

WHY BUY AT HOME.

The Duluth Herald claims to have originated the following statement of reasons for buying goods at home, an article which has traveled over the continent so long that its authorship has been forgotten:

- I buy at home.
Because this is the place where I make my money and this is the place I spend it.
Because my interests are here.
Because I believe in transacting business with friends.
Because the community that is good enough for me to live in is good enough for me to buy in.
Because I want to see the goods.
Because I want to get what I pay for.
Because every dollar spent at home stays at home and works for the development of the city.
Because the man I buy from stands back of the goods.
Because I sell what I produce here at home.
Because the man I buy from pays his part of the city and county taxes.
Because the man I buy from helps support my school, my church, my lodge and my home.
Here is where I live, and here is where I buy.

We have always suspected that these annual pilgrimages to the springs were more to be in style than from any actual good derived, and now we know it. An eminent scientist who has had the waters of all of the famous watering places of America and Europe analyzed, says there's more curative qualities in ordinary well or hydrant water than in the world famed rotten-egg smelling water of Arkansas' hot springs, for instance. And sulphur is said to have no curative qualities at all while all spring waters contain so little of the purgative salts, that even by drinking a gallon of the liquid one is not benefitted a tenth as much as by taking a good dose of old fashioned Epsom salts. Of course its pleasant for one to go to the springs and display one's wealth, but really you will be better off if you would only go at home what you would be apt to do at the springs, viz: practice the rule of early to bed and early to rise; drink large quantities of good pure water; eat simple food; exercise much in the fresh air and bask in the sun. Don't worry if you haven't the money to take you to the springs. For a few cents, you can buy enough stuff at a drug store to make a far better mineral water than you'll find at any of these natural springs. Some people will fall to believe this.

The Powers Lake Echo urges the farmers of that vicinity to hold their land higher, as it is easier for land dealers to dispose of \$50 land than that listed at half that price. Something to this. Most of our land is worth \$50 an acre right now, at that.

THE PRACTICAL WAY.

That much of the responsibility of securing competent and reliable farm help in North Dakota rests on the farmer himself was the contention of one of the speakers at the recent corn and clover convention in Grand Forks. The day to get good men for harvest work, he said, is to view the situation from the standpoint of the hired man. The things essential to him are good board, good sleeping quarters, regular hours, steady working time and good pay. Many North Dakota farmers deal with the situation intelligently but there are others who regard the hired man as a necessary evil during the busy season, they look on him as a sort of parasite and treat him accordingly. The competent man loses heart and the poor man becomes more incompetent. North Dakota must have large number of transient laborers during certain seasons. One of the best ways of insuring competent farm help is to apply the golden rule in the treatment of these men.

The railway commissioners have stirred up a regular hornet's nest by their recent elevator ruling which provides that the grain men must furnish a ticket for each load of grain marketed and at the time said grain is brot in. Many times, the grain is hauled in by irresponsible men employed by the farmers during the busy season, and the local grain dealers do not feel like turning over tickets to them. They have written, the commission asking if the tickets cannot be held for the owner. The commission is trying to solve numerous other problems, propounded as the result of this ruling. The Independent has an idea that this ruling was asked for by the line elevators, in order that they may charge for storage right off the bat, and at the same time determine just how much grain there is in their houses at the close of the day's business. The ruling with certain changes, will no doubt prove a good one.

One of the prominent features of the convention of the Mouse River Loop Farmers' association and Mid-winter fair will be the Boy's Agricultural Short Course under the direction of W. A. Peck, announcement of which appears elsewhere in this issue. Mr. Peck reports that already many boys have sent their names in for enrollment and as the number is limited to one hundred, the chances are that the limit will soon be reached. Farmers try to get your boys enrolled in this school. Read the program carefully. What little money it will cost you will pay you big returns in the years to come. No tuition.

We can soon look for some of California's frosted oranges to arrive at our markets. Frosted oranges may not always prove to be unhealthful, but they have been known to cause sickness. The board of health of the city of Fargo will make an effort to stop the sale of such fruit.

There is to be a bottle fifteen feet high at the mid-winter fair in Minot and the Fargo Forum tips it off to Mr. Watkins.

THE SUCCESSFUL MAN.

Too often the success that a man makes in this world, is figured in dollars and cents. So many men undermine their health chasing the almighty dollar, that they either are ready for the grave at fifty or are compelled to seek the return of that which money can hardly buy, at some sanitarium. The man who conducts his business in an honest way, who is good to his employes and his family, who lays aside business cares when he goes home at night, is far more successful than the nerve-racked fellow, even though he may not have any money in the bank. Better be a live pauper at 90 than a dead millionaire at 50.

The Independent urges the farmers of the northwest to visit Minot next week, at which time the annual convention of the Mouse River Loop Farmers' association and Mid-Winter fair will be in progress. Minot's liberal businessmen are offering over a thousand dollars' worth of valuable premiums. If you exhibit some of the products from your farm, you will have been benefitted whether you win a single premium or not. No farmer ever attended one of these gatherings that he did not return home determined to turn over a new leaf in some particular.

County Superintendent Warren is about the best bluffer we ever met. When the county commissioners told him that he had one too many deputies, he blustered and bristled and said he'd show 'em; that the law entitled him to even one more deputy than he then had. We note, however, that he has dismissed his office deputy and we think the schools will not suffer, either.

The other day we attempted to sympathize with a farmer who was unable to secure help to dig his ten acre field of potatoes last fall. "But I will still get more than the present market price per bushel for them," said he. And he added, "Just watch my next year's crop on that piece of ground."—Bottineau Courant.

Ladies, a bank account makes you independent open one to-day
No matter whether a woman is married or single, she should have a bank account. It sometimes helps to make a woman more thrifty and it always makes her independent of circumstances.
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SELECT CULLINGS

Ministers' Sons. It is probable that ministers' sons have exerted more influence in the United States than in any other country. Among teachers, lawyers, doctors, scientists, men of business and in the church there are a great host who have been the sons of the manse. Of the more notable men in our history who were sons of ministers we find in political life Cleveland, Clay, Buchanan, Arthur, Quay, Morton, Beveridge, Hughes and the lamented Dooliver of Iowa; among jurists, Field and Brewer; among educators, Woodrow Wilson, Faunce, James, Carroll, Lounsbury; in history and literature, Sloane, Parkman, Bancroft, Emerson, Holmes, Henry James, Lowell, Gilder, Van Dyke; in invention and science, Cyrus W. Field, Samuel F. Morse and Agassiz; in the church, Beecher, Alexander, Hodge, Abbott, Potter, Jonathan Edwards; in philosophy, James. In the Hall of Fame fifty-one famous Americans are honored. Of these ten are the children of ministers—Agassiz, Beecher, Henry Clay, Harriet Beecher Stowe, Jonathan Edwards, Emerson, Lowell, Morse, Bancroft and Holmes. — Popular Science Monthly.

Historic Mace Repaired. Taken from the capitol for the first time in ten years, the historic eagle capped mace, symbol of the authority of the house of representatives, was recently carried to a jewelry shop in F street for repair. As the silversmith steadied the emblem upon its staff, riveting a pinion which holds the serpent in place, two of the capitol police, obeying an unwritten law that demands that some one in authority must always be its custodian, stood guard over the mace. After the repairs were completed the mace was returned to the office of the sergeant-at-arms. The mace was made in 1841 by William Adams of New York. It was last repaired about a decade ago, when a wing of one of the eagles became knicked.— Washington Post.

Bryce and His Pipe. Commenting on the retirement of James Bryce, the British ambassador to the United States, the Dundee Advertiser says that one personal feature of Mr. Bryce which appealed to Americans was his total absence of "suds." The Advertiser adds: "A visitor called on him one Sunday morning at the British embassy at Washington, and Mr. Bryce met him in the hall and begged him to 'come this way, where we can talk undisturbed.' He led the way to the library, and the first thing he did was to take out a well worn tobacco pouch and blackened briar pipe, which he proceeded to fill and smoke. The caller realized that this was what the ambassador wished to be 'undisturbed' about."

Synthetic Rubies. So absolutely perfect in color, hardness, refraction, durability and composition are the most recently manufactured specimens of rubies that European brokers now refuse to take rubies in pawn, as they cannot distinguish the synthetic gem from the product of nature. The German jewelry trade has petitioned the government to take legal steps to protect the public by requiring the synthetic gem to be sold as such. The manufacture of sapphires and other gems is conducted under the same general process by the addition of the necessary coloring matter. Paris is producing large quantities of the gems, and Professor Miethe of Berlin has recently improved the process.

England's Vanishing Lake. The famous Dunkirk lake at North-wich (Cheshire) has vanished, for the second time within a year. In a few seconds millions of gallons of water entered the bowels of the earth through a great chasm 200 feet deep, formed by a subsidence, and left an empty space where the lake had been. A big landslide in this countryside, honeycombed by subsidences due to brine pumping, occurred about twenty years ago, and in May last the lake formed. Three months later it suddenly emptied itself and then began slowly to refill. Traffic in the vicinity of the phenomenon was at once stopped, and precautions have been taken to prevent further collapses of earth.—London Mirror.

Historic Durazzo. The Balkan turmoil is stirring our historical and geographical memories. For a thousand years or so no one has thought much of Durazzo. But it was a famous port when the Romans called it Dyrrachium. It was the nearest point across from Brundisium—which is now Brindisi—and was chosen by Cicero as his place of pleasant exile, just as Boulogne is regarded from this side of the channel. In fact, Brundisium and Dyrrachium were the Dover and Calais of the Romans, and now once more Durazzo is springing into importance.—Westminster Gazette.

George and the Dragon. Frank Harris, the English author and lecturer, says that there are three classes of society in England—the aristocrats, who are barbarians; the middle class, who are philistines, and the dregs of society, who are nothing at all. It is a funny thing that the late King Edward, who had all the vices of the aristocrats, was beloved by the middle class and that his son, King George, who has all the virtues of the middle class, is despised by the aristocrats. He and the queen are always spoken of as George and the Dragon.—New York World.

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MRS. ROBERT GOELET, A FAVORITE OF FORTUNE.
BIRTH, beauty, wealth and social position are among the gifts which fortune has bestowed upon Mrs. Robert Goelet. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Whelen of Philadelphia and younger sister of Mrs. Craig Biddle. The Wheelens are to Philadelphia what the Astors and Vanderbilts are to New York. Robert Goelet, to whom Miss Elsie Whelen was married in 1904, is the son and chief heir of the late Ogden Goelet, and his fortune is estimated at \$40,000,000. Mrs. Goelet's entertainments at Newport and in New York are notable functions. That she has a taste for something besides the conventional was shown by her eager acceptance about a year ago of the invitation extended to her to make a trip in the submarine Octopus and visit the bottom of Narragansett bay.

The catalog houses appropriate a dollar per family for advertising purposes. When our local businessmen do as well, the catalog houses will do less business.

The woman's suffrage sentiment seems to be growing among our legislators. It couldn't be otherwise. Alice Nelson Page and a half hundred other charming North Dakota women who are lobbying for votes for women, seem to know which way to "stroke the fur." A woman's smile will win when all power of argument fails.

Alfalfa seed is going to be as scarce as hen's teeth. The Montana seed is said to be mighty high and just as poor. The germination tests only about 17 per cent on the average. It is said that Montana's alfalfa has largely been killed out during the past year or two. The growing of alfalfa in the northwest is in its experimental stage.

With approximately \$1,200,000 available for all appropriations to be made at the present legislative state institutions alone ask for over \$2,000,000, while the demand from other sources runs the demand up to nearly \$3,000,000.

No wonder the price of milk is going up. We note that some of our rich beauties are using that lactical fluid for their baths. Milk feeds the skin, they say, and gives them that much desired complexion.

Street Commissioner Tom Jackson has tried in vain to keep the city walks in good shape. The ice has covered the despite his efforts. The sidewalks of Minot are the only ones in the state that are plowed, sanded and salted, but Tom says the blankety-blank wind blows off the salt before it can get in its work on the ice.

ENGAGE TRAINED NURSES FOR SCHOOLS
An important and progressive step along health lines in school work was recently taken by the Grand Forks school board in engaging a trained nurse who will be employed to look after the health of school children. At the present season of the year, the danger of disease is regarded by physicians as especially great and it is expected that this preventive measure will bring splendid results in many ways.
Dad' Green was in from Sawyer to spend the week end with friends and to transact business. "Dad" was adopted by the finest little thoroughbred spaniel you ever saw, whose friendship he won by feeding it bones—and things.
The legislature came near repealing the entire anti-pass law the other day, when the proposition to allow fish commissioners to ride on free passes was indefinitely postponed by a small majority.