

UNION NATIONAL BANK CLOSES A SUCCESSFUL YEAR; ANNUAL MEETING WAS HELD TUESDAY

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Union National Bank was held at the counting rooms of the bank Tuesday afternoon at four o'clock.

The report of the past year's business was read. The institution has done a very satisfactory conservative business and is on a very solid footing. The usual dividend was declared and a substantial sum was added to the surplus.

The Union National Bank, according to its statement of Dec. 29, 1920, has total resources of \$1,135,445.92, deposits amounting to \$804,132.92. The institution is capitalized for \$100,000.00, has a surplus fund of \$20,000.00, and undivided profits of \$13,674.71. In spite of conditions throughout the country generally, the Union National Bank, on account of its large volume of business, conducted in such a conservative manner, is in excellent condition and well prepared to take care of the needs of its customers.

The Union National Bank, which is among the oldest of the Ward county banking institutions, has taken a prominent part in the development of Northwestern North Dakota, assisting and encouraging the farmers particularly in their development of dairying and stock raising. The president of the institution, Major E. S. Person, is one of the most prominent breeders of registered Guernsey cattle in the west.

The stockholders elected the following directors: E. S. Person, C. H. Zehring, John Ehr, Al. Balerud, Norman Ellison, F. K. Jewett and G. D. Colcord.

At the meeting of the directors held immediately after the stockholders' meeting, the following officers were elected:

E. S. Person, president.
C. H. Zehring, vice president.
O. R. Powell, cashier.
B. A. Balerud, assistant cashier.

E. E. Miller Writes About Western Trip

Oakland, Calif., Jan. 3, 1921.
Dear Mr. Colcord and Other Interested Friends:

I am less than half way on my journey from Minot to Minot by the way of Shelby, Spokane, Seattle, Portland, San Francisco, etc.

Leaving Minot on No. 3 at 2:30 A. M. Dec. 4, I journeyed all day, stopping at important places, such as Williston, Wolf Point, and others.

Arrived at Shelby, Montana, about 5:30. Found our friend, Mrs. Ella Gunter and four charming daughters. I was royally entertained by them until Tuesday morning. The train was on time at 5:30 and I resumed my journey over the Rockies. To my surprise I happened to meet Andrew Peterson, of Minot, going to Spokane, to join Mrs. Peterson, who had preceded him several weeks. Mr. Peterson has a sister living at Spokane and he invited me to her home, where I was made to feel welcome during my stay in Spokane. Three days spent there gave me some idea of the city. Mr. Fogelquist gave us an auto trip into the valley east, showing the development of the fruit industry in the last few years. The statistics he gave us in favor of fruit-growing near Spokane would furnish material for a book. If we had a few more men like him, to boost Minot, we would soon have to extend the city limits. Mr. Fogelquist is a prince of a man and I shall never forget the effort he made to persuade us that his city was where nearly everybody ought to live. One could not but admire his enthusiasm.

I quit Spokane Saturday morning at 7:45. The trip through the Cascades was interesting from Genesis to Revelation. I had anticipated the Rockies and the sights had thrilled me with admiration for the natural beauties on both sides as we sped along toward the Spokane valley. Few places were seen where a crop of wheat had been raised, but what there was reminded one of an oasis in a desert. Lumber or mining were the main supports of the towns through which we passed. To me, the beauties of the Cascades were greater than the Rockies. Before dark we came to snow two feet deep on the level and more coming. Apparently there is little wind, for the snow was clinging to those fir trees almost to the extent of breaking the limbs. That "emblem of purity" with a green background was a sight to make the milkman sit up and take notice. Other sights like the hairpin curve, where we almost met ourselves coming back, the long tunnel, the snow sheds and others, makes one feel truly like "Seeing America First." Darkness overtook us before we had passed the mountains, but enough had been seen to tire the eyes and a rest was duly appreciated. We were now on the home stretch for Seattle. Everett is an important stop before reaching that beautiful city. The two are connected both by steam and electricity. Having reached Seattle, I got some refreshments and then retired to a hotel for the night. I can appreciate how Uncle Josh felt when he made his second trip to New York city. There was only two beds in the room and they were made up so nicely that it did seem a pity to muss them. If there had been a sofa in the room I would have been tempted to sleep on it. Saturday night, too, is the time for Uncle Josh to take a bath. I must have got to sleep early, about 1 A. M. The noise outside was enough to drive a man to the roof. The cheap room was what appealed to me, only \$2.00. Next morning, after breakfast, I started out to find my friends, the Humphrey family, formerly of Minot. It being Sunday, I thought I better go to church first. The first one I came to was of the Roman persuasion and so I followed the crowd, literally. Only ten cents for a seat, three for a quarter. I took a quarter's worth.

After the service, which was very impressive and conducted in order, was dismissed I again followed the

crowd. After much inquiry, I was told to take a Queen Anne car No. 2 and get off at 2nd Ave. "The first duty of a good soldier is to obey orders," I called at the number indicated on 2nd Ave. West and sure enough I found them. Believe me, I felt something like the prodigal. If ever I am treated like a prince, it's in the Humphrey family. I stayed in Seattle ten days with an urgent request to stay longer. While there I took some interesting trips. One by boat to the navy yard, about an hour's ride. Beautiful scenery all the way. Weather mild enough to ride outside the cabin.

The friends of Mr. and Mrs. Beam will be pleased to know that I visited them, also that a pretty baby girl has recently arrived at their home. Congratulations are in order. Fortune is smiling on the Beams in other ways. They are nicely located on a five-acre lot, near the station of Alderwood Manor, also a fine new school and a start in the poultry industry, which in five years time will place them in a class of independents to be envied. Hollywood Farm is another place of interest to me and other travelers, like-minded. It is reached by stage twice daily. Close to a section of land situated near the north end of Lake Washington, devoted to three branches of industry. Purebred Holstein cattle, poultry, and floriculture. The advantage over some other like farms, they retail mostly, if not all, their products. They maintain a dairy lunch in Seattle which handles their eggs and milk products. In another place the flowers are sold.

A truck makes the twenty-mile trip every day with supplies.

Perhaps the most interesting place yet seen is the Carnation Stock Farm. Situated out north thirty miles in a beautiful valley nearly surrounded by hills and not far from mountains covered with snow. It is the home of Carnation King Sylvia, the \$106,000 bull. It is also the home of Carnation Legis Prospect, the cow that for three hundred and sixty-five days has produced over 100 pounds of milk a day. Her greatest day was 126 lbs. First 100 days an average of over 115 lbs.

Many other cows have made creditable records and most of "King's" heifers are the pride of the herd.

The farm is reached by stage daily, but I was fortunate in being invited to make the trip by auto, with the manager of the advertising department, who was making a business trip to the farm that day.

ESTRAY NOTICES TO BE PUBLISHED IN OFFICIAL PAPER

There seems to be some confusion regarding the estray law. Any person taking up an estray animal in Ward county shall within ten days give notice by publication in the official county paper, which at present is the Ward County Independent. The law is very strict. We publish the act in complete form and suggest that each reader in the county preserve this copy for future reference:

Section 1.—Amendment. — Section 2658.—Notice of Taking Up Estrays.—Each person taking up an estray horse, mare, colt, ass, mule or neat cattle, sheep, hog, or goat, shall, within ten days thereafter, give notice of the finding and taking up of such animal, in the official newspaper published in the county where such animal is found by giving its color, sex, probable age and weight, and all the marks and brands thereon. Immediately after the first publication of said notice the publisher thereof shall send by registered mail to the commissioner of agriculture and labor and to the county auditor of the county in which said animal was found, a newspaper clipping containing the same. Unless such animal is earlier claimed the notice shall be published in said paper for three consecutive weeks. The registry receipts for the notices sent to the commissioner of agriculture and labor and to the county auditor as provided for herein, together with proof of publication of such notice for three successive weeks, shall be filed in the office of the county auditor of the county where the estray was found before it can be appraised, or before appraisers can be appointed. Unless such receipts and proof of publication are so filed the publisher of such paper shall forfeit all right to his publication fees, and shall be liable to civil damages for any loss or damage caused by his neglect, and the person taking up said estray, unless he shall cause the same to be filed, shall forfeit all right to reimbursement for charges, costs and damages. Any person taking up an estray who fails to advertise the same, or otherwise comply with the provisions of this section, shall be liable to the owner for all damages caused by such negligence or failure, and shall be guilty of a misdemeanor; provided, if any person shall take up an estray which is apparently worthless, such estray may be at once appraised, and if found worthless, may be destroyed. The person taking up the same shall notify some justice of the peace of the county, and such justice shall immediately choose one disinterested freeholder as one appraiser; the party taking up the estray shall choose another disinterested freeholder, and the two so chosen shall appoint a third person living in the vicinity where the estray was taken up, and the three persons so chosen shall constitute a board of appraisers who shall act without compensation. If such appraisers shall appraise the estray as worthless it shall be destroyed by the party taking it up.

Mrs. E. Ellison is reported quite ill from pneumonia and Mr. Ellison, who returned last week from Rochester, Minn., remains about the same. Two trained nurses are in charge of Mr. and Mrs. Ellison and it is hoped that their condition will soon improve.

Knights of Pythias Install Officers

The following newly elected officers of the Minot Knights of Pythias Lodge were installed Jan. 4:
A. M. Compton, Chancellor, Commander.
F. Otto Gross, Vice Chancellor.
R. D. Potter, Prelate.
L. T. Larson, M. W.
V. Halley, K. R. S.
F. L. Anderson, M. F.
L. M. Swigart, M. E.
Karl Wilkins, M. A.
Art Jordan, I. G.
F. E. Ash, O. G.



ROY SWIGART,
Retiring Chancellor Commander

Roy Swigart, retiring Chancellor Commander, was the installing officer. The past year has been one of the very best in the history of the lodge, 124 new members having been initiated. There are now 441 members in the lodge. The fine K. P. Home is free from debt, and while at times the need of a larger home is felt, the members are willing to wait until conditions are more favorable.



FRED L. ANDERSON,
Past Chancellor Commander

PROGRAM FOR GRAIN GROWERS CONVENTION JANUARY 18-21

Fargo, N. D., Jan. 13.—Three men of national reputation on one day's program at the Tri-State Grain Growers' convention, held in Fargo January 18 to 21 inclusive. Round trip fares of one and a half fare are offered to Fargo for this convention. The program follows:

Tuesday, January 18
Morning—Business meetings of Equity Co-operative Exchange and N. D. Potato Growers' Exchange.
Afternoon—President's address, Dr. J. H. Worst, Bismarck, N. D. Address, J. M. Anderson, Pres. Equity Co-operative Exchange.

Wednesday, January 19
Morning—Business Meeting, Equity Co-operative Exchange.
Afternoon—Inspection of Wool warehouse and grading of N. D. wool. Women's Auxiliary Meeting. Poultry Culling Demonstration, Ed. Hayes, Aberdeen, S. D. Address, "Canadian Seed Growers' Association," T. J. Harrison, Prof. Field Husbandry, Manitoba Agricultural College.

Thursday, January 20
Morning—Business Meetings, Equity Co-operative Packing Company and Farm Managers' Association.
Afternoon—Address, U. L. Burdick, Williston, Pres. N. D. Farm Bureau Federation. Address, J. R. Howard, Pres. American Farm Bureau Fed. Address, Dr. E. P. Ladd, N. D. A. C., and Committee of 17.

Friday, January 21
Morning—Business Meeting, Equity Co-operative Packing Co.
Afternoon—Business Session, Tri-State Convention. Demonstration in Preparing Wool for Market, J. W. Haw, Sec. Wool Growers' Association. Address, "Deep Waterways from Great Lakes to Atlantic."
Evening—Music Entertainment and Smoker by Fargo Commercial Club.

Dunnett-Hart Marriage
Rev. W. A. Dunnett, pastor of the Methodist church at Churchs Ferry, N. D., announces the marriage of his daughter, Miss Eva A. Dunnett, to E. E. Hart, well known Minot photographer. The bride is well known in northwestern North Dakota, where her father has held a number of charges for the Methodist church. Mr. Hart has been located in Minot during the past twelve years and is one of the state's most progressive photographers.

Rolling Green and Des Lacs Granges Install
Rolling Green and Des Lacs Granges had a public installation in Des Lacs Saturday. A large and enthusiastic crowd greeted them. The State Master, T. M. Williams, acted as installing officer.

GRANGES HOLD JOINT INSTALLATION

Berthold, N. D., Jan. 10.—Prairie and Tolgen Granges held a joint and public installation Saturday, Jan. 8, in the Severson school house, Tolgen township. That is the school house that Charles Wisen, of Salvation Army fame, discovered some two years ago, that the carpenters made a very serious mistake by placing the "walls too close together" for the crowds that meet there. This meeting was no exception to the rule.

The ladies of both granges were requested to bring lunches, but instead of bringing enough to bridge over the hunger that usually overtakes a person about the noon hour, they brought and spread a feast, but the men, and especially the bachelor kind, refused to let any surplus be taken back home.

A short program by both granges was rendered impromptu. Mrs. Kilbourn, Whitson, Miss Gertrude Fisher, William Fisher and William Metzdorf and others, on the part of Prairie Grange, read, spoke and sang some excellent selections. Walter Severson, P. P. Borges, Jay Hornberger and others represented the Tolgen Grange in a very creditable way. Mr. Hornberger, for a farmer and without training, is an exceptional entertainer.

Those present and qualifying as officers were: Prairie Grange—F. G. Kilbourne, Master, Guy Metzdorf, Overseer; William Fisher, Assistant Steward; J. W. Metzdorf, Treasurer; Gertrude Fisher, Secretary; Mrs. Wherley, Ceres; Mrs. Metzdorf, Pomona; Mrs. Dokken, Flora. Tolgen Grange—Geo. T. Murray, Master; J. W. Arnett, Overseer; Mrs. J. R. Osbourne, Lecturer; J. R. Osbourne, Steward; Mrs. Peterson, Chaplain; Mrs. J. W. Arnett, Treasurer; P. P. Borges, Secretary; H. C. Anderson, Gate Keeper; Mrs. N. J. Demaree, Pomona.

Mr. F. G. Kilbourne, Master of Prairie Grange ever since its organization, acted as installing officer. Miss Lois Kilbourne acted as assistant installing officer.

Mr. Kilbourne gave the work in such a dignified, painstaking and impressive manner as to win the plaudits of the entire audience. As a new State Master is to be elected at the coming state Grange meeting in June, Mr. Kilbourne has many enthusiastic friends here who would rejoice in seeing him elected to that position.

FARM BUREAU EFFECTIVE IN CALIFORNIA

Sacramento, Calif., Jan. 5, 1921.

The Ward Co. Independent:
Here is just a little bit of news to cheer up the North Dakota farmer. The drought that has prevailed over that part of the country has also extended over the coast states. In this part of California it has been dry for four years in succession. This winter the drought has been broken. We have had 9.01 inches of rain since Sept. 1, here at Sacramento. The mountains are full of snow. Possibly this is the beginning of the end of the dry seasons.

Just a few lines regarding the Farm Bureau. I have read with great interest the move that Ward county is making towards this organization. This is one of the strongest and most profitable Farmers' organizations that we have in California, and can be made so in any state if the farmers will get back of it. The producers of California are the best organized of any state in the U. S. and it is through a condition such as exists at the present time, that they are reaping the benefit of the organization.

Wishing you a prosperous year. I remain,
Yours very truly,
E. S. WATERMAN.

W. H. Mann Writes from Kalispell, Mont.

The following letter has been received from our old soldier friend, W. H. Mann:

Kalispell, Mont., Jan. 1.
Remembering all old friends and the faithful, and may I not say useful, old Ward County Independent, that I have read with pleasure and interest for many a year, allow me please to send greeting for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Christmas, the day of prophecy foretold, the day of promise fulfilled, found our Salvation Army staff persistently and effectively carrying out the S. A. world wide program of giving Christmas cheer. And they seemed to have stepped into the hearts of the people. Truly, the Salvation Army is preeminently a religious institution. They know no creed and no color. They have forged their way into 72 countries in less than 45 years. In 1920, 886,000 people were converted to Christianity. They furnished 80,000 soldiers for the world war and their Lasses in France passed up their dug outs, with German shells screaming over their heads, all free of charge, to the cold, wet, hungry wounded boys, hot coffee and doughnuts went a long way towards sending the boys onto the Heavenly Cannon. Once more we land upon the threshold of a New Year, that time which divides the past from the future. None of us is aware what is in store for us, but we are unafraid of what it may hold. We have learned to look for kindness and goodness and we have resolved to go ever forward. To live is a serious thing, but we can live one year but once. What we have neglected to pass over is not our privilege to amend, but let us make an honest endeavor to live better the coming year, that at its ending we find nothing we might wish to correct.

W. H. MANN.

Minot to Consider Fourth of July Celebration Early

Minot is already considering a Fourth of July celebration to be held this year. At a meeting of the Board of Governors of the Town Criers Club Tuesday night, President Woodward was authorized to appoint a committee of twenty Minot citizens to take preliminary steps towards holding a big celebration, which will be in the nature of a Farmers' Community Gathering. With her several beautiful parks, Minot is in a position to give the visitors a fine time.

Open Meeting of Assn. of Commerce

Henry M. Wilson, president of the Association of Commerce, announces an open meeting for all members and those who anticipate becoming members at the Association rooms Tuesday evening, Jan. 18. A general invitation has been extended to the Town Criers. The meetings promises to be of great interest to every citizen of Minot. Anyone having anything to offer for the welfare of the city is urged to attend this meeting and he will be given an opportunity to be heard. The Association has planned on holding open meetings frequently. Every man who has the welfare of our city at heart should take enough interest in our city to attend these meetings. A suggestion is apt to mean a great deal for the future of Minot. Every man has a right to be heard in the manner in which the future policy of this city shall be shaped.

Wilson Says Iowa Land Has Declined

Henry M. Wilson, president of the International Oil Co., returned Monday from Des Moines, Ia., where he transacted business and visited old friends. Mr. Wilson states that financial conditions remain serious in Iowa. Little land is changing hands. Three farms were sold in Storey county. Land that had been sold for \$500 an acre could not be paid for and it was sold under the hammer, bringing \$350 an acre. The reduction in the high priced land is about 30 per cent. Mr. Wilson was informed that the land that sold around \$250 an acre has not dropped perceptibly, tho practically none of it is changing hands. Lands that rented for \$8 an acre cash, is now bringing \$6 an acre and many of the farmers have been compelled to throw off some of the rent in order to help the renters out and keep them on the land.

Old Settlers Hold Winter Meeting

The Ward County Old Settlers' Association held their annual winter meeting this week. As usual, they are enjoying the hospitality of Ed Kelley and play Norwegian whist each afternoon and evening in his offices on North Main street. Jim Johnson, John Ehr, Ed Kelley, and the other members of the Association are giving daily demonstrations as to how the national game should be played. They miss Ed Skinner, who is in Bismarck, where he has taken the position in the legislature as postmaster of the House. Kelley has promised a Mulligan stew before the week is out.

HE SAW SANTA

Velva Journal: One Velva boy saw Santa Claus. Christmas night he and his brother, sons of a prominent citizen, decided, after being put to bed, they would keep watch. One soon fell asleep. Early Christmas morning the latter asked his brother had he seen Santa. "Yes," he replied. "I saw him go over there by the fireplace, fool with our stockings a little bit and then he went and got in bed with mamma."

Burt E. Stewart Editor-in-Chief

Burt E. Stewart, well known hide and fur dealer, has been selected by the Minot Town Criers Club as editor-in-chief of Ad-Vents, a column to be devoted to Town Crier news in the various Minot newspapers. Mr. Stewart is to appoint his editorial and reportorial staff and from now on a Town Crier cannot crook his little finger without getting his name in the paper.

Kurth in Charge of Next Town Criers Program

A. H. Kurth, cashier of the Citizens Bank, has been selected as general chairman of the next Town Criers program, which will be put on in about a month by the Minot group of bankers. Mr. Kurth has demonstrated more than once that he can put over in good shape whatever he undertakes and this is sure to be a meeting very much worth while.

Atty. Bosard's Leg Broken

Atty. R. H. Bosard sustained a fractured leg one morning recently. For years he has made it a practice to get out for an early morning ride and the other morning, his horse slipped on the icy street, the weight of the animal breaking a bone in one of Mr. Bosard's legs. That member has been placed in a cast and he is able to be at his office each day.

Will Sow Much D-5

A vast amount of the D-5, rust resistant wheat, will be sown in the state this year. Good choice seed is being held at \$2.00 a bushel, which is some higher than the market price. Seed dealers are planning on selling seed wheat at about 25 cents above the market price. This, of course, is for nice cleaned seed.

Lovett Goes to Portland

R. E. Lovett, manager of the Minot branch of the Firestone Tire Co., will leave in about a week for Portland, Ore., to take charge of the company's branch in that city. Mr. Lovett has resided in Minot for more than a year. The Minot branch will be conducted as a depot for the Fargo branch for the coming season.

Shirley Will Start Another Grocery Store

E. A. Shirley of the Shirley Grocery Co. has leased the Marsh building on West Central Avenue and early in February will start a Cash and Carry grocery store which will be under the management of J. C. Adams.

Voted Honorary Members of Town Criers

The following have been voted honorary members of the Minot Town Criers Club: Will E. Holbein, Orrin M. Pierce, Ira D. Wight, Geo. H. Phelps, Major A. G. Crane and Major E. S. Person.

Revival Meetings at Sawyer

Revival meetings will be held at the Baptist church at Sawyer, beginning Jan. 16, with Rev. C. J. Hill, well known Evangelist, in charge. A cordial welcome to all.

Dr. A. M. Hardaway is attending the state dental convention in Fargo this week.

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF

George Marsh of Minneapolis is spending the week visiting old Minot friends.

David Mair, manager of the Gamble-Robinson Co., is transacting business in Minneapolis.

Carl Danielson, proprietor of the Grand Hotel, is spending the week in Fargo attending a hotelmen's convention.

W. A. Ruday of Sawyer received word last Friday that his eldest brother, Wilson Ruth, of Waterloo, Iowa, had passed away. Mr. Ruth was in his 84th year at the time of his death.

N. D. Gorman left Wednesday afternoon for a visit in the eastern part of the state. He will attend the meeting of the North Dakota Grain Growers Assn. at Fargo next week before his return.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl T. Hauge were in from their farm southwest of Minot Tuesday night attending the ludefish supper at the Zion church. Mr. Hauge is one of the old settlers of Ward county, coming here 35 years ago.

John and David Reinhardt arrived Thursday from Moorhead, Minn., for an extended visit at the home of their sister, Mrs. M. C. Schilling of Sawyer. This is the first time they have met for over thirty years and is indeed a very happy reunion.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Dale of Portsmouth, N. H., at Brookline, a suburb of Boston, Jan. 3. The child has been named Thomas Marvin. Mr. and Mrs. Fred V. Dale of this city are justly proud over the birth of their great grandchild.

E. A. Hughes of Bismarck, manager of the Hughes Electric Co., and W. H. Brown, manager of the Byllesby plant at Fargo, arrived Wednesday to attend a demonstration of burning slack lignite with the aid of automatic Stokers at the plant of the Northern States Power Co.

Rev. Wm. M. Irwin, formerly of Ward county, writes from Cornell, Wyoming, that farmers are at work in the fields. No frost, no snow and nice bright weather about half the time. Grass is green. Almost remnants one of the fine weather we are having in North Dakota.

Ernie Tompkins of Scooby, Mont., is visiting in the city with old friends. Ernie was the first white child born in Minot and he isn't so very aged, either. Ernie will remain here several weeks. He is a crack hockey player and will go to Fargo with Dr. Benson and other members of the Minot Hockey team on Jan. 22 to meet the Fargo team.

Judge Smith of Golden Valley county is lamenting over the fact that only twelve marriage licenses were issued in Beach in 1920. It costs a couple five or six dollars to get married in Beach, which includes \$2.00 for a medical examination, the marriage license and the cost of getting "tied up," whereas they can go to Williston, Mont., the first station west, and get "hitched" free of charge. It's hard competition, the Judge avers, but he thinks business would be better if the prospective Newlyweds could only realize how neatly he can kiss the bride.

SEED CONTEST PLANNED FOR JANUARY

The annual seed show of the North Dakota Seed Growers Association will be held in Fargo Tri-State week, January 18th to 21st, according to an announcement made by Prof. H. L. Bolley, Secretary of the organization and State Pure Seed Commissioner. He has made the following announcement: "Send in an exhibit sample for the Seed Contest. Your sample pays the entry fee. If it wins a prize, it will be used as a prize for some other grower. If you win a prize, you will have choice of a corresponding prize sample of any other kind of seed, in order of the date of your entry blank and request."

All exhibits must be cleaned and fit for use on a seed plot.

"Send corn, 20 ears; potatoes, 20 tubers; flax 1/2 bushel; wheat, oats, barley, rye, speltz, 1 bushel; timothy, millet, broom grass, wheat grass, etc. 1 peck; alfalfa, sweet clover, red clover, beans, peas, etc., 1/2 peck."

CARD OF THANKS

We want to thank our many friends, including the Ward County Red Cross, for their kind gifts following our recent loss by fire.

—Martin Johnson and Family.

STORIETTES

The writer frequently hears a good story. Here are two or three extra good ones, probably authentic:
Lee H. Piper, manager of the Piper-Howe Lumber Co. was passing thru Fergus Falls, Minn., where the state insane asylum is located, and he states that it was told this story. Two inmates of the asylum escaped their keeper and walking into Fergus Falls, confiscated a Ford car standing on the street. They were joy-riding about the city and picked up a Chinaman, giving him a ride out into the country, where their car broke down. The keeper caught up with them and what do you think he found under the car? Two nuts and a washer.

Major McCannel told this story on a local Scotchman, who in times past won a reputation for consuming large quantities of whiskey and beer. The fellow remarked: "I dinna like to drink whiskey alone, because then I'm drunk before I'm full. If I drink beer alone I'm full before I'm drunk, but if I drink whiskey and beer together, I can get drunk an' full at the same time."

Henry Wilson brings back this one from Des Moines. A Sunday school teacher asked the members of her class of little boys how many wanted to go to heaven. All raised their hands except Ike, a little Jew boy. "Why, Ike, I'm surprised at you. Why don't you want to go to heaven?" the teacher inquired. "Vell, fadder says business is shot to hell, and I want to go where business is," he replied.