

BRIEF STATE NEWS

North Dakota's poor roads are of some value after all. A thief stole an auto at Jamestown one night recently but had to abandon it later along the roadside in order to keep ahead of the pursuing officers.

A campaign for head nets for members of the North Dakota regiment, at the border, to fight off mosquitoes and flies, has been started at Fargo by Mrs. Dan MacLaren, whose son is a member of the regiment.

Sixty laborers employed on a big paving contract in Fargo laid down their tools one day last week to enforce demands for a 50-cent increase in their daily wage. The men ask an advance from \$2.50 to \$3.00.

Al Logan of Calgary, Canada, for six years a chef on Great Lakes passenger ships died at Grand Forks. He was homeward bound from the Shriners' gathering in Buffalo and was stricken while visiting at St. Hillaire, Minn.

Warden Frank Talcott of the state

prison, sent a deputy warden to Stanton, N. D., in an effort to identify a man held by the sheriff answering the description of James Gleason, one of the missing convicts who escaped in the series of recent deliveries.

Iyer Johnson, 27 years old, was the victim of drowning while attempting to swim across Stump lake south of Lakota immediately after he had eaten a hearty meal one day last week. Johnson had just taken out a \$2,000 life insurance policy in favor of his aged mother, residing in Norway.

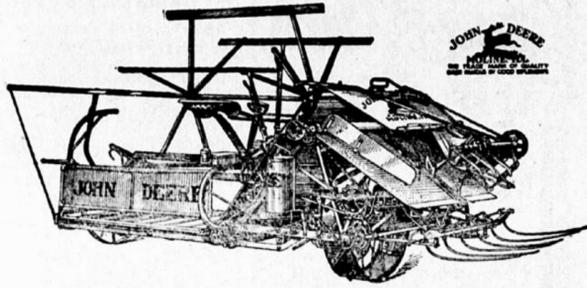
C. S. Van Syke and Lloyd Berry are at a Bismarck hospital as a result of injuries received when the buggy in which they were riding was struck by a Northern Pacific train near Bismarck last Friday. Van Syke is internally injured and physicians say he has little chance to recover. Berry suffered a broken hip.

No word has been received for several months from Rev. L. O. Fossum of Iowa and Miss Eva Gudhart, native of Russia, missionaries of the Synod Lutheran Church of America in Tiflis, near the Black Sea. Rev. N. J. Lohre

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of Grand Forks, general secretary of the synodical missionary board, returned today from Washington.

Plans to establish a state park at Pembina, at the junction of the Pembina river with the Red river, will be fostered by the North Dakota Historical society. It was on this ground that the famous Selkirk settlers of the seventeenth century located. This land is owned by the city of Pembina, which will deed it to the State Historical society.

Six business places and one residence were destroyed by fire at Dickey on Saturday, which started when a bolt of lightning struck the Vigro drug store. The loss is estimated at \$15,000. For several hours volunteer firemen fought the flames but were unable to check their spread until nearly half a block of buildings had been destroyed.

There's nothing to be gained by cutting rusted grain early, according to H. L. Bolley, pure seed commissioner of North Dakota, in a statement issued recently. Farmers, Mr. Bolley says, have been under the impression that rusted grain should be cut early. In adopting this process, he says, farmers nip the wheat in the milk and the result is that the entire crop shrivels.

An Italian section hand had a narrow escape from being drowned last Friday near Mandan and had it not been for the quick action of two 'boes' the Italian would have without question been numbered among the dead. The near-victim was in bathing in the river south of the roundhouse. He stepped into deep water without realizing what he was doing and before he knew it he was in a grave predicament. He was going down for the third time when two hoboes, whose names were not made known, dove in after the unfortunate Italian and rescued him. With shoes and clothes on the hoboes had a real "job" getting to shore with the Italian. Nevertheless they accomplished their undertaking and saved the man's life. The transients were complimented on their heroic deed but neither would tell their names.

There is an old plug by the name of Mugg, who is making the rounds of the towns in this section advertising himself as an "Eye-glass Specialist." He was booked at one of our local hotels last Saturday, attired in a "claw-hammer" coat and cady, and cleaned up enough suckers to pay his expenses for the next month. We presented our bill for advertising and the old crook did so much humming and hawing that we finally vamoosed—minus the price. This same old jasper has the reputation of trying to beat every bill that is presented to him. People needing their eyes tested and glasses fitted should pass up all such fakers, for invariably you get soaked top price for an inferior article. One man paid Mugg \$10.00 last Sunday for a pair of specs that can be purchased from our Mr. Cameron, the jeweler for \$2.50, and have his eyes tested free.—Sanish Pilot.

Some party of sneak thieves at Mandan had a real time last Wednesday night and got away with it. They first raided the chicken coop at the rear of the home of Mrs. Ed. MacCadam and secured six or seven fine fat birds. One man then entered the MacCadam home, seized four or five loaves of bread and a ten-pound jar of butter, but was discovered as he was leaving. Starting to run, he stumbled over a sidewalk and fell, dropping the butter. The party then went to the Oscar Morck home and stole the Morck store delivery truck. They were evidently familiar with the Ford machine, as the switch key had been taken out, and they broke off the coil box and connected wires to complete the circuit. The car was found Thursday morning about a mile south of the experimental station on the Flasher road. That they first sought a horse and buggy or rig of some kind before they found the Morck truck is evident, as several men were seen lighting matches and prowling around the rear of the Albert Larson home.

At least two persons were killed in the rain, hail and wind storm which swept through a wide area of North Dakota and northwestern Minnesota last Thursday night. Near Hamar, N. D., Henry Borgeson was killed and his father seriously injured when every building on the Borgeson farm was wrecked. The other victim was James Wright, 14 years old, who was killed near Orrin, N. D., when the cook car of a threshing outfit was overturned by the wind. Wright's mother, Mrs. Matt Wright, and her daughter, Jesse, were probably fatally injured.

The Felix Gallagher farm home, northwest of Milnor, was the scene of what might have been a fatal accident one day last week, when a kerosene stove exploded, seriously burning Mrs. Gallagher about the face and arms. It seems that the stove in use was not working properly and several members of the family were busy trying to generate it. Mr. Gallagher arrived in the house at the time and not knowing that the generator was hot, attempted to generate it again. He poured a quantity of denatured alcohol in the generator, which formed into gas and exploded when ignited by a match. The force of the explosion struck Mrs. Gallagher squarely in the face and inflicted severe burns. One arm was badly burned. The attending physician says at the present time he is unable to say just how deep some of the burns are.

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