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Per cent of profit, only about 30,000 Like the boys who threw stones at the frogs just to see the water splash and the frogs dive, when the boys acknowledged that they were throwing the stones just because they enjoyed the sport, an old wise frog stuck his head up and said: "Boys, you should remember that what is fun for you is death to us." So it is, no doubt, great "sport" to these agents to be allowed to make such charges, but it should be remembered that what is "sport" to the agents is murder to the farmer's progress. That they should make reasonable charges for their services is a fair proposition. That the state should exercise such indifference in allowing such greed to be practiced is the fault of the legislature. That the beneficiaries of such "easy money" should be sent to the governor's chair or the legislature is a mistake of the voters.

GEO. T. MURRAY.

Catholics Favor Equal Suffrage.
There seems to be an impression prevalent among a number of well-meaning persons that the Catholic Church is opposed to equal suffrage. Not only have archbishops, cardinals and others high in church circles indorsed suffrage, but they have instructed priests and the laity to work for its universal adoption.

It is interesting to note that since suffrage has come to the women of Illinois, Rt. Rev. Peter Paul Rhodes, first Polish bishop in this country, urges his country women in Illinois who have the ballot to use their franchise now that they have it.

In a letter to the Polish women of Chicago, this auxiliary bishop writes: "Catholic women in Illinois, in complete harmony with the church, should all accept the new prerogative of their citizenship with which they have been invested by the extension of suffrage to them by law. Conditions demand that they be not reluctant to exercise their right by voting, but, on the contrary, that they take a lively interest in the political life of the country. Let them do this provided they do not forget their homes, their duties toward their families, and provided that their interest in politics be at all times dignified, modest and in agreement with the dictates of the conscience."

"Let them shun blind partisanship, beware of demagogues, and hold fast to the ideals of Christian motherhood and earnest citizenship. Let the Catholic women remember the debt of gratitude to society and to the state for the benefits which they all enjoy under its protection. When entering the polling place or voting booth no other motives should actuate them than the welfare of the state, the good of society, and above all the protection of the family life of the nation and of sound principles."

Concerning the Fight for Sheriff.

In another section of this paper appears an advertisement, purely paid political matter, pertaining to the candidacy of John J. Lee, candidate for sheriff. The Independent wants it strictly understood that we are not in any way responsible for what appears in that column. This paper will express its preference for certain candidates, altho we feel in duty bound to accept political matter of all kinds where it is paid for and where it is run as such.

The Independent does not hesitate in recommending John J. Lee for sheriff. We remember well the excellent work which he did while sheriff a number of years ago and we feel that better material could not possibly be selected. We understand that charges of various kinds are going to be made against him. We do not believe that these will shake the faith that so many people repose in Mr. Lee. We know that Mr. Lee will make a clean campaign and if any but a clean fight is waged against him, we predict that it will only act as a boomerang.

For Farmers Desiring Hands.
Farmers wishing to hire men for spring work should leave their names and addresses with Secretary Hollenga of W. A. Peck at the Association of Commerce. They inform the Independent that men visit the rooms every day looking for places on farms and the Association is willing to constitute itself an employment agency.

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STATE NEWS

Jim Shea, ex-U. S. Marshal, denies the report that he will locate in the western part of the state.

Editor Voight of Lidgerwood, rejoices that there is less political gush in the editorial columns of the state papers since the primary system became a law.

In some of the high schools of the state the subject of civics is being taught in a practical way. One school has a board of county commissioners and another a township board.

A news item in the Emmons County Record in April, 1889, reads: "John H. Worst will hold Easter services in the school house at Williamsport April 21, at 3 p. m." The speaker referred to is now President Worst, candidate for the U. S. Senate.

Chas. Brewer of Fargo, the old time newspaper man, and W. W. Tyler of this city, are old college chums. They enjoyed a good visit here Saturday when Mr. Brewer arrived to attend the meeting of the game board.

W. A. Stickleby has severed his connection with the Bismarck Tribune as managing editor. His place will be filled by Mr. Mann of Minneapolis, formerly city editor of the Minot Optic. "Stick" has done very effective work on the Tribune. Mann is regarded as a very able editor.

A. M. Christianson of Towner is spoken of as a candidate to oppose Judge Spalding of the Supreme bench.

The lives of Clara, John and Mable Henderson of Valley City were saved by a small boy, who with a nose for news, rushed into the newspaper office and gave the alarm. The editor phoned the mill and employes saved the children, who were clinging to the ice.

Mrs. C. Dudley's little son, Willie, played with matches at Valley City and was fatally burned.

Editor Dudley has disposed of his Krens Journal to J. E. Howard, publisher of the McHenry Tribune.

Mike Werner, aged 54, a Richardson farmer, started across the fields to visit a neighbor. Failing to return, his wife went out searching for him and found his body. He had died of heart disease.

Julius Johnson, a well known wrestler, died at Williston, where he was matched to meet Curtis. He had wrestled thruout the western section of the state and was well liked.

Peter Person's little son had a narrow escape from death at White Earth when the father ran the boy down with a load of grain. The wheel tore the child's face and the wagon was stopped just in time to save the wheel from crushing the skull.

Geo. Else, the rotund G. N. conductor, who recently returned from England, is back on his run after a siege of grip. Geo. was defeated for mayor of Antler by one vote, and voted for the other fellow at that.

John Ohnstad, a prominent Willow City businessman, was taken to Rochester, seriously ill of stomach trouble.

Col. L. P. Tuttle of the Second District is out after Geo. M. Young's scalp for congress.

John Krefchenko, the Plum Coulee bank robber and murderer, convicted last week at Morden, Man., will be hanged July 9. Krefchenko has operated in North Dakota and intended coming here after the robbery, but bungled the job.

Fashion note from Westhope Standard: The old fashioned man who used to say he took nothing on trust, would be greatly worried these days at the sight of skirts draped to look as if they were falling off.

Many are busy swatting the gopher and the fly; good work early in the game will save a lot of trouble later on.

Glenn Advance: J. C. Randall was in town Monday, the 13th, for the first time since December 13th. He was under quarantine most of the winter due to scarlet fever in his family. No sooner would one member of his family recover than another would get sick and this kept on until his wife and two children had the disease.

Bantry Advocate: Nine or ten Greeks arrived in Bantry on Tuesday evening to work on the section. If a full blood American could live on a cigarette and a can of water per day, no doubt he could manage on section wages and stay with the job.

Billy Wise Again Writes Prof. Wise

Dear Dad:
We had a fine rain the other day and it's worth a lot to those who have their grain in. It will sure boost the crops that will be put in as soon as seeding starts again.

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The 13th Biennial Sangerfest will be held in Chicago, June 5, 6, 7, from whence the Norway Chorus will proceed to Brooklyn and embark June 12 on special chartered ship for the great Centennial Celebration at Christiania, Norway.

Swedish Singing Societies Minneapolis

The American Union of Swedish Singing Societies will hold their 6th Quadrennial Celebration at Minneapolis, June 8, 9, 10 and 11, 1914. 60 Chorus consisting of over 1400 members will participate in this great event. Concerts, Banquets, Speakers, Outings.

The Baltic Exposition will be held at Malmo, Sweden, May 15 to Sept. 30, 1914. It will be one of the greatest expositions of the North, and Sweden, Denmark, Germany and Russia will participate. It will be a wonderful sight. The great jubilee agricultural meeting will be held June 15 to 21 and Baltic games from June 7 to 11 and June 20 to July 12.

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POOR ROADS ARE EXPENSIVE

Cost of Hauling Farm Products to Market Is Increased—Systematic Dragging of Benefit.

(By W. C. PALMER, Agricultural Editor, North Dakota Agricultural College.)

Roads take a toll from everything the farmer sells and buys. The bureau of statistics, in investigating the cost of hauling, found that in North Dakota the average distance of hauling wheat was 11 miles and the average cost six cents per bushel. Six cents is eight per cent of 75 cents. In other words, if wheat is 75 cents a bushel it takes on the average eight per cent of its price to market it. The money the wheat brings is going to be spent largely for stuff that goes back to the farm. This will take a few cents out of the dollar. So the hauling to market and back to the farm takes a toll of at least ten per cent. If the road is poor this is increased. If the road is good it is lowered. If \$2,000 worth of grain is marketed this means a toll of \$200 a year. A poor road may double this—a good road reduce it one-half.

One of the most effective means of keeping roads good is the road drag. It has been found in Kansas and Nebraska that roads can be kept dragged for ten to eleven dollars a year. It has been estimated that in North Dakota the dragging could be done for \$7.50 a mile. North Dakota is now spending over \$11 a mile on road construction and maintenance. Systematic dragging could be made to take the place of some of the road work now done, and to good advantage.

The cutting of weeds along the road is also an important item in keeping the road good. The weeds in winter cause the snow to drift and in summer remove the moisture that is needed in the soil to bind it together. Trees should not be planted on the north or west side of a road, as this results in snow drifting in the road. Nor should trees be planted too close to the road on the south side; they will shade the road, which keeps it from drying up quickly after a rain. The ruts in a road are ground up into dust. A road that is kept free from ruts will not be very dusty, and especially if grass and weeds are kept from growing up to the wheel tracks.

The toll that the road takes comes out of the farmer's pocket. If it is 10 per cent on his business and can be reduced to five it is certainly worth while.

Not only does the good road decrease the cost of hauling but it makes it possible to market produce at any time. The good road also makes more social life possible. The good road is the equivalent of shortening the distance to town, and to neighbors, or the equivalent of moving nearer to town and nearer to one's neighbors.

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