

## FROM EXCHANGES

### LAWTON

Ole Tuft visited Brocket between trains Tuesday.  
 Albert Wencil visited Brocket between trains Monday.  
 George Nash was a business visitor to Lakota Wednesday.  
 D. Davidson was a business visitor to the Lake, Thursday.  
 Louis Matejcek was a passenger to Lakota Wednesday morning.  
 C. H. Creasy went to Edmore Wednesday, returning Thursday morning.  
 Miss Dorothea Brandt is under the weather and is confined to the house.  
 Misses Inga Larson and Helen Everson were passengers to Lakota Tuesday.  
 Louis Olson left for Minneapolis Monday to attend the Auto and Tractor show.

Mrs. Margaret Gibbons visited her daughter, Mrs. P. G. Holmes, at Brocket Saturday.  
 Miss Ella Bruhrell of Edmore visited the Creasy home, Lawton, between trains Saturday.  
 Mrs. A. L. Hjortland, teacher of piano, paid her class at Brocket a weekly visit Tuesday.  
 Olof Hagen, treasurer of the Anti-Tuberculosis Society for this district, went to Bismarck Saturday to attend the convention now in session.

George Lamb of Michigan was a business visitor in town Friday. He returned home Saturday morning.  
 County Commissioner Swanson visited the county seat Tuesday to attend the February meeting of the board.  
 Mrs. J. E. Stevens left for Bismarck Saturday to attend a meeting of the Anti-Tuberculosis society of which she is an active worker and officer.

A little fire scare took place at the home of J. A. Aird Saturday forenoon, caused by some clothes scorching in the drying room of the laundry. The damage was slight.

In a letter from Mr. and Mrs. Stamm of Castor, Alta., renewing their subscription to the Republican, they desired to be remembered to their many Lawton friends. Crop conditions were not very good in that vicinity last year owing to lack of rain. Both Mr. and Mrs. Stamm are kept very busy with their many farm duties.

Mrs. Jonas and son visited Lakota between trains Saturday.  
 R. S. McMorran was a business visitor at Brocket between trains Monday.

The Misses Matejack and Rose Peck were visitors at Lakota Thursday.

George Stevens of Edmore is visiting the Louis Olsen family this week.  
 Mrs. Sigurd Hagen and son Harold spent the week end with Mrs. Hagan's parents.

Mrs. John Kennedy of Lakota came up Wednesday for a short visit with relatives and friends.

Basil, the thirteen-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. James Legacle of this township, was kicked in the lower part of the face by a colt Wednesday evening while driving it home from a straw stack. Medical aid was summoned who found the nose fractured and the front teeth of both upper and lower jaw knocked out. The lad is doing as well as can be expected.

### STARKWEATHER

T. J. Dougherty left Monday on a short business trip to the Twin Cities.  
 Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Kray were passengers to Devils Lake on Wednesday afternoon's train.

Mrs. George Roloffson and Mrs. F. E. Shively were passengers to Devils Lake Wednesday afternoon.  
 Rev. J. O. Ensrud left Monday afternoon for Minneapolis and from there he will go to Decorah, Iowa, on business.

E. T. Judd, well known citizen of Cando, came over Tuesday afternoon to attend the Masonic club meeting Tuesday evening.

The proceeds from the Rex theater on Wednesday, February 22, will go to the patients movie fund of the tuberculosis hospital at Dunsieith.

Bert Swenson, who has been employed in the Ellis Garage for the past year, left Friday for Chicago and points in Illinois where he will visit with friends and relatives.

F. R. Irons and A. W. Omdahl attending a meeting of the Masonic lodge at Devils Lake last Thursday evening. Mrs. Irons and Mr. Omdahl joined them Friday evening and they returned Saturday morning.

W. H. Jensen, of Litchfield, Minn., an auditor for the Great Northern Railroad company, was in Starkweather between trains Wednesday going over affairs of Agent E. C. Pownell. He reported the local station in fine condition.

You will have an opportunity to see a splendid picture on Wednesday, February 22, at the Rex theater, and at the same time support a worthy cause. The proceeds from the theater on that evening will be contributed to the patients' movie fund of the Dunsieith tuberculosis hospital.

We are having a number of inquiries from parties in Iowa and Illinois for small farms of 160 acres. A few are asking for half sections.

No further cases of diphtheria have developed in the community during the past week and any danger that

the disease might become widespread is now passed, according to Dr. W. C. Fawcett. Only one case was reported last week but to avoid any possibility of a further spread of the disease it was thought expedient to close the primary department of the local school for a week.

Miss Sibyl Gudmundson, a former Starkweather girl, but now located at Havre, Montana, and a sister of Con Gudmundson, has been awarded a bronze medal and otherwise highly honored by the Mountain States Telephone Co. "for devoted and courageous service to the public in an emergency." In addition to the medal Miss Gudmundson was also awarded a certificate describing her heroism.

### CHURCHES FERRY

H. C. Hanson left the first of the week for the Twin Cities.

Arthur White of Maza was a business visitor here Monday.

W. E. Tompkins of Devils Lake was here Monday on business.

Supt. and Mrs. L. M. Rockne were Sunday dinner guests of Rev. W. A. Dunnett at the hotel.

Rev. W. A. Dunnett went to Maza Wednesday to attend the men's dinner held there on Thursday.

Rev. Dunnett will speak Sunday evening on the subject, "Lincoln."

W. A. Hausmann was a business visitor to Stanley, N. D., this week.

Harland and Ray Hunsley of Maza were in town Tuesday between trains.

Mrs. L. M. Rockne entertained a few ladies at whist Friday night.

Miss Clea Kephart was accompanied by her mother to Grand Forks last Friday to consult a specialist.

A splendid boy was born on January 30 to Mr. and Mrs. Martin Skramstad. Mrs. Skramstad and baby are doing fine and Martin, oh, boy!

L. M. A. Foss of Brinsmade was shaking hands with friends in town, Friday. He and Mrs. Foss were spending the week at the farm home.

An editor was murdered in Arkansas and the murderer was sentenced to 99 years in prison, while a fellow who killed a lawyer got off with seven years. Prospective murderers, please take notice.

Over a quarter of a million well-known men and women from different parts of the country have signed written endorsements for Tanlac. White and Peterson.

Mr. and Mrs. Gutschlag of Maza, celebrated their fifteenth wedding anniversary, Sunday. About thirty of the neighbors helped them to make happy the occasion.

Mrs. O. O. Severson was hurt quite badly one day last week. She was carrying a pail of water to the henhouse when she tripped and fell, badly bruising the side of her face and injuring her back and chest.

The funeral services held for little Mildred Hansen were largely attended by friends of the sorrowing relatives. The love for the little child, whose untimely death cast a shadow over the whole community, was bespoken by the beautiful services and the many floral offerings. The following boys acted as pallbearers: Harold Solberg, Robert Hausmann, Martin Rafshol, Bernard Overland, Arthur Knutson and Charles Harding.

### HAMPDEN

Final examinations are being held in Northfield school this week.

H. A. Thompson spent the week end in Munich with his wife.

Miss Anna Glock spent Sunday at the Homer Strong home southwest of the village.

Ivar Ruud was a business caller in the village from Derrick Tuesday evening.

Mrs. T. Ahern of Dunn Center, N. D., was a guest at the J. J. Litscher home last week.

Mrs. H. L. Mackey returned last Thursday evening from a brief visit at Devils Lake.

Mrs. Fred Raddatz of Weaver is spending the week in the village at H. Glock home.

Mr. and Mrs. Les Strong were passengers to Northwood, N. D., Monday morning for a brief visit.

J. W. McMillen spent the week end in Grand Forks attending to business matters, returning to the village Tuesday evening.

Theodore Strand, who has been employed in the Hampden Cash Store for the past six months, left Monday morning for his home at Niobe, N. D.

E. A. Witte of Derrick was a caller in the village last Thursday evening. Incidentally, Mr. Witte renewed his subscription to the News for a year while in town.

Although we have had two little storms during the past two weeks and a few days of real cold weather, we must all admit that this winter is an easy one on the coal bin—which is a big help in the present conditions.

Mrs. J. R. Rosholt was a passenger to Northwood Monday morning.

Mrs. L. Melland spent Monday in Northwood, returning Tuesday.

Mrs. D. A. Taylor was a passenger to Derrick this morning.

Mrs. John Waade was a passenger to Northwood Monday morning, returning home Tuesday evening.

Miss Eileen Anthony of Munich, was a guest at the A. B. Brandt home

in the village between trains Saturday.

M. A. Knutson was a passenger to Minot, N. D., Monday morning for a brief business visit.

N. A. Robertson of Devils Lake, superintendent of the St. Anthony & Dakota Elevator company, was a business caller in the village yesterday.

Mrs. Joe Tholke, Mrs. Nick Schumacker and Mrs. P. J. Anthony of Munich spent Saturday in the village the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. Brandt.

Washington's birthday, February 22, will be observed as a holiday in the local postoffice according to an announcement made yesterday by the postmaster.

Mesdames Theo. Olson, P. Faulk, I. Iverson and I. Stone will serve lunch in the local hall Saturday afternoon immediately following the farmers' meeting. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

## NESTOS URGES FARM MEETS

Bismarck, N. D., Feb. 8.—Governor R. A. Nestos has issued a proclamation designating the week of March 6-11 as diversified farming week in North Dakota and asks the farmers and business men to hold meetings that week for the purpose of discussing ways and means for promoting more diversified farming. The proclamation follows:

"Whereas, economic and financial conditions in our state are unfortunate, and both public officials and private citizens have found themselves constrained to practice rigid economy and to exercise thrift and frugality in the management of affairs, and

"Whereas, it is recognized that a decrease in the expenses in the conduct of private and public business is not in itself sufficient to restore the prosperity of the people of our state, but that there must be a greater certainty of profit from the business enterprises of the people before any real prosperity can be ours, and

"Whereas, it has also been recognized for years that no agricultural state can achieve lasting prosperity, where its citizens confine to raise wheat almost exclusively, and that to insure a steady income and certain prosperity, as a result of diligence, thrift, frugality, diversified farming is essential, and

"Whereas, the recognition of this fact has resulted in some progress but not sufficient to bring adequate relief and it is now becoming apparent to every observing and thoughtful citizen that we must without delay adopt an aggressive program of general diversification, and that the raising of cows, hogs, poultry, corn, potatoes, and garden truck in greatly increasing quantities is essential in re-establishing the prosperity and welfare of our people.

"Now, therefore, I, R. A. Nestos, Governor of the State of North Dakota do hereby set aside the week of March 6 to 11, inclusive, as Diversified Farming Week, and urge that for one or more days during that week there be held in each marketing center of our state, meetings of the farmers and business men of the community for the purpose of discussing ways and means for the immediate realization of this ideal of greater diversification in our farming methods to the end that there may be produced on each farm in our state all the milk, butter, eggs, poultry, corn, potatoes and garden truck that can be used by the family residing on such farm, and such surplus as shall be needed in the community; that the most economical way of constructing silos be ascertained and their building encouraged and that cooperative associations for the purchase and testing of cows, for improved breeds of dairy and beef cattle, the marketing and shipping of cream, the raising of sweet clover, and the production and marketing of potatoes, may be perfected wherever feasible and that the work be undertaken with such enthusiasm and unanimity of purpose that the year 1922 may prove to be the outstanding year in the development of our state, and in promoting the prosperity and welfare of its people.

"To make a success of this movement, I desire to have the earnest and enthusiastic cooperation of the department of agriculture, the Agricultural College, the County Agents, the Farmers Institutes and each organization having for its object the betterment of farming conditions in our state.

"Done at the Capitol at Bismarck, this first day of February.

"R. A. Nestos, Governor."

## GETS VERDICT AGAINST DOCTOR

Velva Journal:  
 A verdict of \$10,333 damages was returned by a jury in district court at Towner this week in the case of Louise Schmidt, a 15-year-old girl, vs. Dr. E. C. Stone of Balfour. The plaintiff was suing for \$20,000 damages alleged to be due her for injuries sustained as a result of an operation performed on her throat in 1915. Dr. Johns of this city was one of the professional witnesses in the case. Dr. Coffin of Drake, Dr. A. D. McCannell and Dr. Ernfeld of Minot, also gave professional testimony.

## A Ghost and a Pink Slipper

By ROSE MEREDITH

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Dick Carson knocked at the basement door behind which lurked his landlady, and when her long, pallid countenance peered out suspiciously, he removed his straw hat.

"Mrs. Beggs, you didn't tell me that your house was haunted," he accused. "Is it?" she demanded.

"Ghost in my room last night—"

"I never had a ghost here in my life—you must have brought it with you," she said mechanically.

Dick laughed. "This is a fine old house—it must have been a beautiful mansion once upon a time, and there might be a ghost of the past haunting it. You told me that I was the only roomer here and that you and your husband lived alone, yet—"

He replaced his hat, picked up his painting kit and strolled down the road toward the beech woods where he was going to finish a picture of the brown brook.

As he went he thought of the strange old house where he had found a room wherein he might sleep quietly at night, though he obtained his meals at the village inn. He thought of the big clean room, filled with ancient furniture, and the silent untenanted other rooms—and he suddenly pulled from his coat pocket a little pink satin slipper.

He had found it in front of his bedroom door a short hour ago.

A small pink Turkish slipper well worn, with a cheerful little puff of golden threads on the turned-up toe.

Where had it come from? Certainly Mrs. Beggs was not addicted to such frivolities—he was glad that he had not told her about the slipper.



"I Never Had a Ghost Here in My Life."

She would have bundled him out of the house at once and he rather liked the forsaken old tomb.

He was tired that night when he came back to the gloomy house. Through the thick shrubbery that surrounded it he saw the pin point of red light that indicated the hall lamp. He was not allowed to have a key, so he pulled the knob and heard the jangling bell far below. Up from the bowels of the earth came Mrs. Beggs tramping like a grenadier.

She smiled wanly at him. "I hope you ain't told anybody there's ghosts in my house," she whispered anxiously. "Not a word—and never will—only—" he hesitated. Should he tell? "Only what?"

"Nothing, Mrs. Beggs, thank you," and he went upstairs in an absent-minded way.

When he was inside of the room, with the door closed, he suddenly put down his burden and leaned against the panels; he was not alone.

Somewhere in that dim chamber was another living, breathing form. He heard a little rustling sound from the corner and knew that the intruder was hiding in the shadow of the great four-poster bed. He had heard a light step and he knew that a woman was there.

He took out his pocket flashlight and suddenly swung it around the room. The dim depths of the ancient mirror held a picture that startled him.

Pressed against the curtains of the bed, stood the slim form of a girl dressed in white. He saw a lovely heart-shaped face and wide-startled dark eyes. Because of the shame and fear in her face, he turned away as if he had seen nothing, snapped off the light, and strolled to the window, looking out at the starry sky.

He heard her slipping past him in the dark room and he longed to stop her, then from the door, a soft, breaking voice challenged him.

"I beg—beg your pardon—I know you saw me—but I was lonesome—and I've been reading your books—and I blame Mrs. Beggs."

The door opened and closed softly and she was gone from the room, but not from his dreams.

The next morning, Mrs. Beggs was waiting for him at the foot of the stairs. "Did you hear any ghosts last night, Mr. Carson?" she asked.

"Nothing unpleasant, save the wind in the treetsops," he answered, when a sweet voice floated down the stairs. "Explain it to him, Sarah, please."

"Yes, Miss Mona," and Mrs. Beggs explained that Miss Mona was one of the heirs to the old house and sometimes she stayed there unknown to anybody while she wrote stories and poems. "Please keep it a secret until the estate is settled—then Miss Mona will come here to live."

"I'll promise silence, if the ghost will promise to walk in the garden sometimes," declared Dick, looking up the wide stairway.

He saw a white hand over the upper banister, then the other pink satin slipper came flying down and struck squarely against his head. Dick kissed the little slipper and put it in his pocket. Mrs. Beggs saw nothing as she plodded away, nor did she hear the soft laughter that floated down the stairs, the sweet prelude to a wonderful love story.

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## MAN'S MIND WORKS QUICKLY

Psychologists Have Given Us Interesting Instances of the Rapidity of Thought.

"Quick as thought!" is an expression often used. But how quick is thought? Modern psychology has furnished some valuable statistics on this point, declares a writer in the London News, citing several examples of how quickly the mind works in conveying certain thoughts. He says:

"It takes about two-fifths of a second to call to mind the country in which a well-known town is situated, viz: Paris in France; or the language in which a familiar author wrote, as Dante in Italian.

"To add numbers containing one figure it takes, on an average, about one-third of a second; while half a second is occupied in multiplying them.

"Next note the time demanded to perceive and to choose a motion. Suppose, for instance, a person, not knowing which of two colored lights is to be presented to him, has to lift his right hand for red and his left for blue; it takes only about one-thirtieth of a second to begin the correct motion.

"To call up the name belonging to a printed word needs about one-ninth of a second; to a letter, one-sixth, while to a picture or color it takes one-quarter and one-third of a second respectively."

Peddling Masterpieces.

The Seventeenth or Eighteenth century author traded rather on the trustfulness of the public than does the new school, for he peddled his book before it was written, and sometimes spent the proceeds before he had completed half a dozen chapters. The only difference is that his peddling was particular rather than general; he went round the houses of the great and wealthy with his "plan," and the great and wealthy, generally in sufficient numbers, got rid of him by agreeing to have their names put down for a subscription. If they were very great or very wealthy they might expect a dedication thrown in, as it were, in which respect the modern peddler has an advantage, for no obligation is implied in the purchase of a copy of the book.—Manchester Guardian.

About Shellfish.

Shellfish are older than man. They lived upon the earth many years, perhaps thousands of years and perhaps thousands of centuries, before the first man or the first ape that looked like a man came to live upon our sphere. Nobody knows the time when the shellfish came or when man came, but the shells of shellfish and the impression of their bodies are found in older strata of the earth than any strata which give evidence of the existence of man. The United States geological survey has said so. It has said that the mollusca, one of the great divisions of the animal kingdom, "have existed since the earliest recognized advent of life upon the globe, many millions of years before the first man inhabited it."

Life Not Easy for All.

Life is easy only to those—whether they be rich or poor—who fail to comprehend its meaning, who refuse or are unable to see that duties are immensely more important than rights, who are wholly without a sense of responsibility, and who think of temptation as an indifferent thing to which men may yield or not just as they choose—the yielding rather being taken as a proof of broad-mindedness. Life is easy to those who take the easy way and to no others—not even always to them, since slackness is always likely to bring its penalty. The mere business of living is, therefore, itself a very good substitute for war.—Exchange.

Cuckoo's Secret Discovered.

The cuckoo has always been a subject of heated discussion, even among those who think that they know the bird and its ways. Some enthusiastic observers now imagine that they have solved all the riddles of avian parasitism by calling in the aid of the cinema. They assert that the cuckoo takes out one egg of the foster parent and substitutes one of her own, that she deposits the egg by sitting in or on the nest, and that "previous naturalists who have seen her carrying an egg have always supposed it was her own."—Manchester Guardian.

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line would have special homeseekers rates on the first and third Tuesdays of each month, beginning March 10, the low rates applying from the Twin Cities to any point in North Dakota or Montana with a return limit of thirty days.

Mr. Collins said that in his trips over the state he finds many local organizations being formed to boost the cattle industry. Dairying is coming to the fore, he said. In many communities associations are being formed to loan money to farmers with which to purchase dairy cattle. This enables farmers to get some dairy cattle and to have a steady income, and such local associations would be of great aid to the settler, he says.

People in the state ought to get in the boosting game and to study the problem of immigration, he believes. He would like to see organizations in various communities to aid the settler in getting started and to bring him in.

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