

## KNOW ALL THEIR TRICKS.

Frederick the Great Proved It to His Cavalry Officers.

"Gentlemen," said Frederick the Great after a review of his troops, "I am entirely dissatisfied with the cavalry. The regiments are completely out of hand. There is no accuracy, no order. The men ride like tallors. I beg that this may not occur again and that each of you will pay more attention to his duty, but I know how things go on. You think I am not up to your dodges, but I know them all and will recapture them."

"When the season for riding drill comes on the captain sends for the sergeant major and says: 'I have an appointment this morning at —. Tell the first lieutenant to take the rides.' So the sergeant major goes to the senior subaltern and gives him the message, and the latter says: 'What! The captain will be away? Then I am off hunting. Tell the second lieutenant to take the men.' And the second lieutenant, who is probably still in bed, says: 'What, both of them away? Then I will stay where I am. I was up till 3 this morning at a dance. Tell the cornet I am ill and he must take the rides.' Finally the cornet remarks: 'Look here, sergeant major, what is the good of my standing out there in the cold? You know all about it much better than I do. You go and take them.'

"And so it goes, and what must be the end of it all? What can I hope to do with such cavalry before the enemy?" — "History of Frederick the Great."

## ONE OF BARNUM'S FREAKS.

How the Showman Pictured the Queer Animal to His Friend.

When P. T. Barnum was in the museum business in New York one of his most jovial friends was Gaylord Clark, a famous litterateur in the days of our fathers. They were a well matched pair of practical jokers. One day when Mr. Clark dropped in at the museum, as was his custom, Mr. Barnum, apparently much excited, hurried his friend into the private office and said: "Gaylord, I was about to send for you. I want your advice. I have a chance to purchase the most wonderful of all zoological freaks. It's at first a perfect fish, then it changes to a four legged land animal, then it climbs trees and"

"Bah! You're joking," interjected Mr. Clark.

"On my honor I am not," impressively replied the showman. "But the expense!"

"Oh, hang the expense!" interrupted Mr. Clark, brimful of enthusiasm over the business prospect of his friend. "If you can get any such freak as that you fortune's made. But what's the thing called?"

"Well," replied Mr. Barnum, with just the faintest suggestion of a twinkle in his left eye. "It belongs to the batrachian family of animals and in the vernacular is called the—tadpole!"

## The Old Time Surgeon.

Before anesthetics were known the surgeon's only expedient was to abridge his patient's sufferings by working rapidly. In this the old time surgeons did wonders. One day the celebrated surgeon Maisonneuve had to amputate the leg of a poor devil, who began to howl in advance. "I'll give you my watch," said the surgeon, "if the operation lasts more than a minute." The man accepted the offer, but was obliged to forego the handsome watch, as the operation took less time than it requires to describe. To amputate an arm at the shoulder is a most difficult operation. Dr. Langenbeck of Germany did it in two minutes. A young physician who came to see him perform the operation adjusted his spectacles to his nose so as not to lose a single movement, but when the spectacles were in place the operation was over.

## Improving on Shakespeare.

A member of the business staff of Robert Mantell, the actor, tells of a conversation he overheard "in front," on the occasion of Mr. Mantell's production of "Hamlet" in a western town.

"Oh, Harry," said the young woman. "I think it's an awful shame to drown Ophelia and kill Hamlet. They ought to have been married."

Whereupon Harry heaved a sigh and looked earnestly at his companion. "I ain't great on tragedy," said he, "but that's how I should fix it." — New York Times.

## Better Still.

A young millionaire said to a beautiful girl on a moonlit night between two dances. "Don't you like that Shakespearean quotation?"

"The friends thou hast, and their adoption tried, Grapple them to thy soul with hoops of steel."

"Beautiful!" she said. "Beautiful! But wouldn't hoops of gold be better?" Philadelphia Bulletin.

## Time Enough to Begin.

"You may laugh, but I can truthfully say that my wife and I have not had a single disagreement since we were married."

"That's a good deal for any married couple to say. When were you married?"

"Yesterday." — Baltimore American.

## He Liked It All.

Johnnie, aged five, liked to go to his grandma's to dinner. One day one of his aunts said to him, "Johnnie, I think the only reason why you like to eat here is because of the dessert you are sure to get."

"Oh, no!" said Johnnie. "I like the dinner too." —

## PROOF COINS.

They Are Always Struck From New and Specially Prepared Dies.

Proof coins have been struck at the Philadelphia mint for many years, but at no other mint, to be sold to collectors. A premium of about 10 per cent is charged when a lot includes coins of all denominations. For minor proof sets, however, when ordered separately, a little more than double the face value is charged.

The coins are struck from new and specially prepared dies on planchets previously burnished, a hand press instead of the regular steam press being used. When there is a smooth field around the raised portion of a coin the burnishing gives the surface a lasting brilliancy that is very attractive.

Our silver coins still have such a field, but the gold coins, particularly the \$5 and \$2.50 pieces, and the minor coins no longer present this desirable feature. In fact, outside of the lines being a little finer, proofs of these coins differ little in appearance from pieces struck for regular circulation.

The incused inscriptions on the gold coins do not harmonize with the field as did the old raised inscriptions, while on the minor coins the field is not smooth, and the nickel has really no field, an excess of lettering disfiguring what is not monopolized by the Indian head and the buffalo. The \$20 and \$10 pieces present artistic designs, but proofs of these coins are far from being as attractive as were those of the old designs. — Pittsburgh Press.

## A LEDGE AND A MINE.

How a Learned Lawyer Was Taught to Distinguish Between Them.

Let not distinguished counsel from any eastern or western bar plume themselves upon their fancied superiority to their frontier brethren. The litigation which attends upon rich mineral discoveries often tempts the keenest intellects to the forums of the frontier, and an imported counsel is, in his ignorance of local customs and local nomenclature, liable to make a bad break.

A distinguished New England lawyer who was imported by a Boston capitalist to take charge of a big mining suit delivered himself of a lengthy philippic against a witness who had testified that a mine was in a certain locality and who a year before had testified that it was in another locality.

"Did he lie then, or is he lying now?" said the imported lawyer.

"The learned counsel from afar," answered his opponent, "is an apt illustration of the proverb that a little learning—and in his case such a very little—is a dangerous thing. He confuses a mine with a ledge. The locality of a ledge cannot, of course, be changed, but the locality of a mine, which is the work upon a ledge, may be, as in this case, placed at one point today and in six months may be at another point a quarter of a mile or more away." — Case and Comment.

## A Fine Viewpoint.

Sherman, Wyo., so named in honor of General W. T. Sherman, is the highest point on the Laramie range reached by the Union Pacific railroad. It is claimed that from this point on a clear day may be seen Pikes peak, about 105 miles to the south, Longs peak, sixty miles to the south, and Elk mountain, 100 miles to the west. From many points in the vicinity of Buford good views may be obtained of the high peaks of the Rocky mountains far away to the south and of the relatively low but rugged Sherman mountains, a part of the Laramie range, to the right. Two prominent points seen to the north are called Twin mountains and are celebrated as one of the strongholds of the notorious desperado Slade. Slade during his checkered career fought both for and against law and order, and his career is set forth in Mark Twain's "Roughing It." — Geological Survey Bulletin.

## Why We Draw Back.

Our human intercourse is constantly being thwarted by our consciousness of consequences. It is especially the case when we are young. Young people feel that they can hardly have an intimate conversation without its ending in a promise to correspond or an invitation to visit. If we keep this attitude as we grow older the consciousness that a moment's intimacy may entail so much makes us pause before taking the fateful plunge. How often do we draw back in a moment of expansion because we reflect, "Shall we feel the same way tomorrow or next month?" How many friendly impulses do we restrain because we are afraid something more will be expected of us! — New York Telegram.

## A Russian Ad.

The reason why I have heretofore been able to sell my goods so much lower than anybody else is that I am a bachelor and do not need to make a profit for the maintenance of a wife and children. It is now my duty to inform the public that this advantage will shortly be withdrawn from them, as I am about to be married. They will therefore do well to make their purchases at once at the old rate. — Petrograd Otogoloeki.

## Needed Repairs.

"Does your typewriter need repairs?" asked the meandering thinker as he entered the office.

"It would seem so," replied the employer. "She has just gone across the street to consult a dentist." — Philadelphia Ledger.

What you lose today you cannot gain tomorrow. — Ruskin.

# LELAND DEPARTMENT STORE

FRANK & GRAHAM CO.

MINOT, NORTH DAKOTA

DON'T MISS THIS SALE NEXT WEEK

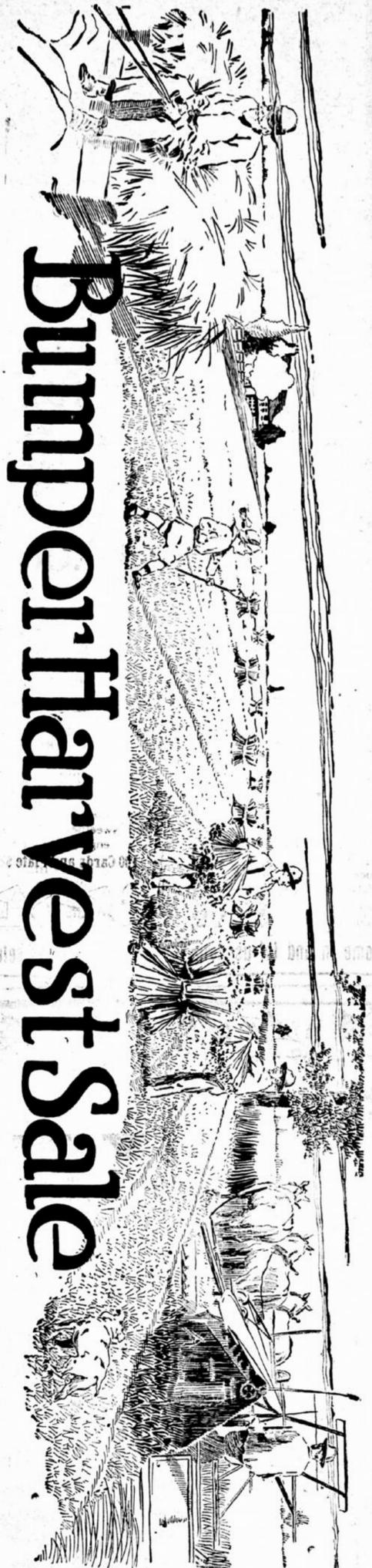
DID YOU GET A SOUVENIR SPOON?

We have a limited quantity left and will, no doubt, be able to supply our customers the first part of the week. The spoons are of beautiful designs. Genuine Sterling Silver-plated, and we give one free to each customer making a purchase of \$3.00 or over during this sale only.

The Bumper Harvest Sale Awaits You With the Things You Need for Yourself, Your Household and Your Home. Benefit by the Low Prices

The Bargain Reapers were here in big crowds the first week of this sale. The savings they harvested were big. Plenty of additional merchandise has been put on sale for this second week to make a visit to our store profitable to you and help to make this the biggest sale in our history.

# The 2d Week of Our Bumper Harvest Sale Begins Monday, Dec. 6th



## BRIEF STATE NEWS

Sneak thieves at Willow City got away with a fine, large dressed hog one night last week. The porker was ready for the market.

Bert Shoemaker, of Bantry, had the misfortune to lose a fine large Belgian stallion last week. The animal was seized with colic and died suddenly.

A new Baptist church in Jamestown was dedicated with appropriate services last week. The principal speaker on the occasion was Herbert G. Beeman, of St. Paul, Minn.

The state federation of commercial clubs will meet in the city of Fargo, for a two-days' session on December 15 and 16. "Immigration and Farm Labor" will be the subject under discussion.

Fargo preachers had cause to be thankful on the 25th ult., because of Thanksgiving brides. Thirteen licenses to wed were issued at the Cass county court house two days previous to the above date.

After being out twenty minutes, the jury in the case of Clarence Tweeden, of Fargo, charged with an attempt to commit a statutory crime, brot in a verdict of guilty. Tweeden is a young man and the son of a proprietor of a

Fargo hotel. He was sentenced to four years in the Bismarck penitentiary.

A series of automobile fires occurred in the vicinity of Mandan last week, and a number of the owners escaped, by a small margin, with their lives. The autos were partially covered by insurance.

Charles Gillman, of Elgin, a well-to-do and highly respected business man of that town, became mentally deranged over money matters and has been taken to the hospital for the insane at Jamestown.

Using an electric flat iron to warm her bedding and neglecting to turn off the juice, Miss Sadie Thompson was awakened after she had been sleeping for some time, to find her bed in flames. She was severely burned.

The North Dakota Press Association offered a prize of \$100 for the best booster edition printed during the Appreciation Week. The executive committee has not yet given out the name of the successful contestant.

Police authorities at Glencoe, Minn., are holding an exhibit in the trial of John Jacobson and George Nelson, which started on Monday of this week, in the above city, a cloth cap found trampled in the mud on the farm of the three Mitmoen brothers, who were

murdered at Lowry, Minn., on May 6th. Jacobson and Nelson, who are residents of Burke county, North Dakota, are charged with the murder.

Last week the Washburn Leader, instead of issuing a booster edition, came out with a nice lot of good letters from old timers, telling many historical accounts of events in the early history of Washburn and McLean county.

The candy store belonging to H. H. Williams, of Mandan, was robbed of a quantity of sweets, one night last week. This is the fifth time the store has been robbed during its establishment. There must be one candy-kid in Mandan.

One hundred and forty old booterettes of Fargo rushed over to Barnesville, Minn., last week to attend the closing of the saloons in that city and lay in a winter supply of liquid refreshments for the winter. All goods were sold at reduced prices.

Benjamin Taylor, a retired farmer of Wahpeton, Richland county, recently gave \$500 to the Wahpeton library and the donation will be used for new equipment. The present was made on the departure of Mr. Taylor from the state to his winter home in California.

Nick Mosbrucker, of Bowman, while driving an automobile last week, met death in a peculiar manner. His auto

was hurled into a ditch off the end of a culvert, and he was thrown against the steering wheel. His side appeared slightly injured. The day following he was seized with a severe pain and a doctor was called, who found two fractured ribs, one of which was puncturing a lung. He died a few hours after the examination.

## END STOMACH TROUBLE, CASES OF DYSPEPSIA

"Pape's Diapepsin" makes Sick, Sour, Gassy Stomachs surely feel fine in five minutes.

If what you just ate is souring on your stomach or lies like a lump of lead, refusing to digest, or you belch gas and eructate sour, undigested food, or have a feeling of dizziness, heartburn, fullness, nausea, bad taste in mouth and stomach-headache, you can get blessed relief in five minutes. Put an end to stomach trouble forever by getting a large fifty-cent case of Pape's Diapepsin from any drug store. You realize in five minutes how needless it is to suffer from indigestion, dyspepsia or any stomach disorder. It's the quickest, surest stomach doctor in the world. It's wonderful.