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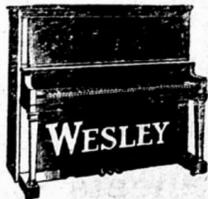
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## LITTLE STORIES OF THE STREET.

At least one of the Independent's subscribers pays attention to our editorials (?). Last week, in commenting on the fact that the citizens of a certain nearby town had contributed \$100 for flowers to be displayed at a young man's funeral, we remarked that we'd rather have one lonely carnation given us while we are alive and to enjoy it, than a whole garden of posies after we have returned to dust. And lo and behold, we found a beautiful carnation on our desk Monday afternoon with the following touching lines accompanying it: "To the one who writes the 'sob stuff' in the Independent's editorials. Here's the carnation you asked for."

W. A. Peck, Better Farming Expert, received a fine looking, fat turkey shortly before Christmas, at least the bird was left on his desk, and thinking that one of his country friends had sent it in for his Christmas dinner, he took it home, had it roasted to perfection, and enjoyed it as he has relished no turkey before or since. Imagine his consternation when a few days ago he received the following note: "Dear Mr. Peck: We want you to settle a dispute that has arisen out in our neighborhood. I left a turkey on your desk the other day when you were out. Will you please look it over and let me know what, in your opinion, it died of?"

Marius Erickson, the efficient and good-looking local manager of the J. I. Case Co., is known far and wide for his originality and he has pulled off some great tricks on his friends. One he attended a convention and the hotels were crowded. Marius likes to sleep alone, in fact he insists on sleeping alone, for he just can't sleep when he has to share his bed with anyone. His friend, Halvorson, the Rugby Case representative, could not get a room and there was but one thing to do and that was to sleep with Marius. Mr. Erickson retired first and as he was getting ready for his downy couch, he began scratching himself unmercifully. "Halvorson, what's good for lice?" he inquired. Halvorson said he didn't know but if it was all the same to Marius he believed he'd sleep on the floor, and he did. Of course, Marius and lice are complete strangers, but he enjoyed a good sleep just the same.

Atty. Willis F. Doherty tells us this one, concerning a lawyer and politician over in Burke county. The lawyer persistently referred to himself as "the leading lawyer of Burke county." His confederates made no objections for several months. Finally a young man who had looked into the records, interrupted him one day with the query, "What proof have you that you are the leading lawyer in Burke county? What notable cases have you won?" "Proof," said the leading lawyer with fine scorn. "I don't have to prove it. I admit it."

A few years ago a very economical candidate ran for office in Ward county. He was in the Independent office one day and we introduced him to a farmer living up towards Glenburn. The candidate smiled, asked about the wife and babies and handed him his card. The farmer said he was sorry that he couldn't vote for him, because he lived just across the line in Renville county. "Well, would you mind giving me back my card, for I think I know where I can use it that will do me some good?" he remarked.

Probably not many residents of Surrey know how near that town came to getting the Soo line instead of Minot. Back in 1893 when the Soo was built, west, the line was surveyed out onto the prairie crossing the spot where Surrey now stands. The Soo didn't care to go down into the valley. John Wallin was one of the first to take the matter up and suggest that concessions be made to get the Soo to come down the valley. He offered free right of way across his land and others followed suit. The Soo thereupon changed its plans and built to this point.

In the early days of the state, there was a law providing for sheep inspectors. Each county was supposed to have a sheep inspector to drive about and inspect the droves of sheep to determine if there was any scab affecting them. The job could pay in the neighborhood of five or six thousand dollars if the inspector was pretty active, but fortunately Ward county had an inspector who was careful of the funds and he drew but a small amount each year. The inspector was none other than our townsman, Peter Ehr. Pete didn't know sheep scab from the pig but he managed to keep grafters out of office. It wasn't long after that that Cleveland took the tariff off from wool and soon there were no sheep and the services of the sheep inspector were no longer needed.

An old farmer from up in the Don-

nybrok country was preparing to come to Minot the other day to spend a few days and a little of the money he had received from a bountiful crop. His wife said, "Ezra, I hear they stay up pretty late down in Minot. Why, sometimes they don't go to bed until around eleven o'clock." "Well, Maria," the farmer replied, "don't worry about me. Whenever I go to Minot, I go to bed with the chickens."

**ANTI-FREEZING SOLUTION.**  
Salt, glycerin and denatured alcohol are commonly used to form anti-freezing solutions for automobile radiators. Regarding the comparative merits of these solutions, the professor in charge of automobile instruction at the College of Agriculture, says, "Salt forms crystals which are liable to lessen the efficiency of the radiator, if nothing worse. Glycerin attacks the rubber hose connections and is comparatively expensive. Alcohol is clean and does not seem to affect the rubber or iron to speak of. Solutions of alcohol freeze about as follows:

A 10 per cent mixture at about 25 degrees above zero.

A 20 per cent mixture at about 10 degrees above zero.

A 30 per cent mixture at about 5 degrees below zero.

A 40 per cent mixture at about 20 degrees below zero.

To check the solution, take a small amount from the radiator, place in a bottle, and put out of doors. If the solution begins to show signs of freezing over, put more alcohol into the radiator. In filling the radiator made necessary by evaporation, always fill with alcohol.

Licensed to Wed.

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Gottfried J. Anderson, 29, and Nellie Nelson, 28.

Joseph Donny, 23, and Angeline Wittman, 19.

Henry J. Druen, 36, and Elva Kaasa, 35.

Geo. E. Hodge, 21, and Blanch E. Williams, 19.

Judge Murray Settles Old Des Lacs Feud.

Wm. Murray settled a Des Lacs feud of several years standing the other day in a few minutes in a manner very characteristic of the Judge. The Steffick and Rubbelke families "fell out" several years ago thru a misunderstanding and Buck Steffick refused to allow Louis Rubbelke to drive across a few rods of his land, necessitating a journey of half a mile to get around a particular bad spot in the road. A year ago, when Rubbelke was caught driving across the forbidden land, Steffick pounced upon him and later was arrested for assault and battery. His case was set to be tried at the next term of county court. One day last week, as Rubbelke was again crossing the land, Steffick came out and started for him and was again arrested, this time charged with assault with intent to kill. He was brot before Judge Murray the other day and was preparing to give bonds, when the Judge remarked: "Buck, what's the matter between you and Rubbelke, anyway? Why don't you men get along as neighbors should. I believe that Rubbelke would like to be your friend, if you would only let him. Let me patch up your little difficulty." Rubbelke was sent for and after the men had talked over matters for fifteen minutes, they shook hands. The cases against Buck Steffick have been dropped. The men spent the evening together at their hotel and later attended a moving picture show and drove home together the next day. The county has been spared an expense of something like \$300, and their families will again enjoy social intercourse. After all more than half of our troubles arise just because we don't understand one another.

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