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When writing or when having printed matter prepared, spell out in full the name of our state. Make it NORTH DAKOTA, not N. D. By doing this, much good advertising will be had without additional cost, then too, it is better form.

Bryan's grape juice policy is being vindicated.

We will gladly print spring poems at our regular rates per line.

New umbrellas and Easter millinery might as well be charged as overhead expense.

England has come to the conclusion that its greatest enemy is the little brown jug.

We noticed one Easter hat of battleship gray with an armament of a half-dozen hat pins.

That "Tell it All to the Assessor" article had a phenomenal run in the North Dakota papers.

When world-wide prohibition is being considered the matter of war should not be left out.

Beware of the neighbor who tells you the rhubarb is up—he may have reference to the price.

They are trying to settle the question of what would be considered a natural death over in Mexico.

The English say that instead of the German soldiers being optimists, they have made them hopmitists.

There will be a lot of men whose admiration for their better half's new hat will slump when they learn the price.

The man behind the gun is not often mentioned in this war, but he has a big advantage of the fellow out in front.

The United States plan of having the right to trade with neutral countries should be continued, even though there is a possibility of being nicked once in a while.

The New Rockford editors are imitating Napoleon trying to advance single handed after the battle of Waterloo. They say the capital will yet come to New Rockford.

James J. Hill says the war will end by Oct 1. Jim has said many things that have gained him reputation and wealth. One of his best efforts was "Trust in the Lord, but haul no empties."

The acquittal of the publishers of Jim Jam Jems seems to have been popular with the editors over the state. Even Clark and Crockard expressed themselves as well pleased with the verdict.

Anything that won't work is usually classed as an experiment, and along that line of reasoning, as soon as the weather warms up you can find innumerable experiments walking along the railroad tracks.

There is nothing particularly the matter with the times or the country. No doubt improvement would come if everybody would push ahead instead of holding back. No state in the Union has anything on a good agricultural state, and it is for the best interest of all to get busy and boost a bit.

Editor Richter engineered the stunt to have a "Baked Potato" day at the world's fair. Larimore will furnish 2,000 pounds of spuds and enough creamery butter to send them down. This will be good advertising for North Dakota, and due credit should be given the comedy man of the state press association.

Strangers who come to dwell in our city and become citizens should not be made to feel that they are to continue as strangers. It is your duty to get acquainted with them, broaden and extend their acquaintance, and give them to understand that they have selected the right town. Tell them of its advantages as a place of residence, its

business and educational facilities, and that the community spirit is the best in the land.

Reports of farmer club meetings during the winter show that in many instances women have appeared on the rostrum and gave fine talks and good ideas. There is nothing remarkable about this, because many of the women on the farms are cultured and refined. That they can be induced to take part in these farmer club programs is a good omen for the rural communities.

Why is it that one town grows and prospers, year after year, while but a few miles away another town, just as well located and with just as great natural advantages simply stagnates, year in and year out? It is because in the first town there is civic pride, its people work together in harmony, have ambition and seek the best interests of all. Its business men are alert, keep the best of stocks, advertise generously and judiciously and can always be relied upon to help any wise plan to advance the welfare of the place. A city blessed with such men is bound to get ahead.

LEGISLATIVE INTENTIONS.

Nearly every legislature in their recent sessions had freak measures introduced, and here are a few samples: To prohibit the catching of frogs. Minnesota.

To furnish lumber jacks with individual bathtubs. Minnesota.

Establishing a uniform thickness of sleigh runners. North Dakota.

Compelling churchgoers to leave their firearms outside. Texas.

Limiting each resident of the state to one gallon of "corn licker" a month. South Carolina.

Prohibiting the smoking of cigarettes by school, normal and university instructors. Wisconsin.

To prohibit the use of face powder, rouge, hair dye or bleach, the piercing of ears and wearing of earrings. Kansas.

Prohibiting a man from becoming a "ball dodger," that is, allowing persons to throw base balls at one's head for hire. New York.

Compelling the National Guard to do ninety days work each year on the roads and bridges of the state. Requiring dealers in stock foods to pay an annual license of \$25. Prohibiting free lunches. Nebraska.

Prohibiting treating; prohibiting the giving of tips to barbers, waiters, porters, hat snatchers, etc. Taxing bachelors of 30 years of age, \$50 per annum. Licensing cats \$1 per head per annum. Illinois.

Providing that all weeds and plants which cause hay fever shall be removed from the roadsides. Bachelors to pay an annual tax of \$5 per head. Prohibiting the wearing of whiskers by doctors and dentists. Massachusetts.

INSURANCE COMPANIES TO MANDAMUS TAYLOR.

Bismarck, March 31. — Intimations have been received at the state capitol to the effect that one of the assessment life associations now doing business in this state is about to mandamus W. C. Taylor, state insurance commissioner, in an attempt to force that official to issue a license to the company to do business in the state during the year commencing tomorrow.

All licenses allowing insurance companies to do business in this state expire on March 31 of each year. Renewals are being granted to all companies with the exception of the assessment life associations without any trouble. But this class of companies has been requested to furnish to the insurance commissioner a certificate of valuation before renewals are to be granted.

This order affects but three companies, which are as follows: Guarantee Fund of Omaha, Neb. Surety Fund of Minneapolis, Minn. Illinois Bankers' Life of Monmouth, Ill.

The order was sent out recently by Commissioner Taylor, after that official had received from Attorney General Linde a supplementary opinion in which the attorney general held that the insurance commissioner was the discretionary officer as to whether or not these companies be allowed to continue to do business in the state. The attorney general held that if such companies made the showing required by the North Dakota laws and came up to the North Dakota standard for life insurance companies the commissioners of insurance could legally grant licenses to the companies.

The assessment life controversy is the result of a wrangle in the recent legislative assembly over the matter of excluding such companies from the state. A bill was introduced authorizing the insurance commissioner to relitigate all assessment life associations then doing business in the state. The bill was killed. Then came the attorney general's opinion in which that officer held that the companies

had a legal right to do business in North Dakota. The supplementary opinion left the question of relicensing to the insurance commissioner. When the bill was introduced in the legislature there were four such companies doing business in the state, but since then one of the companies, the Merchants' Life Association of Burlington, Ia., has gone upon the legal reserve basis.

Should the mandamus proceedings be brought by one of these companies against the insurance commissioner it would mean that the matter of the legality of this class of insurance companies to do business in North Dakota would be decided by a court.

One of the other two companies has wired the insurance commissioner that its certificate of valuation would be forwarded at once. Upon receipt of same Mr. Taylor will authorize the issuance of a license to this company. The third company has not yet been heard from.

THE PEOPLE'S FORUM.

Community Prosperity.

The statement in Monday's Times-Record of the claims of the company to the patronage of the people of Valley City deserves a wider application. The Times-Record supports—that is feeds, shelters and clothes—47 people. Doing these things is the basis of the world's commerce and prosperity. Twice as many people to feed, clothe and shelter in Valley City would double the size of the town. The Times-Record can be made to support twice 47 people if it can secure the business it is clearly entitled to. This is the foundation of community growth, and makes a town not only prosperous but independent.

The admonition to patronize home merchants is constant and insistent and is to the same point. The Times-Record has not been derelict in urging the claims of the home merchant to local trade. It is anxious to secure for others the rights it claims for itself.

The same argument should be made in behalf of our professional people, lawyers, physicians, dentists and oculists. Why not give them the best business the community has to offer? Why take important cases on law or medicine to Fargo, Minneapolis or Rochester. Our dentists and oculists are as good as any in the larger cities, and yet Valley City people go to Jamestown and Fargo for special treatment. If the world must have these people, let us have them and their families right here in Valley City—more people to feed, clothe and shelter—and not spend our money to build up other communities.

A case in point is the action of the county commissioners in appointing a Fargo architect to estimate and design the proposed jail and sheriff's residence in spite of the fact that a well known young man has opened an office in Valley City in that line. Another young man, no older, no more experienced, no better trained and working no cheaper, was chosen. Surely community money should be expended in such a way as will best serve the community. The act of our commissioners is a hint to this young man that he better go to Fargo, Bismarck or Minneapolis to make a home, establish a family and build up a business. From their act we would judge that Barnes county wants to build up Fargo and Cass county. If this judgment is correct, what is the motive behind the appointment.

The claim of the Times-Record and the home merchant and Barnes county professional people to the business of Valley City and Barnes county is valid. More families to feed, clothe and shelter. O. N. E. OBSERVE.

TOMATO VARIETIES.

By H. O. Werner, of the North Dakota Experiment Station.

During the growing season of 1914 extensive variety tests were carried on with tomatoes at the North Dakota experiment station. A total of 122 strains of 87 varieties were tested. An individual record was kept of each of the ten plants used. The seed was sown March 26 and the plants were set to the field on May 20.

That there is often a greater difference between strains of the same variety than between different varieties, was shown in this test. Quite a few of the varieties were found to be misnamed. The tendency especially prevalent in the case of the Earliana tomato is for seedmen to offer this variety as some new early variety when it may be merely an improvement of the Earliana or not even that. Of the varieties designated as belonging to the first early class, 11 were found to

so very closely resemble the Earliana as to justify the conclusion that they are either Earliana or an improvement not deserving a new name.

The yield of marketable tomatoes in the case of the 11 strains of the Earliana, varied from 5.9 to 12 tons per acre to August 20 and from 23 to 38.5 tons per acre to September 22, the end of the picking season. Thus we see a difference in yield of 15.5 tons in favor of the better variety. Basing the value of tomatoes at \$10 per ton—the canning house price—there is a gross balance of \$155 per acre in favor of the better strain. This very clearly shows the importance of good breeding in seed. This strain of tomatoes has been very carefully bred for eight years. The price of this seed is \$5 per ounce, while the poorer variety is 35 cents per ounce. The economy of paying for the best is obvious as one ounce of tomato seed is sufficient for an acre.

The Earliana is at present the most profitable variety for North Dakota; however, it is far from perfection. The plant is weak growing and rather subject to disease. The fruit is medium to small in size, generally rough, cracked, or poor color and generally with large cells full of seeds. The one redeeming feature which makes it profitable is the earliness and total yield. While it is generally an inferior variety, several of the strains are not subject to most of the above criticisms and it is capable of improvement.

The Earlibelk is a variety not very different from the Earliana. It is generally of better quality with more meat and fewer seeds. Another variety not as early as the Earliana, but yielding a total crop about equal to an average strain of Earliana and of better quality with fewer seeds and larger fruits, is Berry's Early Wonder.

The Bonny Best and Chalk's Jewel are two varieties far superior to the Earliana. The fruit of these two varieties is larger and of better quality in all respects and the plants are more hardy than the Earliana. Of the two the Chalk's Jewel is the larger and more solid, though the Bonny Best is the earlier, smoother and more uniform. The yield of marketable fruit for five strains of Bonny Best varied from 4.7 to 5.6 tons per acre to August 20 and from 24.3 to 35.8 tons to the end of the picking season. The yield of marketable fruit for seven strains of Chalk's Jewel varied from 1.96 to 5.06 tons per acre to August 20 and from 19.4 to 31.77 tons to the end of the picking season.

A new variety very similar to these two is the John Baer, introduced in 1914. This variety yielded at the rate of 4.8 tons to August 20 and 28.4 tons to the end of the season. The mean weight per fruit was 4 1/2 ounces. The fruit was globular, very solid and very uniform. This is a very promising variety for home and shipping purposes.

The leading pink varieties in point of earliness are June Pink, Globe and Ponderosa.

The June Pink is practically as early as the Earliana. The tomatoes are generally about 15 per cent to 20 per cent larger, with better quality and more meat than the Earliana. The main criticism of this variety is that it is very subject to serious cracking during wet weather. Five strains of June Pink yielded at the rate of from 5.5 to 8.4 tons per acre to August 29, with the yield for the season from 23.9 to 28.6 tons per acre.

The Globe is later than any of the other varieties discussed up to this point. The three strains yielded from 1.01 to 1.35 tons per acre to August 20 and 17.7 tons to 19.3 tons for the season. The fruit varies from 4 1/2 to 5 1/2 ounces in size, is deep, globular, uniform, thick fleshed and very good quality. The percentage of unmarketable fruit is very low.

The Ponderosa is probably the largest tomato grown. It is rather late as a commercial variety. For home use, it is often preferred, because of its excellent interior and large size, having an average weight of almost eight ounces per fruit in the variety test. It is objected to, because of its prevalent ill-shape. Only one strain was tried, which yielded at the rate of 12.26 tons for the season.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

In the Matter of the Estate of Niels Nielson, also known as Nels Nielson, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned F. B. Smith, Administrator of the Estate of Niels Nielson, also known as Nels Nielson, late of the village of Leal, in the County of Barnes and State of North Dakota, deceased, to the creditors of, and all persons having claims against, said deceased, to exhibit them with the necessary vouchers, within six months after the first publication of this notice, to said Administrator at said home in the Village of Leal in said Barnes County.

Dated March 31st A. D. 1915. F. B. SMITH, Administrator. First publication on the 8th day of April, A. D. 1915. (Last Publication April 29.)

SUMMONS.

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA, COUNTY OF BARNES, IN DISTRICT COURT, Fifth Judicial District.

Francis Logan, Plaintiff, vs. Lotta M. Cory, I. W. Solomon and William J. Lecor, and all other per-

Some Readable Verse

BACK WITH THE BOYS.

Back with the boys at the end of the lane, Water is warm, and they're swimming again!

Back with the boys to those infinite years

That even the memoried thought of them cheered—

Back with the boys, in the dream and the dew,

Wish I was back with the boys, don't you?

Back with the boys where the willows lean down

Over the creek just a mile out of town, And the ripples are calling, the bottom is sweet

With sand for the fellows with tender feet—

Back with the boys in that naked delight

Of swimmin' in summer, ah' mad world, good night!

Back with the boys where the road winds away

Through the dust and the darning of sunshine and play;

Back with them there with the locust in bloom,

And the world on parade with a flower for a plume—

Back with the boys mid their sun-burn and tan,

Oh, wouldn't you like to be back with 'em, man?

—Baltimore Sun.

BILL'S IN TROUBLE.

I've got a letter, parson, from my son away out West,

An, my ol' heart is heavy as an anvil in my breast.

To think the boy whose future I had once so proudly planned

Should wander from the path o' right an' come to such an end!

I told him when he left us, only three short years ago,

He'd find himself a-plowin' in a mighty crooked row—

He'd miss his father's counsel, an' his mother's prayers, too,

But he said the farm was hateful an' he guessed he'd have to go.

I know that's big temptation fer a youngster in the West,

But I believe our Billy had the courage to resist;

An' when he left I warned him o' the ever waiting snares

That lie like hidden serpents in life's pathway everywhere.

But Bill he promised faithful to be keeful, an' allowed

He'd build a reputation that'd make us mighty proud;

But it seems as if my counsel sort o' faded from his mind.

An' now the boy's in trouble of the very wurstest kind.

His letters come so seldom that I somehow sort o' knowed

That Billy was a-trampin' on a mighty rocky road,

But never once imagined he would bow my head in shame

An' in the dust'd waller his ol' daddy's honored name.

He writes from out in Denver, an' the story's mighty short.

I just can't tell his mother, it'd break her poor ol' heart;

An' so I reckoned, parson, you might break the news to her—

Bill's in the legislature, but he doesn't say what fer.

HOME

It takes a heap o' livin' in a house to make it home,

A heap o' sun and shadder, and you sometimes have to roam

Before you really 'preciate the things you've left behind,

And hunger for 'em somehow, with 'em always on your mind.

It don't make any difference how rich you get to be,

How much your chairs an' tables cost, how great your luxury;

It isn't home though it may be the palace of a king,

Until somehow your soul is sort o' wrapped around everything.

Home's not a place that gold can buy or get up in a minute—

Before it's home there's got to be a heap o' livin' in it;

Within the walls there's got to be some babies born, an' then—

Right there you've got to bring 'em up to women good—and men.

And gradually, as time goes on, you find you wouldn't part.

With anything they ever used—they've grown into your heart;

The old high chair, the playthings, too, the little shoes they wore,

You hoard; an' if you could, you'd keep the thumb-marks on the door.

You've got to weep to make it home, you've got to sit and sigh

An' watch beside a loved one's bed, an' know that Death is nigh;

And in the stillness o' the night to see Death's angel come,

And close the eyes o' her that smiled an' leave her sweet voice dumb.

For these are scenes that grip the heart, and when your tears are dried,

You find the home is dearer than it was—an' sanctified;

An' tuggin' always at you are the pleasant memories

Of her that was, and is no more—you can't escape from these.

You've got to sing and dance for years, you've got to romp and play,

An' learn to love the things you have, by usin' 'em each day;

And so the roses 'round the porch must blossom year by year

Before they are a part o' you, suggestin' someone dear

That used to love 'em long ago, and trained 'em just to run

The way they do, so they would get the early mornin' sun.

You've got to love each stone and brick, from cellar up to dome—

It takes a heap o' livin' in a house to make it home.

EDGAR A. GUEST.

Don't advertise on trees or rocks Afar from haunts of men.

You cannot sell the woodchuck clocks Or pictures for his den.

The squirrels may observe your sign About your cure for chills,

And on it he may try to dine, But that won't pay your bills.

The possum buys no breakfast food We may as well confess.

So if you want to sell your goods You'd better use the press.

—Plankinton Herald.

In a few days there will be thousands of baseballs in the hand of the receiver.

sons unknown claiming any estate or interest in, or lien or incumbrance upon the property described in the complaint, defendants.

The State of North Dakota to the above named defendants:

You are hereby summoned to answer the complaint in this action, which is filed in the office of the Clerk of the District Court at Valley City in the County of Barnes in the Fifth Judicial District of the State of North Dakota, and to serve a copy of your answer upon the subscriber within thirty days after the service of this summons upon you, exclusive of the day of service; and in case of your failure to appear or answer judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint.

Dated March 18th, A. D. 1915.

WILLIAM J. CLAPP, Plaintiff's Attorney.

Office and post office address: First Office and post office address: First National Bank Building, Fargo North Dakota.

To the above named defendants, and each of them, Take Notice:

That this action relates to and is brought for the purpose of determining adverse claims and quieting title in the plaintiff to the following described real estate, situated in the County of Barnes and State of North Dakota, to-wit:

The North West quarter (NW. 14) of Section number twenty-five (25) in Township number One hundred forty-two (142) North of Range number Fifty-nine (59) West of the Fifth Principal Meridian, containing 160 acres more or less, according to the Government survey thereof.

WILLIAM J. CLAPP, Plaintiff's Attorney.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

In the Matter of the Estate of Julia Nelson, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned, Elmer Nelson, Administrator of the Estate of Julia Nelson, late of the city of Valley City, in the County of Barnes and State of North Dakota, de-

ceased, to the creditors of, and all persons having claims against, said deceased, to exhibit them with the necessary vouchers, within four months after the first publication of this notice, to said Administrator at the store of Anderson Clothing Co. in the city of Valley City in said Barnes County.

Dated April 5th A. D. 1915.

ELMER NELSON, Administrator.

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STATE GETS 27,000 ACRES FROM INDIAN RESERVATION.

Bismarck, March 31.—H. L. Simmons, deputy state land commissioner left this morning for the Standing Rock Indian Reservation to pick out the state lands before the reservation is thrown open to the public.

The state is entitled to about 27,000 acres from the North Dakota portion of the reservation, two sections in each township being granted for common school purposes under the enabling act. The state has sustained losses by allotment to Indians so as to bring the total acreage up to the amount indicated.

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CORRESPONDENTS WANTED.

The Times-Record wants a correspondent in every neighborhood in Barnes county—we wouldn't object if we had two in each neighborhood. We can't afford to pay for the items, but we will furnish all the stationery and send you the paper. Write us or, better still, come in some time when you are in Valley City. We need your help in making the Times-Record the best paper in North Dakota. We really can't do it without you. Come and help us.

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