

**The Ward County
INDEPENDENT**

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HOOF AND MOUTH DISEASE.

Ten states are now under quarantine owing to the serious outbreak of the hoof and mouth disease among cattle. They are: New York, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa and Massachusetts. More are to follow soon. This disease has been brought into North Dakota by the cattle that were shipped from the Union Stock Yards, Chicago, to Mandan. The cattle were being shipped to Rosebud, Mont., and were taken from the cars at Mandan to feed. The U. S. government has closed the Mandan yards. It is feared that the disease will spread over North Dakota if the greatest care is not taken. The Chicago yards are under indefinite quarantine. The 700 pure bred cattle at the Dairy Show are detained under strict quarantine. Thirty head of these cattle are isolated, having the disease in a pronounced form. There is a probability of saving the balance in time. The important thing now is to spot all cases which may appear, reporting to the proper authorities. It is a crisis in live stock affairs. About 2500 cattle and it cost at that time \$300,000 to stamp it out. The present epidemic originated in Michigan.

The last epidemic occurred in 1908 have been destroyed to date.

The following is the definition of the foot and mouth disease by the department of agriculture:

"This plague among domestic animals, especially cattle, sheep, swine and goats, is characterized by sensitive sores on the tongue, palate and hoof of the animals.

"The sores become red and raw within a very short time and cause the disease to spread very rapidly to other cattle.

"Lameness appears and the milk ducts dry up. It takes two years to cure an animal.

"The only way to stamp out the disease is to destroy all animals afflicted."

FEEDING THE BOOSTERS.

A man in Iowa wrote a poem recently. We have referred that statement to our legal censor and find Iowa cannot sue us for criminal libel, because we are not blaming Iowa.

But this poem was not so bad after all, as some other real good ones. It had sense in it. It has been copied widely, and nearly everywhere we see it posted up, and fellows reading it gleefully. It is about a certain type of good road booster. The idea boiled down into prose is this:

"One good husky with a mule team can build more roads than twenty fat men at a banquet can."

This is the time of year for the Annual Banquet of the Feeding Boosters, the fellows who boom their town by eating a big meal late at night at the leading hotel, and then feel proud, while they pick their teeth and smoke, of what we have done.

A booster is a good thing—an excellent thing, and we are willing for him to feed at any time of day or night that his doctor will let him. That is, a real booster is a good thing, a man who has more brains than brag, and more elbow grease than gas, a fellow who really does things and gets things done that are worth doing.

But every town has some professional boosters; hustlers who never let grass grow under their feet nor ideas in their head. These fellows are always wanting citizens who pay their bills and saw wood, to put up \$74,000 to hire a pickle factory to come to a sweet potato town, establish a sugar mill on a millet ridge, or locate an axle handle factory in the middle of the prairie. They could dig a canal from New York to San Francisco by gab, or turn the north pole into an orange tree by predictions. They are always yamming along some impossible project by the main strength of their jaws; and their one big service to the town is that their annual fall feed creates a temporary market for fried chicken and 10-cent cigars.—Ex.

There is one law on our statute that ought to be changed to read more clearly, and that is the one relative to the publication of the delinquent real estate tax list. The sale this year will take place Dec. 8. The law specifies that the list shall be published for the "three successive weeks immediately prior to the sale." Attorney General Miller has given an opinion that this means that the tax list shall first appear 21 days before the date of the sale and that the notice should appear each week until the date of the sale. Were we to wait until Nov.

19 to publish this list, the first publication would fall short of the required 21 days, altho the list would appear in three publications of the Independent prior to the sale. Undoubtedly, the sage who framed up this bill meant that the notice should be published in the three issues prior to the sale instead of three weeks. However, to make certain that the sale is entirely legal, we have managed, by breaking a suspender or two, to get the list set for this week's issue and it will appear in all four times in the Independent. We are of the opinion that Attorney General Miller is wrong but are taking no chances. The Supreme court undoubtedly would decide that the three publications before the sale are enough.

The Kenmare Journal believes that every editor in the state should use his influence for non-partisan ballots for all county officials. This seems only fair. It was but a short time ago when candidates for superintendent of schools had to express a party preference and their names appeared in the various political columns. It was thought best to divorce the schools from politics, so the non-partisan ballot was provided for. There is no good reason why any candidate should ask for a county office on the grounds that he is a republican or a democrat or a member of any other party. Oftimes the best candidate is defeated because the county in which he lives happens to be made up of more members of the opposite party.

The quiet thinkers of the world are learning that the enemy of society is not the woman who votes, but the women in the cities who play bridge. It is not the women who take an intelligent interest in the life of which they are a part, but the women who sit by the windows and watch the callers of the neighbors across the way. Not the women who work in the shops or the factory or in the kitchens, but the women whose days are passed at the bargain counters or in isolation, with no interest outside daily routine. Not the women who earn money but the women who waste it, because they have never learned its value.—Prof. Lucy M. Salmon, Vassar College.

Mayor Pike of New Rockford knows a thing about human nature. Instead of scolding the youngsters and warning them to be "good" on Halloween, he invited everybody to get out on the miles of new cement sidewalk and enjoy a carnival of fun. Hundreds were out in costume, young and old alike, participating in the innocent pleasure of throwing confetti and blowing horns. Promptly at eleven, all left for their homes and there wasn't a single complaint of any destruction of property. It's easy to handle human beings if you only go at it right.

In Williams county, an effort is being made to get each farmer to contribute a bushel of grain for the starving people of Belgium. More than a thousand bushels of grain would thus be gathered and with North Dakota's bountiful crops this year it would never be missed. Ward and other counties could well afford to take up this proposition. Here is the best way we can show our sympathy for the unfortunate victims of a useless war.

Uncle Samuel has been doing a little experimenting with big guns himself. It has just been learned that several immense sixteen inch guns have been built for the navy, with penetrating power twice as great as the famous German howitzers. The new guns will hurl projectiles fifteen miles with terrific force.

The delinquent tax list appears in this issue. If you have paid your taxes and your name still appears, don't blame the treasurer or the auditor. The county retained the list as long as possible before turning it over to the printer, but it requires a week of the hardest kind of work to set it, and after the list is once set it is impossible to make any change.

The Republicans gained thirteen Congressmen in Illinois, Joe Cannon, the famous political war horse who was speaker of the house for years, being elected from his old district. Who thought that old Joe would ever come back?

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**N. D. TEACHER AND 6 PUPILS
FATALLY BURNED IN PRAIRIE
FIRE NEAR BELFIELD.**

Dickinson, N. D., Nov. 7.—The bodies of six school children and their teacher are in the hands of the undertaker at Belfield as the result of a devastating prairie fire thirty miles southwest of Dickinson yesterday afternoon and evening.

Miss Galdys Hollister, aged 23, died at 9 o'clock last night. This popular teacher was conscious for a few minutes and said she feared she made a mistake in taking the children from the school house when the prairie fire rolled down the valley in great clouds and gave them such a fright. She seemed to feel that in leaving the school house for grassy ground they left a place of safety. They were quickly overcome by the fire and smoke and huddled down together.

The Menge boy, Olson girl and another child were found dead after the fire had rolled past. The Menge boy's brother, the Olson girl's sister and another child lived until 11 o'clock last evening, their teacher expiring two hours earlier.

The teacher and the children were huddled down together on the grassy ground a short distance from the plowed field, and their clothing was entirely burned off.

Doctors and nurses from neighboring villages were rushed to the scene of the tragedy, but all they could do was to relieve the pain as far as possible of the sufferers.

Five other pupils leaving when school was dismissed went in another direction and reached home in safety at 2 o'clock yesterday.

Belfield is a village twenty miles west of Dickinson and the fire victims all lived eight and ten miles southwest of there.

The Olson girl and the Menge boy were taken into Belfield about two hours before they died. The teacher and the other four victims were brot in this morning.

The whole community is in the throes of deepest sorrow. The children victims were aged from 6 to 14 years.

The fire spent its force during the night or after a thirty mile wind had abated. The property damage may reach \$50,000.

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A short term of Federal court closed in this city Friday, Judge Amidon being present. Paul Paulson was taken to Fargo Saturday by Deputy U. S. Marshal Wattles, where he was committed on a charge of stealing a letter from the mails.

The crime, which was committed about two years ago, was the result of an interesting coincidence. Paulson, who had a claim in the western part of the state, gave up farming for a time, owing to reduced circumstances and hired out to other people. One day he received a letter addressed to Paul Paulson, and containing a check for \$25 in payment for some seed. The letter was intended for another man of the same name, but the recipient cashed it, and when the miscarriage was discovered, claimed that he thought the money was sent to him to buy seed with and send to the customer.

He stuck to his story for two years, but pleaded guilty before the petit jury last week. He received a sentence of 30 days and a fine of \$100.

Joseph Two Bear was sentenced to one year and one day in the federal prison at Leavenworth, Kan., for introducing liquor into Indian territory. The severity of the sentence is due to the fact that this is the third offense.

The Devils Lake term, which opens Nov. 17, is expected to be a long one, as there are a large number of cases on the calendar.

AMERICAN HORSES IN BATTLE.

The American horse is one of the first to answer the bugle call of the European war. Representatives of many foreign governments are in this country purchasing horses for the various armies of the warring nations and practically every state in the Union is contributing cavalry material to the belligerent factions.

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