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	1 NOV	2 NOV	3 NOV	4 NOV	MARKET
Friday	1.01	99	95	90	85
Saturday	1.00	98	94	89	84
Monday	1.01	99	95	90	85
Tuesday	1.01	99	95	90	85
Wednesday	1.01	99	95	90	85
Thursday	1.00	98	94	89	84

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Many friends attending court have come in to say "howdy" and we are glad to meet them.

T. R. Shaw has been confined to his house most of the week and the result can be found in his advertisement, which is O. K.

Miss Catherine Gear of Ohio and Miss Maude Sheldon of Illinois are the two new teachers in the Pembina schools who succeed Misses Sheppard and Welsh.

The receipts of the office of the Register of Deeds for the year ending Dec. 31st were \$3858.05, disbursements \$3233.42, making profits of \$624.63 for the county. This is about \$300. more business than last year.

The drain boards of Walsh and Pembina counties, including J. D. Winlaw of this city, met in joint session at Grafton last week to arrange for drain No. 35, which will run from Willow coulee near St. Thomas to Salt lake in Walsh county.

Editor Fairchild and wife, of Drayton were visitors at the county seat Saturday. Editor Woods of the Independent, was also a fraternal visitor. Both gentlemen had business with the old county board. Ex editor H. H. Lampman is here this week on jury duty.

Rev. Homer H. Moore officiated at the M. E. church last Sunday for the first time in his new pastorate. Pembina people will give him a warm welcome. He expects to have his wife arrive and go to housekeeping in the parsonage about the first of February.

The Pioneer Express received a pleasant call from Attorney Keeley, a member of the legal profession who has recently located at Neche and who attended court this week. Mr. Keeley is a young man of fine bearing, and no doubt will prove himself successful in his profession in his new field.

The Great Northern depot at Crookston caught fire on Monday noon and caused a damage of about \$10,000 before it was extinguished. The fire first started in the freight department where perishable freight is kept, destroying the freight depot entirely, and the passenger depot with which it was connected by an archway was saved by hard work.

The "U's" mostly left on the Monday morning train to resume their studies at Grand Forks. After they got on it was found necessary to attach another engine to get the train started. It may have been on account of the snow drift or it may have been because of the many good feeds they have attended while at home.

Edgar Feldman of St. Peter, Minn., a nephew of F. A. Feldman, has been spending a few days in the city visiting friends. Mr. Feldman has been spending the last three years on the Milwaukee road, through the Rockies and Cascade ranges in Idaho and Washington, and has a favorable impression of that country. He thinks the future of a lot of the country opened up by the Milwaukee coast line is bright.

Rev. Alex. Karr, secretary of the veteran preachers' endowment fund, has been spending a few days here with his family preparatory to an extended trip in the western part of the state. Mr. Karr informs us that he has averaged one hundred dollars per day in cash and pledges for the fund during the time he has been in the field. He leaves to-day for Grand Forks where he will deliver an address this evening before the Homiletical club of Wesley college.

Mr. George Whitehead and Miss Ellen Brown, of Emerson, were married at the Baptist church at that place last Wednesday morning, at four o'clock. With the mercury in the neighborhood of forty below zero as it was that morning, it must have been a trying undertaking, but it had to be done, as the contracting parties were going to spend their honeymoon among friends in Ontario, and all training for Winnipeg and the east leave Emerson before six in the morning.

The old county board did not have a regular session as there were not enough present to make a quorum. The members of the drain board were here and remained over this week to consult with the commissioners on drain matters. The new board organized on Tuesday, as reported elsewhere in this issue, and have been busy with the work resulting from the change of officers and expiration of terms. They will examine county books and do considerable routine business before they adjourn.

J. E. Ashley has purchased the stock of picture mouldings of T. R. Shaw. While the line is well selected and quite complete, other up-to-date styles will be added to the stock at once. Mr. Ashley being a carpenter will of course be able to make all frames in a neat manner and give universal satisfaction. The stock will be left in the basement of the drug store, and you can call at the drug store as usual and leave orders for frames. Samples of the mouldings can be seen at any time.

A Cold Wave.

The Grand Forks local has managed to keep its regular gait, but the snow has interfered with the "flyer" in the numerous cuts beyond Grand Forks to the junction. Tuesday evening's train arrived here the following afternoon at four o'clock, twenty hours late; Wednesday evening's train arrived at 1:30 o'clock in the morning. In both cases a stalled freight train caused the delay. Thursday night the wind changed to the south and it began to warm up.
"The backbone of winter" is humped 28 below Monday morning, 32 Tuesday, 42 Wednesday and 22 Thursday morning but all that much doesn't tell only half the story. A storm began on Sunday which developed into a regular blizzard on Monday and Tuesday and gradually let up on Wednesday with still considerable wind. The strong wind combined with the very low temperature made it about as severe a spell of weather as we rarely experience even in this cold climate. Even in well built houses it requires brisk fires to keep the rooms warm.

Social Corner.

Mr. Chas. Short spent the latter part of the week visiting friends in Grafton.

Miss Stella Osborne of Neche was a guest of Miss Edna Roadhouse last week.

Mr. Scott Cameron of Linton, N. D., spent a few days in town last week with friends.

Mrs. F. A. Feldman entertained a large company at cards last Thursday evening.

Miss Sarah Arnason spent the Christmas holidays at home. She is teaching near Gardar.

Miss Echo Turner of Grand Forks has been a guest during the holidays at the Conny home.

Mrs. Naylor, who has been here visiting relatives, left on Tuesday for her home in Essex, Ont.

Mr. and Mrs. Este Conde of Winnipeg have been visiting at the home of Rev. Campbell the past week.

Mrs. Robert Ewing left Wednesday for her claim in the Canadian northwest. She will not return till spring.

On Friday evening the young people of Pembina gave a social hop in the city hall in honor of the university and college students who came home for the holidays. All had a good time.

The Misses Georgia and Helen Gardiner and Nellie Garnatt returned to their homes in St. Thomas Saturday morning after enjoying a week's visit with Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Vick.

Mrs. S. M. Harris left Monday morning for an extended visit in the east. She will go directly to Rhode Island to visit her daughter and will go south to Virginia before leaving.

Mrs. H. G. Vick was hostess to a delightful luncheon last Thursday in honor of her holiday guests, the Misses Georgia

and Helen Gardiner and Nellie Garnatt. The invited guests were Misses Helen Douglas and Lulah Caviler, Mr. Frank Douglas of St. Thomas, and Rev. Elton.

The leap year ball given by the young ladies of St. Vincent had to be postponed from Wednesday to Friday evening on account of the disagreeable weather. The attendance was not as large as it would have been on the first night but as it was all had a good time and the refreshments served they say were simply delicious.

County News

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Hector Godbout of Bathgate on Dec. 28th.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Arthur of Glasston on the 28th.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Fennell of Cavalier on Dec. 28th.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Card of Cavalier on Christmas day.

John Hyde of Hyde Park left last week for Colorado where he will make his future home.

Drayton has organized a dancing club and the first dance of the season was held on the 29th.

M. M. Campbell of Glasston was called to Minto last week to attend the funeral of his aunt, Mrs. Alex. McLellan.

On Dec. 27th at St. Thomas daughters were born to Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Thexton and to Mr. and Mrs. Scott C. Hall.

The young son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Auger of Bathgate had the end of the forefinger of his right hand taken off in the cogs of a clothes wringer last week.

Mr. L. M. Grandy and his mother left St. Thomas last week for Havana, Cuba. They expect to remain there for several weeks.

The dwelling of Gideon Martineau on his farm near Leroy was burned to the ground last week. No one was on the place at the outbreak of the fire. There is some insurance.

Christianna Beathune, wife of John Beathune, aged 44 years, died at the family residence in Bathgate township Mrs. Beathune has been a resident of Pembina county for twenty-five years.

On Dec. 31, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Severson of St. Thomas, occurred the wedding of Miss Tillie Severson to Albert Lee. Only the immediate friends were present at the ceremony.

On Dec. 18th occurred the death of Alalsteinn Thorlacious, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eggert Thorlacious, residing about ten miles southwest of Cavalier. The young man was about nineteen years of age when consumption ended his career.

A very quiet home wedding was solemnized at the home of the bride's parents Mr. and Mrs. M. Carman of Drayton, on Christmas day, when Miss Mabel Carman became the wife of Mr. J. T. Rowcliffe of Portland. The bride was gowned in crepe dechene over taffeta silk. Mr. and Mrs. Rowcliffe will make their future home at Eagle Creek, Oregon, a suburb of Portland.

Unclaimed Letters.

Mrs. F. J. Webb.
Mr. Thomas Beare.
Mr. Johnny Hunderson.
Augusta Happ.

Local Wants.

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Ice for washing or packing. Phone 59 for prompt delivery.
W. J. GRAMBOIS.

An elegant bedroom suite, in oak, as good as new, for sale at half price—can't see it has been used. Apply at this office.

Hides and furs tanned for robes, coats, rugs, etc. Write for free catalogue—Tauberts Tannery, Minneapolis, Minn.

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If you want ice for washing, for packing, or other purpose, prompt delivery will be made by—
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This is taken in large lades and spread upon frames of bamboo so as to form thin sheets. Another kind of paper is made from old scraps trodden into pulp, much in the same way that grape juice is extracted in some countries, and, though this mode of pulping is slow, it has the advantage of not breaking the fiber so much as when machinery is used.

After the pulp has been made into paper the sheets are piled up to a height of six feet and then cut into pieces, to be again subjected to the stamping with the feet. At the same time the roots and seeds of a plant called tackpoul are added, the soluble parts of which are supposed to give tenacity and toughness to the paper.—Exchange.

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