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MARKET REPORT.

Furnished by H. L. McDougall, agent America Elevator Co.

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Fridley	69	68	63	59	54
Saturday	69	68	63	59	54
Monday	68	65	62	58	53
Tuesday	68	65	62	58	53
Wednesday	70	68	63	59	54
Thursday	69	65	62	58	53
Barley 27-34, Oats 22, Flax 1.09.					

The Hales family Christmased with relatives at Hallock.

Happy New Year, — for three hundred and sixty five days.

Dr. N. W. Warner of Winnipeg was an out of town guest at the Basken-McKay wedding.

The Junior Sports give their entertainment to night. Buy a ticket and help the kids. Only 15 cents.

T. R. Shaw left on Monday evening for San Jose, Cal. where he will remain for the benefit of his health.

The city streets are covered with snow so that the sleighing is good but on the country highways the buggies run beside.

Frankson will be here next Thursday evening with 6,000 feet films. Look out for bills with the program, it is the best one yet.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Kostinuk of Moosejaw are spending the holidays with the parents of Mrs. Kostinuk, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Miller.

The only sad faces on Christmas that we observed were those of the kids who had eaten so much turkey that they could not get away with the dessert.

The week has been of the finest and mildest winter weather, the nights have been simply glorious with a full moon making the night like day and Christmas day was simply perfect.

The absence of Mr. Thompson and the occurrence of Christmas this week may make the Pioneer Express one mail late but as it does not often happen we hope our readers will pardon us under the circumstances.

The firemen are working hard for the Grand Ball on New Year's Eve. A delay in the shipment of invitations will make a somewhat short notice, but everybody will get their's in a day or two.

Santa Claus visited all the city Sunday schools as per schedule. The M. E. entertainment on Christmas night was especially well attended many people having to stand during the exercises.

The reports from Joliette are that there were four hundred people present at the Christmas doings on Tuesday evening and that the program was very fine. — But 400 people in that sized hall!

Died—At hospital, Lafayette, Ind. John G. Cunningham aged 79 years. His home was in Kentland Ind. where he leaves a widow, who is the aunt of Mrs. F. A. Wardwell and Mrs. G. G. Thompson of this city.

The mail clerks and express people were "merry" when it was over. Just the same we all owe them a great big handfull of thanks. Of course it is their duty, but they do more than that, they seem to get the spirit of the season; perhaps it oozes out from the gifts that they handle.

The Patterson family pattered to Joliette to eat dinner with Prof. Harris and wife, and are jolly yet. Somehow it makes Pat feel bigger to eat dinner away from home, anyway everybody noticed the increase in the length of his belt — when Santa Claus came in through the window at the M. E. church Christmas night.

Dr. W. B. Bell.

A private letter from Mrs. J. E. Ashley gives holiday greetings to her old neighbors and incidentally asks for certain information for the benefit of Mrs. Zeigler, a former resident here. Mr. Zeigler was formerly a soldier at Fort Pembina and for several years after a civilian employe there, and later moved to Montana where he lost his life two years ago in a forest fire.

G. G. Thompson of this paper, left for Winnipeg on Christmas night, with his son Vernon who was operated upon for appendicitis at 10 o'clock Thursday morning. Results are not known at this writing, but the youth and general good health of the patient would warrant the hope of speedy recovery. The operation disclosed that the diagnosis of Dr. Harris was correct as pus had already commenced to form in the appendix.

There's a saying that if you are the first customer in a Jew store on Monday morning that he will not let you go unless he sells you something at some price, because he thinks that otherwise he will have bad luck all week. But if you go into almost any store which uses the Pioneer Express as an advertising medium, for the next two weeks you will get pretty much the same sort of bargains — not because the merchant is superstitious, but that he prefers counting cash rather than taking stock, which they will all be doing soon.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Robertson near Delisle, Sask. was the scene of festive gaiety on Monday evening, Dec. 9th when their eldest daughter, Eva Ethel, was united in marriage to Frank Arthur Kochendorfer of the same place. Miss Sadie Robertson sister of the bride was bridesmaid and Ambrose G. Grundy was groomsmen.—Delisle Advocate.

The groom was raised in this county and near this city where many old friends will wish him and his wife all possible happiness. They are now on a honeymoon trip and were at North Yakima this week visiting Mr. Kochendorfer's parents. Ben Kochendorfer was also a visitor at the parental home at the same time.

Christmas Greetings to the Editor. Christmas greetings to you I send A much esteemed respected friend, Good health to you and Christmas cheer Happiness and joy thru the New Year.

Long may you live your pen to wield Abundant fruitage may it yield In helping other men to live The greatest good to earth you give.

Long may you live your home to bless With Father's counsel and caress Your children's children on your knee What greater joy on earth could be.

Great are the joys of Fatherhood When all the children they make good And fill some useful niche in life As brother, husband, friend or wife.

Our children's children how we love Like He who died is now above Who blest the children when on earth Hail Christmas, celebrate His birth. —T. R. CHAMBERS.

Protect the Birds. The following extract will give some idea of the good work that birds do. It is from the Extension for November, 1912, published by the Extension Department, North Dakota Agricultural College:

"A pair of nesting Wrens has been observed to take over 600 insects from a garden in one day, while investigation shows that 98 per cent. of the food of Wrens consists of insects. A young Robin in one day ate 185 worms while another young Robin ate 50 to 75 cut-worms per day for a 15 day period. A study of 330 stomachs of Robins that 43 per cent. of the food was animal matter largely insects and their larvae and 47 per cent. wild, not tame, fruit. One Chickadee had 454 plant lice in its stomach. A cedar Waxwing's stomach contained 100 cankerworms, that of a Nighthawk 80 grasshoppers, that of a Flicker 1000 chinch bugs. A Maryland Yellowthroat was reckoned as having eaten 2,500 plant lice in 40 minutes. Insects and their allies constitute 76 per cent. of the contents of 205 Bluebird stomachs. Caterpillars made up 34 per cent. of the stomach contents of 113 Baltimore Orioles. Stomachs of 238 Meadowlarks examined showed 75 per cent. animal matter, nearly all insects. Grasshoppers and crickets were the important items of the bill of fare being 29 per cent. average for the entire year and 60 per cent. for August. During August and September the food was 99 per cent. insects.

Campbell the Photo Man is back and will have his gallery open every Saturday. At Emerson studio remainder of the time.

Basken-McKay

On Tuesday evening December 24th, 1913 at the Grace church occurred the marriage of Miss Evelyn Basken, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. J. Basken of this city, and Mr. Hugh McKay of Winnipeg. Miss Dorothy Basken played the wedding march and Rev. Johnstone of Winnipeg read the ceremony in the presence of relatives and a large number of friends. Reginald Basken, brother of the bride, and Miss Leona Jenner of Winnipeg were in the bridal party.

The wedding dinner was served to eighteen guests immediately after the ceremony at the home of the bride's parents. The table was fittingly decorated with the season's color and a very choice wedding cake furnished by baker Wightman made a charming center piece.

The bride was gowned in a tailored suit of navy blue and wore a large picture hat.

Mrs. McKay has been employed for some time as private telephone central in the General Hospital in Winnipeg and her friends there presented her with a beautiful electric lamp. Mr. McKay has an important position as superintendent of a division in the C. N. R. car shops in Winnipeg and was the recipient of an elegant chest of silver from his co-workers.

The happy couple left the same evening on the flyer for Winnipeg where they have a suite of rooms already furnished in the Belsford block.

The bride is one of Pembina's most popular and charming young girls and her many friends wish her well in her new home.

Basket Ball.

The high school team will play the first game of the season on Saturday evening Dec. 28th when they will play the alumni boys who are home for the holidays. The game will be called at 8.30 and the admission will be 15 cents. Come out and help the high school boys at the City Hall.

First-Grade or Clerical Examination

Place of examination; Bismarck, Devils Lake, Dickinson, Fargo, Grand Forks, Jamestown, Minot, Pembina and Williston, N. Dak.

Date, February 1, 1913.

The United States Civil Service Commission announces an examination at the place and on the date mentioned above to secure eligibles from which to make certification to fill vacancies in first-grade, or clerical, positions in the Customs Service, in the positions of deputy collector, clerk, storkeeper, gauger, and storekeeper gauger in the Internal Revenue Service, in the position of office deputy marshal, and in other first-grade and clerical positions that require similar qualifications, as they may occur in the United States classified service in the city named or in its vicinity, unless it shall be decided in the interest of the service to fill such vacancies by reinstatement, transfers, or promotion.

Competitors who fail to attain a rating of at least 70 in arithmetic or 65 in report writing will not be eligible for appointment, and the remaining subjects of their examinations will not be considered.

Five hours will be allowed for this examination.

Some physical defects are sufficient to exclude a person from examination.

Age limit, 18 years or over on the date of the examination.

This examination is open to all citizens of the United States who comply with the requirements.

For application Form 1371, address the secretary of the board of examiners at the custom house or postoffice at the place named above, or the district secretary named below.

No application will be accepted unless properly executed and filed in complete form with the district secretary prior to the hour of closing business on January 2, 1913.

Secretary 8th Civil-Service District, St. Paul, Minn. Issued, Nov. 16, 1912.

Everyone should have a business education and Mankato Commercial College, Mankato, Minn., is the place to get it.

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Good Home for Sale. My home place, one mile from Pembina on Pembina river, Eighty acres, 15 acres prairie and the balance pasture and timber. Good house and other buildings. Cheap, inquire of Eli Kochendorfer, Pembina.

M. KOCHENDORFER.

We have for sale at the Fort Farm a large quantity of barley and wild oats, cut and bound which we offer for sale for fodder by the load. It makes excellent feed for cattle and should be disposed of before winter sets in. Apply to G. G. Thompson for particulars.

F. C. WARNER.

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County Court.

Summary of business for week ending December 7th, 1913.

Estate of Patrick Murry, non-resident. Hearing on final account adjourned to Tuesday, December 10th at 1 p. m.

Estate of John Marshall, Neche. Hearing on final account and petition for contest of will adjourned to Tuesday, December 17th, at 2 p. m.

Estate of James D. McCauley, Joliette. Hearing had on petition for license to sell real estate. Consent and waivers by all parties filed. License to sell at private sale granted.

Estate of Ralph Brown, Bathgate. Final account filed. Hearing on same set for Thursday, January 14th, 1913, at 10 a. m.

Petition for restoration to sanity of James Quinell, Neche. Hearing on petition set for Saturday, December 14th, at 1 p. m. Dr. J. J. Walker and H. B. Spiller appointed as commissioners.

Estate of Albert Schulz, Crystal. Proof of publication filed and decree made showing notice to creditors given.

Estate of John Shield, Bowesmont. Hearing had on final account. Appeared John M. Shield, administrator. Supplementary final account filed. Hearing adjourned to Tuesday, December 24th, at 1 p. m.

Estate of J. H. Carleton, non-resident. Oath of foreign executor filed and letters testamentary issued.

Guardianship of Herman, Henry and Riehnolt Unke, minors, Lodema. Petition to appoint guardian filed. Hearing on same set for Tuesday, December 31st, at 2 p. m.

Estate of Gudjon Simundson, Akra. Hearing had on report of sale of real estate under power in will. Appeared W. S. Johnson, one of the executors, and Oscar Simundson respondent. Order made confirming sale.

Estate of Andrew Henke, St. Thomas. Consent of sale by legatees filed and final discharge granted to Henry Hartje, administrator with the will annexed.

Estate of Albert Schulz, Crystal. Final account filed. Hearing on same set for Friday, January 18th, 1913, at 2 p. m. Petition for partition filed. Hearing on same set for Friday, January 10th, 1913, at 2 p. m.

Guardianship of William F. and Ernest R. Schulz, minors, Crystal. Petition to appoint guardian granted filed. Hearing on same set for Friday, January 10th, 1913, at p. m.

Local Wants.

Ice! Ice! Ice by load or houses filled. Phone 19, N. G. PATTERSON.

Washing or Packing Ice. For prompt delivery phone 52 or tell THOMAS GRUMBO.

Wood I have made arrangements to furnish wood at reasonable rates. When you want wood telephone 19. Terms cash. N. G. PATTERSON.

Mrs. Russell Aylen wishes to announce she has the agency for the Spirilla Corset and a full line of samples can be seen any time at her home.

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WM. FOWLER.

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M. H. MILLER The Jeweler.