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BRIEF STATE NEWS

Yoemen at the town of Sanish will organize a lodge in that burg.
 S. A. Falconer, of Wilton, aged 87, dropped dead as he entered church last Sunday.
 Eighteen head of young stock are reported to have been killed for ranchers near Chadwick and Selfridge by wolves.
 Michael Kavicks, wanted in Linton as a horse thief, gave himself up to the authorities last week at Maiden Rock, Wis.
 Charles Bunthrop, a prominent business man of Edreley, has given a subscription of \$2,000 to Wesley college at Grand Forks.
 A fellow from Belfield who had been placed in the Dickinson jail on a charge of blindpicking, sawed a bar from his cell and escaped.
 The Souris Messenger editor says the time is coming when preachers will all be putting on motion pictures to keep their congregations from going to sleep.
 Arthur Delvin, age 9 years, skated to his death in the Red river at Drayton. He fell thru an air hole in the ice and the current carried him under. The body was recovered.
 Frank Fenton, who has been working around Marmarth this fall, was given 20 days in jail for stealing a watch at Amidon. He received a light sentence because of his youth.
 Makoti has an elevator capacity of one hundred and eighty-five thousand bushels of wheat. Recently 100 teams were unable to get their wheat in the elevator until some of the cars were loaded.
 Tom Boe, a farmer living south of the Badland P. O., went to bed full of booze, and accidentally killed himself with a shot gun he was using as a bed fellow. Badland postoffice is near Marmarth.
 The Dunn County State Bank at Killdeer will be converted into the First National bank, with a capital of \$25,000. This will be the first national bank to be granted a charter in Dunn county.
 Two suspects, accused of shooting Patrolman John Bliven, of Grand Forks, were arrested at Leola, S. D., and brought back to Grand Forks, proved not the men wanted. The guilty ones are still at large.
 F. Jensen, wanted in Sheridan county, Mont., for stealing an automobile, was recently arrested in Williston, and the auto found in his possession. The Montana sheriff came in and took him to Plentywood, where he will face trial.
 Miss Susie Bjorg of Adams met with a serious accident when she fell down cellar and broke both arms. Miss Bjorg was carrying two pails when she slipped and fell, the handles of the pails holding her arms in such a manner as to cause the above injuries.
 Three brothers, Walter, Arthur and Henry Granlund, cornered the premium supply in the state contest for boy corn growers this year, taking first, second and third, respectively, in the awards announced. Walter raised 90 bushels of corn on an acre, Arthur 83 1-2 and Henry 78 1-2.
 Thirty dollars an acre for land that was appraised at \$19 an acre was the record for the school land sale in Morton county last week. Of the 23,000 acres of land offered, 10,200 acres were purchased. The average was \$17.25 per acre and the total amount received was \$175,117.50.
 The Eagles' lodge of Jamestown has made the necessary financial arrangements for the construction of a building upon the basement which they built some five years ago. The contract for the building will be let in the near future, the cost being estimated at between ten and fifteen thousand dollars.
 Because they are made by cowboys who used to be numerous in the days when Teddy Roosevelt, Marquis DeMores and others were ranching, the saddlery company at Sentinel Butte claims the most unique plant in the nation. Cattle ranging is a thing of the past, so the cowboys have turned their attention to saddle making.
 The stork left several boys in this locality during the past week and no girls that we have heard of. Is this sign of war? Tell it to Henry Ford.—(Alexander Chronicle).
 Different here. There has never been a boy born in Charbonneau—all of 'em girls. Is this a sign of—? Tell it to Jane Addams.—Charbonneau Herald.
 Wm. Presley, aged 19 years, living with his parents near Bottineau, was accidentally shot and killed almost instantly, on Saturday last. The unfortunate youth was going out hunting and set a loaded .22 calibre rifle down to get some shells out of a cupboard, when the rifle was discharged, the bullet striking him near the eye. The funeral was held Monday.
 Mrs. John Hargrave, who operates the Northwestern hotel at Anamoose, was arrested last week, charged with violating the prohibition law. She was given a hearing and bound over to the district court. The arrest came as a distinct surprise to the residents and it is thought by the people of the town to be the result of a little difference Mrs. Hargrave had with some of her help.
 It is confidently expected that the new Williston armory will be near enough finished to allow its use on Jan. 15. Good progress has been made, and the buildings is practically enclosed. The program for the opening is under consideration, but nothing definite has been settled in this respect. The seating capacity of the building is 1,000, and the stage is one of the largest in the state.
 When Bert Gilmore, a resident of Leith for many years, ended his life with a shot gun, his wife was called upon for the second time within five years to mourn the violent death of a husband. Frequently Gilmore had asked his wife if she could get along without him, fits of despondency seizing him while he was ill with stomach trouble. Five years ago H. J. Carter, to whom the woman was then married, was drowned in the Cannonball river, near the above city.
 Eleanor Ceser, a Mendota, Ill., milliner, formerly of Valley City, N. D.,

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Now we express in words what we are ever mindful of throughout the year—a keen appreciation of the confidence our friends have in us. Our thanks for this, expressed verbally, is but poorly expressed. It would please us far better if we could shake the hand of each of you and say: "Thank you!" We do this in spirit, if not in fact.

Like play-actors, we are encouraged to our best performance when applauded. That you have liked us and applauded by patronizing us stimulates us to resolve to do many things during 1916 for the betterment of the store and store's service. It is a pleasure to work hard to please folks so appreciative.

We sincerely wish you a happy and prosperous New Year.

Frank & Graham Co.
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who alleges that she was enticed to Mendota on promise of marriage by Herman Moorhouse, a scion of a well-to-do farmer living near that city, has been awarded a judgment of \$5,000 against young Moorehouse in the circuit court of Ottawa. Miss Ceser filed two bills, one accusing Moorehouse of libel and breach of promise and the other charging attempted criminal attacks at Fargo, N. D.
 Adam Lesmeister was in Rugby last week for the purpose of bringing in a collection of eighty-two wolf pelts on which he received bounty. Mr. Lesmeister is the champion wolf-catcher of North Dakota, his bounty receipts from Pierce county alone amounting to over nine hundred dollars during the past year, and he has probably captured nearly as many in other counties as in Pierce or perhaps even more than here, so one may get an idea of the number of wolves he has rid this section of the country of during the year. His pack of great wolf-hounds are well trained to the business and they make short work of a wolf or coyote once they get sight of it.—Pierce Co. Tribune.
 but poor luck. Cheer up, old boy, it might not be as bad as it seems. They may return with the birds in the spring and then you can put the thing on wheels.
 Chas. Verzatt and Joe Palace went to Minot between trains the other day.
 Miles Scribner spent the week end in Tasker.
 Edna Kirkelie is on the sick list.
 We wonder who is going to get the "Palace." It seemed to be about an even break between two fair maids Xmas eve.
 Our obliging and enterprising merchant, Pete, does not intend to be outdone by any one, so ordered a toboggan. Wonder if he is expecting a bunch of school ma'ams or a hired girl?
 Mabel Amundson is spending the week with her sister and friends at Fessenden.
 Bull's are entertaining company from St. Paul.
 Elmer Griffin was in our burg one day this week.
 Santa Claus was pretty good to every one in Tasker. Goes to prove they surely must be a good bunch.
 Mrs. F. P. Bryant spent a couple of days in Minot.
 The children are enjoying a week's vacation. School will open again Monday, Jan. 3rd.
 Parker an Old Football Star.
 L. V. Parker, state chemist, who has made his home in Minot for the past five years, is an old football star. He is a graduate of Bowden college and during his school days was full back on the college team. He was in the fast game when Yale beat Bowden by a narrow margin and in one of the contests he sustained a fractured arm. Mr. Parker still takes a great deal of interest in the game, which is played somewhat differently than it was during his time.
WHO WANTS THIS ONE?
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 For ye same olde-fashioned friendship
 Prompts ye same olde greeting still."*

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 O. J. Bye was a Minot visitor Tuesday.
 K. C. Sweet is spending Christmas at Minot the guest of his son, Dr. C. F. Sweet.
 Miss Ella Peterson is home from the Minot Normal for the Christmas vacation.
 Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Hungate left Tuesday morning for a visit with friends at Harman, Nebraska.
 The Presbyterian and Lutheran Sunday schools gave very interesting Christmas programs and had the usual trees and treats for the children.
 The post office is a busy place during the holidays.
 Miss Orianna Miller arrived Saturday from Menominee, Wis., to spend Xmas with her parents.
 G. R. Van Sickle of Minot was a business visitor at Ryder recently.
 Misses Vera and Irene Officer arrived from Valley City Saturday to spend the holidays with their parents.
 Geo. Leubiens of Hinsdale, Montana, arrived here Friday and will spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Lubiens and Dr. Griffin and daughters.
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 Mr. Swartz, who purchased the Horton farm, was on our streets a few days ago. Come again, Mr. Swartz, we are always glad to get acquainted with our neighbors.
 Hattie and Wilfred Smith were visitors in Minot a few days.
 Some people say there is no such thing as luck, but when a fellow has a highly educated and talented bunch of school ma'ams from Fessenden to spend the week end with him, that's luck. And then, after he exhausts his wits ends to entertain them and finally hits upon the happy thought of getting a toboggan, so that he could entertain them, and the thing came the next day after they left, that's luck—