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There are some expressions that show signs of wearing out. Give them a rest. Take these two: "It is up to you." "Get busy." Let us have variety in our talk. The English language has 400,000 words, why ride one phrase to death. Juice is the last word for electricity. Do the scientists use it or is it an easy name of the street? Has current gone out? Apple has juice.

Very tempting now as you pass the store windows, and see the rich displays of fashions for fall and winter. What hats and tailor-made dresses for ladies, and suits and neckties for men. There are only two rules about clothes. Dress according to your purse and according to your taste. It is foolish to wear an outlandish thing because it is in style, or to buy an article on credit. Pay as you go, or do not go.

For a large family a rich vegetable soup makes a very substantial dinner. A chunk of beef with plenty of fat, and all the vegetables the kind mother can gather, potatoes, turnips, rice, corn, tomatoes, safsafy, celery, all thoroughly boiled, make a savory mess that will send the youngsters to school rejoicing. If the day is stormy, so much the better. Hot soup heats the jacket. Fill plates till they cry Enough!

A grand hint from Philadelphia for our law officers. A set of loafers who refused to support their wives, were supplied with sledges and were made to break stone, while a guard saw that they kept at it. This is the scheme, and a wonder it was not thought of before. These rascals do not care for jail, but when it comes to real work, they see the point. Ridiculous for honest men to labor and feed lazy rogues in idle cells.

Prisoners at the North Dakota penitentiary are being taught the art of farming, so that when they will have completed their sentences they will have a useful business to follow. Trades Unions have frowned upon the employment of persons who have learned their trades in prisons, and there is a tendency in our own state institution to pay more attention to teaching the men a business at which they will find ready employment. Additional land may be bought by the institution. Good idea.

Be a sportsman. Cultivate some sort of out-of-door amusement. Hunting affords the most enjoyable pastime for fall in this state. It doesn't cost much. Anyone can own a shot gun and learn to use it. No pleasure like that of seeing a duck fall out of the air, following a clever shot. No use in being a game hog. A dozen or two are enough unless you have a contract to supply friends. An occasional day spent away from your business will add years to your life and make it worth living. Get your nose away from that grindstone.

The farmer who hauls his grain to the elevator and watches the test for dockage should learn a valuable lesson from the loss he sustains by reason of the weed seeds in his grain. It has cost him just as much to grow, thresh and haul to market a bushel of that weed seed for which he receives nothing as it has to grow a bushel of wheat, and yet he continues to sow poorly cleaned seed, grows a good crop of succotash and kicks because his grain is docked more than that of his neighbor who selects his best grain for seed, cleans it several times to make sure it is free from weeds, and raises good clean grain for market.

We note that there are quite a large number of prospective students for our Normal school, who desire to work their way thru school. We always feel like taking our hat off to the worthy young man or woman who manages to get an education without ready funds. It's easy enough to get an education if one has rich parents to pay the bills, but for one to have to work early and late for an education—that's another matter. And still, such students usually stand well toward the head of their class. If you can be of any assistance to such young people, by all means give them a chance.

A few years ago the county commissioners then in charge of Ward county built an addition to the old court house in the form of a wing, intending later to tear down the old structure and complete the building by constructing the second wing. They planned that this was the only way

that a new court house could be secured without an election. There are many who resent that the commissioners at that time were not within the law. At any rate, the job was badly bungled for today Ward county has a mighty poor excuse of a court house. It will take more than one special election to secure a new wing to the building.

There are acres of abandoned farms in the "hills" in the southern end of the county. This land was homesteaded ten years or more ago. More than half of the original owners plastered their farms and moved on, having made a little easy money in a few months. Much of this land has gotten into the hands of lease companies. The soil is the very best, being a deep black loam. There is an abundance of hay sloughs and countless acres of the best pasture land in the world. An ideal country for mixed farming. A quarter section of this land will easily support a family. Some day it will all be occupied. Those who have remained with their land have the best crops grown in the county this season.

There is an immense lot of road building to be done in the southwestern end of Ward county. In traveling by auto from Douglas to Minot, we passed many miles of roads that are nothing more than trails laid out according to the lines of least resistance years ago. Occasionally a fence cuts off the trail and one is compelled to make a sharp and almost impassable turn. Section lines have been almost totally disregarded. There are but few good grades and considerable bridge building needs to be done. The various cities and villages of the county should be connected by good roads. Systematic work will have to be done.

Here is a little piece of advice from the McVillie Journal, this is very seasonable just now in Ward county. It is a condition of affairs that we always have to contend with at this season of the year, when the crop is being marketed. The Journal says: "From now until the snow flies the community will be pestered with the grocery peddler, picture agent and every other kind of peddler and agent. They have heard that crops are good and this year there will be money in sight. There is just one good and safe rule to apply to this kind of gentry: tell them this is your busy day. A year ago there were literally thousands of dollars wheeled out of those who were too good hearted to turn them down, by picture agents. If you are fooled by one of these oily tongued individuals what recourse have you? They are here today and in Montana tomorrow. Better stand by your home merchants who have reputations to sustain and who stand behind their goods.

We have received all kinds of advertising offers, but we drew one in the mail the other day that beats anything we have ever known. Some "rheumatiz" cure concern doing business down along the lake in Chicago actually offered to trade us the "Editor's Special Collection" of cure-alls, soaps and beverages, worth all of \$10.20 for 182 inches of advertising to be run during the ensuing year. Think of it! For only \$36.40 worth of advertising we could get a wonderful assortment of articles of particular use around a printing office, worth at retail prices about a fourth of the actual value of the advertising.

Here are some of the things that collection comprises: One can So-Cool-a, the new good health drink (so popular in North Dakota since the permits were taken away); one bottle of shampoo, (guaranteed to cut the ink out of one's whiskers); one box of pills, (an editor never needs 'em); one box of salve, (a necessity in handling irate subscribers); and two plasters, to take away all aches and pains. We could use some of those headache tablets right now. The concern does not furnish any nerve tonic in their choice assortment but we presume that the entire output in that commodity is consumed by their publicity department.

Vandenoever Can Scent Grouse.

The editor spent a couple of days with County Commissioners B. J. Anderson and Peter Vandenoever, and L. A. Larson, hunting ducks in the vicinity of Max and Douglas. The hunt was quite successful, the party returning with a very nice assortment of mallards, spoonbills, canvas-backs, teal and red-heads. Peter Vandenoever is one of the best "shots" in the country and he brot down about as many as the rest of the party combined. No slough is too deep nor water too cold for him to get his game, and the waders he usually uses are those that Mother Nature gave him. They say that "Pete" can readily scent grouse, having learned to detect the presence of these birds as a boy.

WOMAN EDITOR RESIGNS.

Palermo, N. D., Sept. 23.—Miss Mathilda Anderson, who has been editor of the Palermo Standard since May 1, has resigned and will reside on her homestead, which is six miles south of Wing, N. D.

BITS OF PIONEER HISTORY.

Fire at Minot destroyed three blocks buildings. It began in Coleman & Baker's livery barn. A high wind carried the flames across the street, and as the buildings were all frame, they burned like tinder. The firm of Thorpe Bros. lost heavily, as they had just built and opened a general merchandise business. There was considerable stealing during the fire, but most of the goods were recovered.

Some of the losers have already begun to remove the debris preparatory to rebuilding.

The town is not safe yet, and a guard is set to watch for sparks.

This is the vivid story set forth in the Villard Leader by its Minot correspondent, and more than once the Editor has seen it repeated in Minot and Towler. One item only is not always duplicated, viz., the recovery of the stolen goods. But the neighbors ready to guard and help, and the buoyant spirit that begins again so soon are all characteristic of the clear air of North Dakota.

The fire burned all the restaurants and lodging houses; among them the Leland and the Shanley House. Quite a number lost all they had, and were homeless, but not for long.

The Parker brothers had to go beyond the Little Muddy before they found work on the Manitoba reaching out westward.

Dist. Attorney Lonergan and Sheriff Tracey left for the front, determined to round up all whom they found selling liquor without a license.

Messrs. Brown and Flummerfelt are putting up a brick building. "Princely stayers," say Up-river. Wonder if that was Little Mac, now the Editor of the Flasher Hustler.

The Burlington House is putting in a cistern. Dan Westin had the contract. This was the house so ably managed by Mrs. Colton, wife of Comrade Colton, mine owner.

Dan Westin had the contract for plastering the new school house in Burlington. This was the first school house in their est, and its dais was carpeted. Judge Francis held federal court here. Ask Jim Johnson for the rest of the story.

There was a Minot Tribune in those days. Did you ever see it?

It tells that the officials of the Manitoba telegraphed the burned-out citizens of Minot that they would help them regain lost ground.

Barney McGee took his first train out of the Minot yard Tuesday. He is on the Montana division. Is there anybody running out of Minot now that remembers the genial Barney?

Wake Davis and Jerry Flannigan went to some of the boys while their buildings were burning, and offered to lend them cash to begin again.

E. Ashley Mears bought two vacant lots on the corner of Main and Third, and has arranged for the construction of a building to be known as the Bank of Minot. Now it is Jim Johnson's office.

Lyman Builds Cottages to Rent.

Frank J. Lyman is building three cottages for rent on the north side. Mr. Lyman will build more of them in the spring. There is a great demand for medium sized cottages that will rent for a moderate figure. A hundred of them could be occupied right now. Minot is growing.

Will Build Bungalow.

Guy F. Humphreys has started the erection of a modern seven-room bungalow, 28x42 feet, on Mill street. The contract has been let to F. E. Smith, who expects to have the residence ready for occupancy in about two months.

May Build Silo at Poor Farm.

The county dads are considering constructing a silo at the poor farm. An immense amount of corn was grown at the farm for roughage this year and is now standing in the shock. The commissioners hope to use the farm for demonstration purposes as well as for the care of the charges.

Hecht Has Fine Lot of Hogs.

Col. H. J. Hecht went to Bowbells where he bought a registered Duroc Jersey Boar from John Romine. The Colonel has a bunch of prize winners at his farm north of the city and he'd travel twice across the state if he could add a better animal to his bunch. Mr. Hecht's hogs are doing fine this year.

Visit From Dr. R. W. Pence.

Dr. R. W. Pence arrived from Enid, Okla., to visit with his brother, Dr. J. R. Pence and many old time friends. The doctor will remain here about two weeks. The doctor was formerly located here, but went south several years ago for his health. He is robust and both himself and Mrs. Pence are enjoying life in their southern home.

Horton Remembers the Independent.

W. W. Horton, the old time Minot contractor, now doing business in the Canadian northwest, has completed a large job at Red Deer, Alta., and is now looking after a number of good contracts at Medicine Hat. "Hort" has made quite a success in the contracting business. We know that this is true because the old scout sent a check to pay for several years subscription to the Independent in advance.

Will Grow Blooded Stock Exclusively.

Major Person is disposing of his grade cows as fast as possible and next year will grow blooded stock exclusively at Elmwood farm. The Major has as fine a lot of grades as can be found in the state and would not sell them at this time at all only for the above mentioned reason. He has completed his threshing, the crops averaging well. The oats yielded 40 bushels per acre.

TEST OF WILSON'S CONTROL

GAIN PRESIDENT CONTROL PARTY POLICIES NOW!

Country Awaiting What Action Will Be Taken on Currency by Senate—House Will Have No Vacation.

Washington, Sept. 23.—The strong test of President Wilson's control over party policies and over the legislative performances of congress is about to occur.

Within the last week he has seen the triumph in the house of his currency reform demands and the practical completion of the tariff revision bill so far as administration ideas are concerned with it.

The question now paramount in congressional circles bears directly upon the president's potential control of the currency reform situation in the senate. Except for those immediately connected with the handling of the currency bill, the general query is:

"Will the president be able to induce the senate to act on the Glass-Owens bill without delay and without material alteration of its provisions?"

No doubt remains of the determined purpose of the president to urge congress to complete the currency legislation within the next few weeks and to give the country a new banking system and a revised form of paper currency before December.

A growing demand in the house, for a month's recess to begin this week, culminated a few days ago when Representative A. Mitchell Palmer, one of the Democratic house leaders, after a talk with President Wilson, announced that the house would not recess for more than three days at a time; but would remain close at hand, where its influence could be exerted on the senate, if desirable, to speed up that body's work on the currency bill.

Wilson to Review Troops.

Washington, Sept. 23.—President Wilson will be given an opportunity during the first week of October, to review the largest aggregation of mounted troops of the regular army that has assembled in Washington since the grand review in the late sixties of the seasoned veterans led by Generals Grant, Sherman and Sheridan. This aggregation, composed of the Tenth, Eleventh and Fifteenth regiments of cavalry, has been encamped at Winchester, Va., since the middle of July and will break camp Oct. 1.

Double Wreck on G. N.

Everett, Wash., Sept. 23.—Several coaches of Great Northern eastbound Overland train No. 4 were derailed Monday near Mukilton. Before warning could be given, westbound, Overland No. 3, on another track, crashed into a portion of the wreckage that was scattered over both tracks. Eleven persons are reported injured, one seriously, as a result of the double wreck.

STANDING OF THE CLUBS

Table with columns: AMERICAN ASSOCIATION, Club Name, Won, Lost, Pct.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Table with columns: Club Name, Won, Lost, Pct.

DAILY MARKET REPORT.

Table with columns: Market Name, Item, Price.

Maryland Crops Are Damaged.

Baltimore, Md., Sept. 23.—Sections of Maryland were swept by destructive storms of wind and rain, causing damage to crops and buildings that will run into the thousands.

Died While at Banquet.

Milan, Italy, Sept. 23.—The Italian minister of posts and telegraphs, T. Calissano, died at a banquet while delivering a speech. Death was due to heart disease.

STATE NEWS

A Masonic study club has been formed at Grand Forks.

Bob Malcolm, an Ambrose farmer, threshed 80 acres of wheat that averaged 24 bushels.

Verne Smith, a prominent resident of Williston, died following an operation for appendicitis.

Pete Steinbakken, a Riga farmer, loaded his rifle, intending to kill a chicken for dinner. The bullet passed thru his foot and the chicken is still in existence.

Ed. Pierson, publisher of a Democratic newspaper at Chinook, Mont., is visiting old time friends at Grandville, where he used to publish a red-hot Republican paper.

Miss Mabel Lyng, of Granville, who has had several months' experience in the St. Joseph's Training School for Nurses, will enter a hospital in Chicago to complete her course as a trained nurse.

Fred W. Smith of Aberdeen, S. D., vice president of the normal and industrial school, has been named president of the N. D. School of Forestry at Bottineau.

Knute Olson, a Souris farmer, has posted "No Hunting" signs on his farm, all on account of some careless hunters shooting at such close range that a team driven by his little son was frightened.

Math Thome, an Ambrose thresher, lost his separator by fire. He had pulled the separator away from the straw stack and swept it clean. He believes that some enemy did the job.

Twelve horses stolen from the vicinity of Ambrose, were located near Halbrite, Sask., and returned by the owners. They had been taken across the line by Duff, the horse thief.

At Casselton there was danger of the entire crop of tomatoes grown by the Casselton Canning Co. being ruined by the frost. Twenty of the business men of that city turned out and picked 1200 bushels of the tomatoes, placing them in the company's warehouse, where they are being canned. This is according to true North Dakota spirit.

Took Coleman's Cigar.

A box of cigars was stolen from the wagon of one of our wholesale houses recently and after Alphonso, the good natured Reporter pressman, had warned the driver that some small lads were hanging about the wagon, he was accused of knowing something about the whereabouts of the stogies. To make matters worse, the innocent informant had just lighted a fresh cigar and this was confiscated by the police as evidence.

Bacon Temporary Advance Man.

A. F. Bacon has arranged for the West-Henry Co. to appear at Devils Lake and Kenmare. Mr. Bacon is about to complete arrangements for the company to appear at Valley City under the auspices of the Normal school. He went to Bismarck Saturday, where the Elks were planning on taking hold of the proposition. The West-Henry company recently appeared in Minot, making quite a hit and are merely filling in a few dates in North Dakota waiting for their big contract on the Orpheum circuit to begin.

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—M. R. Porter, At Scandinavian-American Bank, Minot, N. Dak.

Herman Gordon, formerly of Gordon Bros., new of the Plymouth Clothing House, cordially invites his old friends to call. Opera House Block.

CHANCES FOR ALL.

The students of the Union Commercial College of Grand Forks, N. Dak., make good. Mr. John Conlin is an example of what a young man with push can accomplish. John is now assistant cashier of the State Bank of Antler, and advancing rapidly. Why not prepare for a bank position yourself? Send for our free catalog and find out about it. —adv. 10-9

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