

May Oats! May Oats!

May oats selling seven cents under prices quoted a year ago, while corn is selling from three to four cents higher. In our opinion May oats will come into the limelight and sell a great deal higher. There should be no such difference as 30 cents between May oats and May corn, when for feeding purposes the former is 40 per cent greater. Believe oats should be bought on all recessions.

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BRIEF STATE NEWS

The city commissioners of Fargo gave the citizens of that city and Moorhead, Minn., a Christmas present of a concert.

Burglars entered the First State bank of Ruthland and secured about \$1,000 in cash and made their escape. There is no clue to the thieves.

Mrs. R. Johnson, living near Medora, is in a critical condition from injuries received in a runaway accident. She was thrown from a wagon and landed on her head.

John M. Crawford, a pioneer of Wahpeton and Richland county, died in the hospital at Breckenridge recently. He was one of the incorporators of the Fargo college.

Ten milk dealers have been arrested at Grand Forks, charged with violations of the state's pure food laws in the quantity of milk sold. Two of the accused men pleaded guilty, the others insisting on a jury trial.

The Marshall & McCartney Banking Company, of Oakes, N. D., of which Thomas F. Marshall, former congressman of the state, is at the head, have bot the Dakota National of Aberdeen, S. D., and have assumed charge of the institution.

J. W. Carr, a lawyer of Jamestown, who was beaten up by Peter Neva, while attending an auction sale last October, obtained a verdict for damages in the district court for the sum of \$1,500. The verdict is against Peter Neva, his brother John, and a

third man, all of whom were charged with conspiracy to pound up the attorney. The latter was representing a client in a mortgage foreclosure on the farm of Andrew Neva, near Courtenay.

Belgian neutrality was the subject of debate between the University of Manitoba and the University of North Dakota, recently. The Canadians argued that Germany's violation of Belgian neutrality was without just cause. We did not hear the outcome of the argument.

Charles Arthur McKeon, who served in the Civil war as a member of the First Minnesota heavy artillery, enlisting from Lake City, is dead at Wahpeton. Mr. McKeon has been a resident of that city since 1881. For 12 years he was clerk of court of Richland county.

Members of the city council at Valley City presented the city with a 60 foot Christmas community tree, which was erected at the intersection of two principal business streets. The entire square was strung with colored lights that radiated outward from the tree. Dean Woodhams, of the Normal, had charge of the programme.

Emmons county officials, from whom Christ Krieger escaped west of Minneapolis, while he was being returned to North Dakota from Detroit, Mich., where he had been arrested for horse stealing, have returned, abandoning the chase. In Michigan Krieger fought extradition. He leaped from the train on his way to North Dakota.

George E. Schlafer, registrar of the University of North Dakota at Grand Forks, has resigned to accept a position with the University of Indiana extension division, directing a course for the training of community workers. This work will be developed in Indianapolis under the supervision of J. J. Pettijohn, formerly of the North Dakota University.

Albert Lieudahl, representative from Benson county in the state legislature, died suddenly at his home in Maddock. He had been county auditor in Benson county about six years and was treasurer for one term and was actively identified with the early history of the state and county. He came to the state 25 years ago from Spring Grove, Minn.

An accident which might have resulted seriously to all parties concerned occurred at Kenmare a few days ago, when Dr. Shukart and Earl Tomlinson of that city were racing on the frozen surface of the lake in their cars. Mr. Shukart's car broke thru the ice and Mrs. Shukart and baby were thrown out before the speed of the machine could be slackened, both being severely injured.

Referendum of constitutional prohibition to the voters of North Dakota was sponsored by the North Dakota Personal Liberty League at a meeting held in Bismarck, when J. H. Wishek, of Ashley, was re-elected president, and plans made for active participation in political affairs. Petitions asking that the prohibition clause of the constitution be submitted to the voters in the next general election will be placed in circulation shortly after the first of the year.

The right of the city of Grand Forks to enforce the ordinance requiring the payment by a messenger company of a license fee, successfully maintained in an action against the Western Union Telegraph company, is conceded by the company in a letter to the city officials in which they say they will not appeal. The company's agent in that city was arrested for failure to take out a license, the purpose being to make a test case. The district court declared the company guilty and assessed a fine, which will now be paid.

The North Dakota Farmers' Union is opposed to the further increase of appropriations for army and navy purposes, and has asked the senators and members of the house from North Dakota to oppose any such increase. The first action on this question was taken at a meeting of the Burleigh County Farmers' Union, which represents the sentiment of the organization in that section of the state. The union asks that the North Dakota members of congress work for the enactment of rural credits, a law against gambling in options, national standards for grain grading, and a national bureau of markets.

The movement for the construction of good roads into every section of the state, but more especially Morton county, received remarkable support at a convention held in Mandan under the direction of the commercial club of that city. Plans for a permanent organization in that locality were perfected. It is the purpose to advocate

a general movement for better road improvements. Several trunk lines leading to all important cities will be constructed and feeders for these will be promoted at a later date. A committee of prominent citizens of the slope country has been appointed to push the movement.

W. C. Gibb, county auditor for the county of Mountrail since its birth, until March, this year, has accepted a position as manager of a flouring mill at Havre, Mont., and will leave Stanley this week to enter upon his duties in that capacity the first of the year.

Barrett & Barrett, St. Paul liquor dealers, were recently given a fine of \$1,000 in the federal court at Fargo, by Judge C. F. Amidon. The firm was charged with violating the statute of June 30, 1906, regarding the interstate shipments of liquor.

Jack J. Breyer and Charlie Daniels, two old time cow boys of the Bad Lands, in McKenzie county, have given up cow punching and are organizing a wild west show. They plan to give the first performance at Watford, and announce that they expect to take a company of stars and a band of Indians on a showing tour thru the state.

Jacob Vote, a well known farmer living near Egeland, committed suicide one day last week, by shooting himself thru the head with a shot gun. When the family found Vote's body on the floor it was discovered that he had used a violin bow to pull the trigger. Illness in the family and his own poor health is said to have affected his brain.

The Trimble building at Westhope had a narrow escape from fire Wednesday night. One of the rooms has been used as a storage for the remainder of two cars of apples shipped in, and to keep them from freezing, two or three kerosene stoves are kept going. Last night, one of them got to blazing up too much and melted to the floor. This wasn't discovered till this morning, but fortunately no damage was done.

A horrible murder took place at Fort Yates last week, when Porcupine Tail, a deaf and dumb Sioux Indian, killed his mother. The reason for the cold blooded act has not been learned but he evidently used an ax or club to commit the deed, as the aged woman's head was badly beaten up and the skull crushed. A little girl is said to have witnessed the terrible deed. The reservation police at Fort Yates are after the murdered and will no doubt round him up.

Over one week has been spent by friends and neighbors of Mr. and Mrs. Adam Nieder, in hunting for their sixteen-year-old son, who left home about 11 o'clock one forenoon about two weeks ago to hunt rabbits. The boy took a revolver with him, stating that he would return for dinner, but up to this time no trace of him can be found. He is strong for his age, is about five and a half feet in height, and weighs 150 pounds, has bluish grey eyes. When he left home he wore farm clothes and had no money. Any information as to his whereabouts will be appreciated by his parents who live at Havelock, N. D.

John Campbell, of Ryder, recently received word that Uncle Sam had selected him as postmaster of that city.

G. W. Stapleton, a gospel singer at Esmond, with a party of evangelists who had been holding meetings at that town, died suddenly. He was taken ill with what appeared to be the grippe.

Sheriff Nelson of Divide county recently returned from McKenzie county, where he nabbed a bunch of wheat thieves, and brot them back to Crosby, where they will stand trial in the district court next term.

Editor E. L. Petersn, of the Milton Globe, has purchased one of the Dickinson papers and will take over the property on Jan. 1st. The balance of the Peterson family will continue the publication of the Milton paper.

Herman Lang, aged 26 years, working near Mayville, but a resident of Marshall, Minn., fell under the feet of a team of horses he was driving and was trampled so badly that he died the day following the accident.

The six year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Lorz, living near Harvey, fell into a bucket of scalding hot water one day last week, and died a few hours later from the results of the burns. The water was being heated preparatory to butchering pigs and one painful was left sitting on the floor.

Captain J. M. Ritchmann, 48 years old, probably the best known pilot on the Mississippi river, died at his home at Burlington, Iowa, yesterday, according to messages received here. For more than a quarter of a century Captain Richtmann operated steamers on the upper river, the Ohio and the Missouri rivers. He was master of passenger boats on the Diamond Jo, the Northern and the Streckfus lines. He was in charge of the Quincy when that boat struck a hidden obstruction near Trempealeau and sunk a few years ago. His presence of mind in beaching the craft saved all of the passengers. Captain Richtmann is well known in this state, having a daughter living at White Earth, besides other relatives in Mountrail and Ward county. He is a son-in-law of Mrs. S. J. Truax of Grinnell, N. D.

The right of rural school districts in North Dakota to force parents to bring children to school when transportation is not provided by the district, is the issue involved in a suit launched in the first judicial district court by Frank J. Byrne against a school district in Nelson county. Under the law the school districts must provide transportation for pupils living more than a mile from the school. They also have the option of offering the parents a stated sum in lieu of such transportation, the amount allowed being from 15 to 25 cents a mile. In the Nelson county case, it is maintained that the school district, which offered Byrne 15 cents a mile, cannot force him to accept the offer, but must, if he so elects, furnish his children with transportation instead. The constitutionality of the act is likely to become involved before the suit is finished.

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FARMER INSTALLS \$700 ELECTRIC LIGHT PLANT.
Ole Oen, one of the most prosperous of Ward county farmers, is installing a \$700 electric light plant at his farm six miles southwest of Minot. Bert Bunel sold the plant and is doing the work. Mr. Oen has a four horse-power Cushman engine and a forty light plant. His large residence, barns, garage, poultry house, etc., are all lighted brilliantly. Two large lights have been placed at the roadway.

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