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Pembina, N. D.

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### MARKET REPORT.

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Friday	76	73	70	66	61
Saturday	76	73	70	66	61
Monday	76	73	70	66	61
Tuesday	76	73	70	66	61
Wednesday	75	72	69	65	60
Thursday	76	73	70	66	61

Barley 28-35. Oats 24. Flax 81.14

Study Club meets with Mrs. Quackenbush this evening.

"Cherchez la femme"—Hunt for the woman. At the City Hall, Friday, April 25th.

Mrs. Rev. Campbell went to Cavalier Wednesday on a visit with friends.

Mrs. J. D. McCauley and Miss Nettie have been visiting with the Douglas family this week.

A joint crew of St. Vincent and Pembina workmen are at work taking the floors off and otherwise repairing the pontoon bridge.

Mrs. James Parker has been visiting relatives in the city this week. She is on her way to Moosejaw, to join her husband who is travelling out of that city.

Deputy Collector Morrison went to Williston this week to record dimensions of a new boat which is being built there to ply the waters of the Missouri river.

There will be service in Christ church, St. Vincent on Tuesday evening next, at 7:30 o'clock, conducted by Bishop Morrison, of Duluth and everybody is invited to attend.

A special train of railroad officials were here Wednesday looking over the sites of the new buildings which the company will erect shortly. They returned south the following day.

Friday the last of the ice went out of the Red river. The stage of water is only normal for this time of the year and it is receding rapidly. Those who predicted high water will find they were mistaken.

A meeting of the civic league is called for Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, in the Library building and a full attendance is requested. There is lots of work to be outlined for the league and it is hoped that members who have the interest of the city at heart will be present.

Arbor Day, May 2nd; plant a tree. No crop pays bigger than trees for the amount of labor. On the farm after the first planting the labor costs nothing if you will raise potatoes between the rows. A ten year old grove is worth at least \$50 an acre for fuel.

The weather of the week has been well high perfect, warm and balmy and when this is being read it will find the farmers generally busy on the fields, though some localities are still damp. The grass has been growing green in almost a magical manner.

This is about the time when the persons who are hauling debris to the nuisance ground stop and unload before they get there. It makes the usually good-natured city marshal peeved and spoils his disposition, in fact he is real cross about it. Better go a few rods farther.

The city authorities request us to warn citizens about setting fires to burn refuse in the evening. Fires are dangerous at any time but especially so when people set them in the evening and then go to bed without extinguishing them. No body knows what a sudden wind may do with the coals in the night. Better start the fires early in the morning and then see that they are out before retiring for the night.

Attorney Spiller came over from Cavalier on legal business of which he always has lots to do apparently, for he is always busy when he comes; but generally comes in to pick a crow with the newspaper fellows—and we don't know of any pleasanter person with whom we like to quarrel.

Albert Johnson, son of Triggvi Johnson, who has been suffering from the effects of infantile paralysis for some years has returned from Winnipeg where treatment by osteopath methods has resulted in considerable improvement. Mrs. Aranson of this city is now at Winnipeg taking the same treatment.

There is considerable activity in base ball circles and preparations are being made for an interesting season. Conductor Portman who spent some eight years in the Pacific League, although retired from the diamond as a player, is still full of enthusiasm and push such as is necessary for the welfare of a local organization, has been lending his spare time to sell tickets and help the cause along. We understand there are but few who have not bought a membership ticket.

Herbert Strain died at his home in Great Falls, Mont. last Friday after several months of suffering with cancer. Mr. Strain will be remembered by some of the old residents as clerk for the firm of Shaw & Charlton. Mr. Strain left here about twenty-five years ago and has for many years been the merchant of his home city. Mrs. Strain is a sister of Mrs. Dr. Harris and Mrs. Ayles of this city. He leaves four children. Mrs. Dr. Harris has been with her sister at Great Falls for several weeks.

The Twin City-Winnipeg Flyer which will be put on the Northern Pacific on the 27th will meet the regular north-bound passage at Fleece, the siding four miles south of Joliette, and orders have been issued to have track facilities at that place increased. It is claimed that this train will make only one stop between the Twin Cities and Manitoba Junction, at Staples, where they change engines, and only four stops between the Junction and Pembina. The train will be equipped with barber shop, bath room and buffet car and is practically a duplicate of the famous North Coast Limited.

The liquor interests at St. Vincent have brought action to put aside the verdict of the recent election on account several irregularities and the hearing is set for Hallock on the 24th. Among other things we understand it is alleged that one voter was denied the privilege of voting who was entitled to vote, and others who were not residents of the incorporated village. Papers were served on mayor and clerk last Friday. The outcome will be watched with interest as some of the best legal talent is employed. Tracy Bangs of Grand Forks and H. P. Conzen of Hallock will appear for the contestants and County Attorney Blethen of Hallock and a representative of the State enforcement League will oppose the liquor interests, we are told.

**Crop Prospects.**  
The season for seeding is a little late this year in this county. Last fall the ground was very wet when freeze-up came and the present spring the snow was quite deep when the sudden thaw came. This made the ground too wet to get onto very early. The weather this week however, has been very favorable to the drying up process and with a continuation farm work will be quite general by Monday. Owing to the continuous rains last fall plowing got very much behind, and there will be more spring plowing done this season than for several years. This will naturally reduce the wheat acreage and increase the sowing of barley and oats. This in itself is not altogether a misfortune as spring plowing and barley do much to eradicate wild oats and other weeds.

**\$25. Reward.**  
Strayed on April 4th from the premises of Cornelius Rempel near Gretna, one 3 year old roan mare, weight about 1100 pounds, white face and legs; one bay stallion, 2 years old, poor and small, star on forehead, partially blind. Anyone giving information to the whereabouts of the above mentioned horses will receive above reward.  
**CORNELIUS REMPEL,**  
Box 38, Gretna, Man.

**Driving Team for Sale.**  
I have a good driving team of roadsters for sale cheap. Also a good cow, fresh this month.  
**H. G. LOWE.**

Secretary Brewer of the game commission sends us a notice and wants us to tell the hunters that the killing of geese is not allowed in North Dakota this spring. Bless your old, big heart Kernel why even the geese know all about it and are staying round this locality in thousands' because they know that with our law-abiding population that they are perfectly safe here, as they might not be in some other places. A dead goose was picked up on the prairie the other day and a coroner's jury sat on the corpse to ascertain the cause of the death. Dr. Harris performed a post mortem and found several shots in its appendix which probably caused the sad fatality. How that shot got there is somewhat a mystery but we remember that a similar unexplained presence of bird shot occurred some year ago to the genial Kernel himself except that fortunately an operation was performed before the fatal results ensued.

### Three Fires.

Neché had a disastrous fire on Friday night. Campbell's photo establishment and Young's butcher shop were burned. The loss was about \$5,000. The fire started about nine in the evening. Only the fact that there was no wind saved the balance of the business houses as Neché has but little fire fighting apparatus. Origin of the fire is unknown.

The granary on the Albert Field farm near Bathgate was burned on Tuesday morning. Mr. Field had removed his oats and seed grain before and the loss is confined to the building which was a substantial affair. The house on this farm was burned a few weeks ago. The origin is thought to be incendiary.

The residence on the Jos. Bennett place near Bathgate occupied by Mr. Thomas Bill was burned about noon on Saturday last. The fire originated in the second story, probably from a defective flue, and had gained considerable headway before discovered and but little of the household furniture and wearing apparel could be saved. There was about \$500. insurance on the house but Mr. Bill had no insurance on his household goods. Neighbors however, made up a purse of over a hundred dollars to assist him in making a new start.

### School Notes.

The senior class will give a play at the city hall on Friday evening, April 25th, at 8:30 o'clock. This is the only function given by the seniors during the entire year at which an admission was charged. The class uses the net proceeds for the benefit of the school. The money you expend for tickets will not be missed. The class will do its very best to give you a first class high school entertainment. You will encourage them by your presence and lastly your money will be used in the interest of the Pembina schools. We hope all patrons and friends will buy a ticket for this play. They will be on sale at the City Pharmacy at the proper time. Reserved seats 50 cents.

The characters, etc. are as follows:

### "The Professor's Love Story."

Act 1. Scene: The Professor's study in London. Professor Goodwillie receives a visit from the Gildings.  
Act 2. Scene: Wheat field at Tullochmains. The Professor discovers the cause of his malady.  
Act 3. Scene: Professor's Cottage at Tullochmains.

Professor Goodwillie, (an absent-minded man engaged in writing a book.) Bart Conny.—Agnes Goodwillie, (whose chief business in life is to look after her brother,) Leona Heneman.—Dr. Cosens, (a friend of the professor,) Jack Shaw.—Dr. Yellowleave, (whose conceit along medical lines exceeds his knowledge,) Cameron McKay.—Lucy White, (the professor's secretary,) Naomi Dunn.—Dowager Lady Gilding, (who has made up her mind to "catch the professor.") Delia Hales.—Sir Geo. Gilding, (a member of parliament.) Cyril Asselstine.—Lady George Gilding, (Sir George's wife) Esther Shaw.—Effie, (a servant in the Goodwillie home,) Martha Conny.—Pete and Hendero, (farm laborers in love with Effie,) Stanley Wright and Walter Morris.—Footman, Vernon Thompson.

Pupils neither absent nor tardy for month of February are as follows:

- 1st Grade—Ferdinand Paulson, Roky Lowe, Harold Peterson, Francis Rondeau.  
Average 90 or over—Teddy Feldman 92, Donald McQueen 94, Harold Peterson 92, Pearl Thue 90.  
2nd Grade—Octavia Hannesson, Jay Kneeshaw, May Langton, Wilbur Shanahan, Frank Leathers, Raymond Diemer.  
Average 90 or over—Ellen Bouvette 91, Raymond Diemer 94, Alice Grumbo 95, Beatrice Hannesson 90, May Langton 96, Helga Landsiedel 90, Frances Myrick 92, Thorstien Olson 91.  
3rd Grade—Olive Lowe, Clyde Newell, Edith Patterson.  
Average 90 or over—Robert Booker 93, Harry Coaler 90, Edith Feldman 91, David Lindsay 90, Michael Giltrude 91, Martin Maier.  
4th Grade—Owen Hales, York Langton, Harold Moorhead, Violet Mould, Deward Thue, Curtis Thue, Norval Ardies.  
Average 90 or over—Clifton DeFord 90, Lorenzo Anderson 90, York Langton 94, Albortha Reaville 90, Harold Moorhead 90, Fred Shaw 90.

5th Grade—Nita Fowler, Franklin Lowe, Hazel Leathers, Orvel Grumbo, Knight Shumaker.  
Average 90 or over—Dorothy Booker.

6th Grade—Sig Leifur, Susie Leathers, Wilbur Lowe, Albert Lindsay, Mervyn Harvey.  
Average 90 or over—Madeline Pascoe, Emma Cooley, Amy Hales, Florence Newell.

7th Grade—Ada Booker, Ralph Henneman, Caroline Peterson, Adna Wardwell.  
Average 90 or over—Ada Booker, Caroline Peterson.

8th Grade—Jack Chisholm, Everest Fowler, Rosa Peterson, Minnie Morris, Richmond Quackenbush.  
Average 90 or over—Isabel Shaw.

High School—Dorothy Basken, Naomi Dunn, Irene Eastman, Violet Eastman, Esther Giltrud, May Giltrud; Delia Hales, Edith Hales, Mabel Langton, Maud Langton, Warren Langton, Jack Shaw, William Lembke, Walter Morris, Cameron McKay, Robert Wardwell, Alfred Stevenson, Myri's Wright, Stanley Wright, William Barron.  
Average 90 or over—Jack Shaw 98½, Bart Conny 93½, Chas. Busch 94, May Giltrud 93½, Walter Morris 93½, Esther Shaw 94½, Warren Langton 92½, Ryan Booker 92½, Elizabeth Booker 91½, Mabel Langton 90, Jacob Busch 90.

### Tongue River.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. McArthur of Backoo were guests of Tongue River friends on Friday last.

J. H. Webb is again in our midst after spending the winter in Cavalier.

Seeding is becoming general, though stubble fields are still very wet and plowing will be delayed.

Mrs. R. H. Simons and Eiss Stella spent Saturday and Sunday with friends in Hoope.

Master Chester Crosby sustained a fracture of the wrist on Sunday, when he fell from a rapidly driven buggy to which he was clinging.

Mrs. David Manson and three children who have been visiting her mother Mrs. S. Webb, has returned to her home in Saskatchewan.

The house of Mr. Joseph Bennett which was occupied by Wm. Bill and family was burned to the ground on Saturday last. Mr. Bill lost most of his household goods, furniture etc. We did not learn how the fire originated.

### Local Wants.

- For Sale.**  
Twenty-five tons of good prairie hay.  
**JOHN GOODYEAR,**  
Joliette, N. D.  
Bronze turkey gobbler, and Light Brahma eggs for sale.  
**MRS. R. BUSH,**  
McArthur, N. D.  
**Seed Speltz.**  
A quantity of seed speltz. 60 cents a bushel. Sample at  
**J. H. HANNESSON.**

**For Rent.**  
160 acres of land on reasonable terms. Enquire of Earl F. Andrus, Joliette, North Dakota.

**Horses, Cows, Sheep.**  
I have a number of horses, cows and sheep for sale at bargain prices.  
**J. H. HANNESSON.**

What does education mean to you? Write Mankato Commercial College, Mankato, Minn. and they will tell you.

Fine, clean seed wheat and barley for sale by Trudel Brothers, Pembina, N. D. Samples can be seen at this office. Phone Carlisle Farmer's Line.

**Seed Oats For Sale.**  
2,000 bushels of good seed oats for sale cheap.  
**FRED SHANNON,**  
Joliette.

**State Teachers' Examinations.**  
The next regular Teachers' Examination will be held at Cavalier and Pembina May eighth and ninth. Examinations will begin at 8:30 each morning.  
**CHARLOTTE A. JONES,**  
Superintendent.

### First State Bank Report.

Report of the condition of the First State Bank of Bismarck, in the State of North Dakota, at the close of business April 4th, 1918.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts	\$45,458 46
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	308 75
Banking houses, furniture and fixtures	3,245 06
Other real estate	100 00
Due from other banks	\$6,165 65
Checks and other cash	1,251 16
Cash	10,597 71
Total	\$59,766 68
LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in	10,000 00
Surplus fund	1,000 00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	1,079 68
Indiv. deposits subject to check	22,965 81
Demanded certificates of deposit	56 00
Time certificates of deposit	15,417 34
Cashier's checks outstanding	189 75
Bills payable	42,630 90
Total	\$59,766 68

State of North Dakota, County of Pembina, ss: I, A. T. EVERSON, cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true, to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
**A. T. EVERSON,**  
Cashier.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of April, 1918.  
**HERBERT C. THOMPSON,**  
Notary Public.  
My commission expires Sept. 15th, 1917.  
Correct Attest:  
**A. T. EVERSON,**  
**J. F. MCKAY,**  
Director.



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## City Pharmacy

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