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Capital and Surplus, **\$30,000.**

**Merchants Bank of Pembina, Pembina, N. D.**

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The receipts at the box social at Tom Meagher's Monday evening was \$317.

Miss Sarah Anson returned to Brockton yesterday after spending the holidays home.

Attorney and Mrs. Spiller of Cavalier will be here this evening on a visit to the Chisholm home.

An Alpha Phi pin was lost at the ball Wednesday. A reward is offered for its return to this office.

Mr. Henry Ibrig came down from the University Tuesday evening, taking in the New Years Ball.

Cameron McKay who is attending the University has been a visitor here and in Winnipeg during the holidays.

Miss Grace Elyford who is teaching at Nashwalk, Minn. on the Iron Range, is here visiting for the holidays.

Mrs. Charles LaFand and little daughter, of Red Lake Falls, are expected this evening to visit Pembina friends.

Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Dolan of Willow City arrived on Wednesday for a visit to with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Conmy.

E. J. Harris who is visiting friends in Virginia writes that James Kneeshaw is there with him and that they are having a fine time.

Miss Minnie Shannon and her niece, Miss Mildred Davis, of Grafton, are spending the holidays at the H. R. Shannon home.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy O'Shaughnessy and young son of Simons, Saskatchewan are spending the Christmas holidays with the C. W. Empey family.

There will be a meeting of the members of the American Legion at the City Hall Sunday at two o'clock. All are requested to be present.

Mrs. J. F. Kennedy of Jamestown is spending the winter with her sister, Mrs. T. R. Shaw, at St. Jose, California, according to a letter received from there.

Mrs. Hagen, sister of Mrs. C. J. Wilson who was here visiting for the holidays left for Thief River Falls Tuesday to visit a brother, after which she returns to her home in Fargo.

There will be a meeting of the Workmen lodge Tuesday evening, commencing eight o'clock. Fourteen candidates will be initiated into the mystic order, and every member is supposed to be on hand. Refreshments after the work.

**BIG GUN NOT WORTH WHILE**

American Ordnance Experts Could Outdo the Hun in Savagery, but Are Not Likely To.

The Hun 75-mile gun which Paris was harassed is doubtless still regarded by many as evidence of the much-advertised German mechanical ingenuity.

Ordnance experts have long been aware of the possibility of such a gun. But they have also been aware of its impracticability owing to a lack of means of controlling its fire effectively in such dastardly work as shelling a great city regardless of whom or what was hit.

As an object lesson our ordnance department has designed, without actually building, a supergun which dwarfs the German machine into insignificance. The data, recently made public through the Scientific American, fairly bewitches the lay mind.

The barrel of the gun is 225 feet long and weighs 325 tons. The pressure developed is 45,000 pounds to the square inch. The projectile has a muzzle velocity of 8,500 foot-seconds, and develops the terrific energy of 300,000 foot-tons. Its range is 121 miles, approximately the distance between Chicago and Madison, Wis. Its time of flight is four minutes, and it soars heavenward to a height of 46 miles.

This is awesome; but the cold-blooded expert points out that, after all, the gun delivers only a 400-pound shell, containing 60 pounds of high explosive, and that such a gun would cost \$2,500,000. A bombing plane costing \$30,000 would drop a 1,600-pound bomb with greater accuracy of aim.

The German supergun demonstrates the savagery of the Hun—the Borsker madness that strikes regardless of whom it strikes. But it also demonstrates an intellectual weakness—the love of mechanism for mechanism's sake. A complicated or difficult piece of machinery captivates his admiration because it is complicated or difficult, regardless of its practicality.

With American genius, simplicity is the desideratum. The mechanism, for instance, of the Browning automatic, whether pistol, rifle or machine gun, is astonishingly simple and practically demountable by the fingers alone. One looks at it and wonders why it wasn't invented half a century since. And right there one pays genius a high tribute.

**Kel Hara.**

For the first time in the history of Japan a man without a title is at the head of the government. Mr. Kel Hara, the present premier, is a commoner, born in northern Japan, and educated in Tokyo on a scholarship founded by the feudal lord of his clan. He studied law as a profession, but entered journalism, serving on the immediate journalistic ancestor of the now well-known Hochi Shimbun. From journalism he entered diplomacy under Marquess Inouye, then foreign minister, and was sent as consul to France. Returning to Japan he became director of the commercial bureau of the foreign office under Count Mutsu; and then in turn minister in Korea, and vice minister of foreign affairs in Japan, retiring temporarily to private life when Count Mutsu gave up the political work that had earned him the reputation of being the greatest modern Japanese diplomatist. Mr. Hara returned to national politics in 1900 as minister of communications in the new cabinet of Prince Ito, and from that appointment his rise has been steady till he was lately made premier, and so became the first commoner that has ever in Japan occupied so high a position.

**How It Began.**

Customary figure as the boy scout has become in the United States, General Baden-Powell's visit added much to American knowledge of the movement. A good many newspaper readers were probably surprised to learn that it owes its beginning to the Boer war and the siege of Mafeking, without which it may be questioned whether there would be any boy scouts. In command at Mafeking, General Baden-Powell looked far beyond the siege and saw that a great and useful organization of boys might be developed from the corps of boy messengers organized to serve the forces holding that hard-pressed town. That was the beginning of it, but the same force of character that defended Mafeking carried forward the boy scout idea until it was generally recognized as a project for character building rather than encouraging militarism in the young. Another bit of information that probably surprised many Americans was that Baden-Powell is descended on his mother's side from Capt. John Smith.

**Kept Old Funeral Custom.**

Following an old family custom, the body of Mrs. G. H. Haigh, daughter of the late Sir Robert Hart, was buried at midnight in the family vault at the little village church at Waith, England. The body of Mrs. Haigh, who was eighty-nine years of age, was brought from Penrhynendraeth, Wales, and conveyed from the station to the church in a farm wagon, drawn by four black horses and escorted by three dozen men carrying lanterns. Six Welshmen acted as bearers. The only floral tribute was a large cross of evergreens.

**The Right Way to Reckon.**

Matt—How does Skidley manage to stage so many successful auto accidents?  
Patt—He says he always omits the chains as a pre-requisite. —Cartoon Magazine.

**Pembina County War Books for Xmas Presents**

If you would like to end one to a friend for Christmas write us about it. Though the book may not be off the press in time to deliver for Christmas, we have worked out a plan that will enable you to make the present just the same. The engravers and printers are now working on the book. Write, if interested. It costs nothing to find out. The Call Crystal, N. D.

**Local Wants**

Furnished room to let. Heated. Inquire at residence of Mr. Levi Scarborough.

**Flax Straw Wanted.**

I want all the flax straw I can get and pay the best price for it, baled or unbaled. Call at Victoria Elevator. H. R. SHANNON, Pembina, N. D.

For Sale—A brand new Eastman Kodak, popular size would make a fine Xmas present. Inquire at residence of Mr. Levi Scarborough.

**Cleaning and Pressing.**

I am prepared to clean and press men's clothing. MRS. MARY LIEBINGER

**House for Rent or Sale.**

The residence known as the Kemp residence is for rent for a period of time, or for sale. CHAS. H. OAKES, Pembina, N. D.

Automobiles stored for the winter season at \$5 per month, at Thompson's garage. 19th

**Superintendent Is Out With All Facts**

Hansen Gains Eighteen Pounds and Troubles End After Taking Tanlac

"I have gained eighteen pounds and am still gaining at the rate of one half pound a day as the result of taking Tanlac," said William M. Hansen, well known superintendent of the Superior Electrical Mfg. Co. of Minneapolis, Minn., in talking of his remarkable recovery from stomach trouble and rheumatism.

"I had stomach trouble and rheumatism for seven years and got so bad off that I could scarcely eat enough to keep alive and my wife often had to help me when I dressed because I could not lift my hands as high as my shoulders," he continued. "One or two mouthfuls at meal times would nauseate me so I would have to leave the table and I suffered with spells of indigestion that almost me up with pain. My stomach would almost fill with gas and I would bloat so that I would nearly suffocate. The gasses pressing up against my heart made me so awful faint and weak that I could hardly breathe. My back and head would hurt and ache terribly and rheumatic pains would shoot from one portion of my body to another until sometimes I was almost wild. I spent hundreds of dollars on doctors and medicines and for months at a time lived on cereals and dry toast, but nothing gave me even temporary relief. I sent clean to New York for one special medicine but it, like the other, failed to do me any good. I kept losing in weight and steadily grew worse and worse. I got so nervous I could sleep only a few hours at night and in the morning I would get up so tired and fagged out I could hardly put one foot before the other. My condition got so bad I thought I would have to quit work altogether.

"I commenced to pick up in weight and improve with the very first bottle of Tanlac. My rheumatism and indigestion began to leave me almost immediately and now, since taking six bottles, both are entirely gone. I can eat anything I want as often as I want it and never have the least trouble in digesting what I eat. As the old saying is, 'I can get like a horse and sleep like a log,' and I get up in the morning feeling fresh and fine. As I have said before I have gained eighteen pounds in weight and am still gaining. Tanlac has done all of this for me, so no wonder it my unqualified endorsement."

Tanlac is sold in Pembina by R. C. Stinson; in Bathgate by S. T. Witmer; in Cavalier by E. T. Eiriksson; in Drayton by J. W. McLean; in Crystal by W. J. Johnson; in Hensel by Louis J. Walker; in Hamilton by the Warner Drug Co.; and in Walhalla by Morin & Hellfoch.

**\$100 a Month**

Young men and women with a business education are wanted. If you are earning less than \$100 a month, you are foolish not to get this training at once. Write the Union Commercial College, Grand Forks, N. D., and find out little it costs and what a short time it takes.

Take Our Pure Fresh Medicines and chase the Germs away.



This is the time of the year to guard the health of yourself and your family. You should take our Spring Tonic to purify your blood and tune up your system. It is lots more economical to prevent sickness than to cure it. Come in for the Tonic you need today. We are Careful Druggists.

**THE BEST DRUG STORE**  
RAY C. STINSON - - - PEBMINA, N. D.

**M. H. MILLER, The Jeweler.**

When you buy something, whether it is intended for a present for service or an ornament buy something to last a lifetime. It will cost but little more than inferior articles.

Cut Glass is a very welcome gift at any time. Cut Glass tells its own tale of real value. We always have a good assortment on hand to select from.

Solid or plated Silver, in sets or single designs. Have a nice lot well worth your examination. Be sure to come in and see. Rings, Pins, Chains, Buttons, Necklaces, Clocks, etc.

You may not know much about Jewelry value. Most people do not. I do. That is my business. When you buy here you will know just what you are getting, because I will tell you. It may be an Alarm Clock worth a dollar or a hundred dollar diamond. You will know what it is if you buy it at

MILLER'S

**A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year**

**E. D. Booker**

**The Pioneer Express, All the County News.**