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BUTTERMILK.

Do you recollect the old fashioned dasher churn your mother used to have—the real old one, the one fashioned of staves and hoops? Later dad brought home an improved one of the stone jar type. This was before the advent of the new fangled barrel churn, the modern separator, the Babcock test, and way long before we ever heard of such a thing as butterfat. Do you remember how the cream would squirt up through the opening thru which the dasher worked? How your clothes would get all spattered up with the stuff and mother would caution you to be more careful and work the dash with the regular steady stroke which seemed so natural to her? And then when the butter would finally come (which was sometimes a matter of hours in winter when you forgot to salt the cows) how gladly you surrendered the dasher when mother said, "That'll do, Jimmie, I'll attend to this now?" How you were reluctant to get away until you had secured a dipper-full of the rich buttermilk, with the granules of bright golden butter floating around on the surface? Yum, Um, but that was bully.

Since the advent of the creameries, the cream is pasteurized and the golden granules are conspicuous by their absence, but nevertheless, according to the opinions of the leading medical experts the modern product is better for human consumption, and medical works are full of praise in behalf of buttermilk as a remedy for stomach and liver complaints, which is borne out by the testimony of several of our friends who attribute their relief from long-standing stomach troubles simply to buttermilk. But to be on the safe side secure either the home product, whose purity you can be sure of, or get a fresh supply from some creamery with an established reputation for pure products.

Just plain buttermilk is coming into its own and taking its place in the daily menu of those who are connoisseurs of refreshing and palatable drinks in preference to the concoctions that we are so prone to choose because of their catchy names.

When the first contract for paving in the city was let a few years ago, a number of the property owners complained because they thought the city ought to wait a year or so before making additional taxes. This is now an ancient history but worthy of referring to. Not one of those property owners would like to see the blocks taken up, were they to cost twice the amount they did. The property has been made worth several times what the paving actually cost. The city should make plans to do some more paving next year. Main street from the Elks' Home to Martin Jacobson's residence and west to old Ward street, taking in every block north to Central avenue, ought to be paved and undoubtedly will. A few blocks should be added yearly until certain streets in the residence district are fixed for all time to come.

The Ward county commissioners did not include in their levy the fund to carry on the work of the Better Farming Association. Commissioner Rohe from the Goose-neck and Commissioner Vandenoever from the Minot district were heartily in favor of sustaining the work, but Commissioners Anderson, Lokensgard and Hennessy, who abided by what they believed to be the will of a majority of the voters in their respective districts, voted against it. Those who are opposed to the work claim that it is no more in place for a company of businessmen to organize to tell the farmers how to do their work, than it would be for the farmers to organize and tell the grocer, for instance, how to conduct his business. Still, the Independent believes that the Better Farming work has resulted in much good to many farmers. It has interested the farm boys in raising corn, alfalfa, the small grains, and in the proper rotation of crops, and many of the older farmers have shown remarkable improvement along those lines. It has stimulated our farmers to improve their dairy herds and in raising full blooded porkers. It has conducted farming schools at our mid-winter fairs along practical lines and during the present season is making an excellent showing with its campaign on the gophers.

Every warm, sunshiny day brings us closer to the realization of the greatest crop in the history of our state. Mere words fail to describe the appearance of our immense fields of winter rye, wheat, oats, barley, flax, timothy, brome grass, millet, etc. Barring unforeseen unfavorable conditions, the yields of our various grains will be enormous. Some winter rye will be cut this week. Grains of all kinds are filling perfectly. There is an absence of foul weeds in most of our fields with now and then traces of mustard and wild oats. This locality has seen but very little hail and farmers already are making preparations for a bountiful harvest. If we get the yield that is promised at present, with prevailing prices, the banks will hardly be large enough to hold all the money. Business of all kinds has been stimulated by the fine prospects and just now it seems mighty good to live in North Dakota. Travel east or west and you will find business conditions very quiet, with countless thousands of willing workers out of employment, but here in our own state, there's peace and plenty. Thank a kind Providence that guided you to this favored spot of God's green foot-stool.

Former police lieutenant Charles Becker, after being twice convicted of instigating the murder of Herman Rosenthal, the New York gambler, paid the penalty with his life Friday morning at 5:47 o'clock when he went to the electric chair. Becker made a notable fight to save his life. He died with a prayer on his lips, declaring that he was innocent of the crime. Governor Whitman, who was firmly convinced of the man's guilt, refused to commute the sentence. Whether Becker was actually guilty of instigating the murder or not, will remain a doubt in the minds of many, but that he was a grafter of the first water, is conceded by all. With but a comparatively small salary, he amassed a large fortune, having \$70,000 on deposit in the bank at one time. This was undoubtedly money that he had collected thru graft. While we would like to have seen his life spared, his ending should prove a lesson to every man in public office. After all, it pays to be square.

Minot is asked to grant a gas franchise. A couple of hundred thousand dollars, mostly foreign capital, is seeking investment in this city. A prominent business man declares that he will be ready to start the construction of a large apartment building in the heart of the business district, just

as soon as a gas plant is installed, and not before. Minot is growing very rapidly, but with a gas plant in operation, will become all the greater city. Lignite coal is said to be excellent for the manufacture of gas. Grand Forks, Fargo and Valley City have gas plants that are paying well, we understand, and Minot should no longer lag behind. At this writing, we have not read the proposed franchise, so cannot give an opinion as to whether it should be granted by the city commission in its present form or not, but with proper restrictions it would be perfectly safe in granting a franchise. The commission is pretty certain not to grant any franchise unless the petitioners mean business and in this case we understand that they propose to have a plant in operation within a few months. We need a good gas plant to make Minot a real metropolitan city.

There's an opportunity for hundreds of farmers to become wealthy without selling a bushel of grain, if they have it in them, and right around Minot we can point you to several score of them who are doing it, too. They drive to the city once or twice a week with loads of garden vegetables, butter, eggs, and other products from the farm. They go back with empty wagons but bulging pocket books, for there's a ready market in this city for anything that is grown on the farm. Soon they will be bringing in their spring fryns. Just now, a spring chicken costs 75 cents at the meat markets. A few hundred early spring fryns will net good returns. The farmer who can bring a load of produce to the city every week doesn't need to worry about black rust, and still he has just as fine a crop of the small grains as his neighbor who markets his crop but once a year.

Here is a hard blow for our ministers. Rev. Olympia Brown in San Francisco has opened her mouth. She spoke in a convention there. "Men have fallen down on the job as ministers and women must take their places in the pulpits if the church is to be saved. We must encourage our girls to study for the ministry. The men have been lured away from their duties as ministers by ping pong, tennis, and pink teas. Today there is more brawn than brains in the pulpits; the women must become preachers." We are sorry for our ministers in Minot. Rev. Erickson and Rev. Nilsen can easily find jobs on the farms, but delicate men like Rev. MacKenzie or Rev. Sapp or Rev. Olsen must skirmish about for something light. Please, Olympia, do not push this innovation too hard just yet.

Warsaw, the Polish capital, at this writing, is being abandoned by the Russians, and may be occupied by the Germans in a day or so. The Russians are doing all in their power to save their great army, which is retreating towards the Vistula river. Once across they will be pretty well protected from the enemy on account of the steep banks and the rapidity with which the water flows. On the other hand, the Russians can be kept back by a small force of Germans, who can send a large part of their army to the west in the campaign against the Allies. The Russians complain that the Allies have held back, allowing the Germans to use such a vast army against them. Now, in turn, the Allies may suffer unless England gets busy with her million of fresh troops. The war apparently will last several years yet.

We must again call the attention of our dear readers to the importance of water, inside and out your anatomy. Bathe daily and drink incessantly. Water is nature's flusher of the system. Do not run to doctor or drug store for physic or purgatives, salts or pills, but pour down the artesian, first thing in the morning, between meals, and the last thing at night. So funny with some luxurious livers, they run to springs, swallow dozens of glasses a day, and boast of the benefit, when the same water at home would have the same effect.

Some troubles might be avoided. Every year folks die of mushrooms. There is the poisonous variety, and if they are no judges of the plant, the only safe way is to let the whole tribe alone, eat their steak without the spongy mess. With thousands of innocent vegetables in the world, why risk your valuable life for a toad-stool? There is the drowning list of men and women from day to day. They cannot swim, and yet venture into deep water. Bathers should stay where they can safely wade. To be perfectly secure, stick to the bath tub.

Class in English, take the front seats. At the present time. At present will do. They knelt on their knees, they stood on their feet. They knelt, they stood. Dandy good time. A delightful time. It was a sight to see. Of course, not a sight to hear. They gathered together. When a crowd gathers, of course, they are together. To begin with. Drop with. A baby boy or baby daughter is frequently born to happy parents. Will the reporter please say what other kinds are born?

J. C. Hoke, Special Livestock Agent of the Extension Department, North Dakota Experiment Station, has accepted a position as manager of the Baldwin farms in Dickey county, at a salary greatly in excess of what he was getting from the state. This is an example of the demand there is among private interests for trained agriculturists and shows that practical businessmen are recognizing the ability and brains which have been employed by the state and for which they are willing to pay large salaries.

John Burke, United States treasurer, who passed thru the state last week enroute home from a trip to the exposition, declares that he will not be democratic candidate for the United States Senate. John avers that he has a pretty good job down at Washington, which he is certain of holding for some time, if the democrats are successful and no doubt, like the thrifty fellow that he is, believes a birdy in hand is worth two in the bush.

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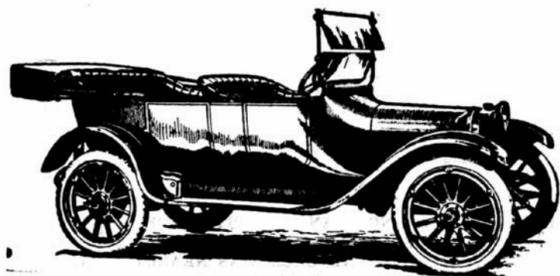
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Who is the first lady in the land? Last year it was Mrs. Wilson, peace to her memory; once Harriet Lane in Buchanan's time, once Harriet Beecher Stowe of Uncle Tom's Cabin, or Francis Willard of the White Ribbon, but now? Well, a Chicago daily awards the honors to Jane Addams, of Hull House, who has just returned from triumphal interviews with kings and emperors, pope, statesmen, all over Europe. New York and Chicago have sat at her feet. And to think some of her cousins lived in Como! Viva Jane!

Peaches! Peaches! Of all fruit nothing so luscious. Apples make good sauce and pie, but peaches and cream go to the spot as nothing else can. One excellent feature about peaches, you see what you are buying, but with watermelons you may pay a half dollar and be obliged to throw the stuff into the garbage can. Judging by the baskets already in market, a large crop. So we take courage for the next two months, life is worth living. In the name of the prophet, peaches!

One mistake in the pretty bungalows over town. They are too low. No attic, or so little you cannot use it. Just two or three feet higher would give a small chamber and a store room. Every family has stuff to put away, and a cellar will not do. Every home should have at least two things, it must be neat in appearance and convenient in arrangement. A low bungalow fails in both respects. And then a low roof is hot.

Neighbors assert that what is certainly a hawdy house is being operated within a stone's throw of the hospital but the denizens of the underworld have promised to move on as soon as they get their money's worth for rent paid in advance. But pray, where will they move? Scores of women of the Primrose Path are in our midst and perhaps 'twill ever be so.

His sisters are the first to discover that the boy is worthless. After a long time, his father learns and reluctantly admits the truth, but the boy's mother never knows.

Brother Bryan was colonel of the Third Nebraska Regiment in the Spanish war, but being such a pacifist now, he must resent the use of the title.

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