every bit of hull to make it like snow, potatoes and apples are pared, cranberries are strained into jelly, every coarse part of fruit and vegetables, the very things needed for digestion, are thrown away. As a result, the papers are full of medicines for liver and stomach. Horses eat hay with their oats, and chickens swallow pebbles to grind the corn. Then these pre-digested foods are an abomination. What are your teeth and stomach for?

NEW CORPORATIONS

P. D. Norton, secretary of state, reports the following new corporations, organized in the state for which charters have been granted out of his office, since Dec. 1.

Stacy Bismarck Co., Bismarck, Burleigh county, capital stock \$50,000 incorporators: E. P. Nash, and W. K. Nash, Minneapolis, and H. B. Finch, Grand Forks. Filed Dec. 20.

Stacy Lake Co., Devils Lake, Ramsey county, capital stock, \$50,000; incorporators: W. K. Nash and F. P. Nash, Minneapolis, and H. B. Finch, Grand Forks. Filed Dec. 20.

New Rockford Grocery Co., New Rockford, Eddy county, capital stock \$160,000; incorporators: F. P. Nash, W. P. Nash, both of Minneapolis, and H. B. Finch, Grand Forks. Filed Dec. 20.

Kemper Farming Co., Minot, Ward county, capital stock, \$25,000; incorporators: Geo. W. Kemper, Erik K. Ramstad and M. R. Porter, all of Minot, N. D. Filed Dec. 24.

Northern Briquetting Co., Minot, Ward county, capital stock, \$500,000 incorporators: Herman Winterer, Hugh McDonald, Valley City, and L. M. Davis, Minot, N. D. Filed Dec. 24.

Minot Implement Co., Minot, Ward county, capital stock \$30,000; incorporators: Carl B. Swanson, Minot; both of Minneapolis, Minn. Filed Geo. P. Schultz and J. Willis Jones, Dec. 18.

ST. CARL ITEMS.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Pladeen left last week for Ray, N. D.

Johanne Maher always ambitious and persistent has started fishing in Grote's pond lately.

Mr. and Mrs. Mahoney and son Charles, Mrs. Evenson and son Donald were Sunday visitors at the Ed Evenson home.

Marie Mahoney secured a position in Minot during her vacation months. A horseless carriage without a driver after many attempts to clear the road of standing trains and innocent pedestrians arrived at the Maher home from Minot Saturday evening. Congratulations and good wishes. Many were bestowed upon friend Johnnie for lo and behold by his side were no less than three fair ladies.

An investigation disclosed the fact that Ed Tofley must be the third party as the other fellow has been located at last.

A very pleasant evening was spent at the Pearson home, Tuesday evening, being their seventh anniversary of their marriage.

They were the recipients of some lovely presents. The evening was spent in dancing and everyone had a thoroughly fine time.

Howard Huston, who is attending the state university, arrived in Minot Monday and left for Granville to spend the holidays with his parents.

"Official" Photograph of The President Elect's Wife



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YOU have no doubt seen a picture of America's new "first lady of the land," Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, but this will interest you especially because it is her "official" photograph. Of all the pictures she has had taken since her husband was elected president this was selected by her as the best and promptly labeled "official." While Governor Wilson is laboring with appointments and the detail of his approaching assumption to office on March 4 next, Mrs. Wilson is busy with the social side of her new life. The duties as president's wife are many and exacting.

FARM LOANS

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