

BIG OFFER TO THE FARMERS

FIVE CENTS PREMIUM ON GRAIN
DEC. 19 TO 24 INCLUSIVE
EXCEPT SUNDAY

The business men of Warren have again made arrangements with the Spaulding Elevator Co., to pay five cents per bushel over market price on all grain, except rye, marketed in their elevator at Warren during a few days before Christmas as follows: Dec. 19, 20, 22, 23 and 24. Each farm to be limited to 100 bushels a day, but can market 100 bushels each day. This does not apply on grain held in storage. All grain received on this basis must be sold as delivered.

CHRISTMAS FIRE DANGERS

Carelessness at Christmas time increases danger to life and property. The rapidly approaching Christmas season brings grave fire hazards with it. The flimsy materials used in store decorations are of a highly inflammable nature, usually in close proximity to kerosene, gas, acetylene, electric and other lights. Electric lights properly safe-guarded are the ideal light for decorative purposes, but improper handling makes them a decided fire menace. Electric bulbs should never be wrapped with tissue paper or cloth for colored effects, as the heat from a light of small calibre will ignite if kept in contact with the wrappings for short time.

The average Christmas tree offers unusual opportunities for a terrible holocaust as the tree and trimmings lighted with gaily colored candles is a veritable death trap. Churches, halls and school houses where public celebrations are held are usually packed to suffocation and in many instances the aisles and other means of exit are filled with people, making escape almost impossible, but in any event imperiling the lives of all who attend. It has been truly said:

Do not decorate Christmas trees with paper, cotton or any other inflammable material. Use metallic tinsel and other non-inflammable decoration only, and set the tree securely so that the children in reaching for things cannot tip it over.

Do not use cotton to represent snow. If you must have snow use asbestos fiber.

Do not permit children to light or re-light the candles while parents are not present.

They frequently set fire to their clothing instead.

The tree itself will burn when needles become dry.

Keep matches out of the reach of children at the holiday time.

Candles are meant to be lighted if the children can get matches they will experiment with them.

"A House of Merriment is better than a house of Mourning."

The State Fire Marshal does not wish to be understood as opposing the proper celebration of the Christmas season. The interest taken by the public in its observance is commendable, but every Christmas records many fires costing hundreds of lives and thousands of dollars worth of property which could have been saved had proper care been used.

Wherever possible electric lights installed by a competent electrician should be used for the tree illuminating. Cotton is the most common material used for tree decorating, it is also the most inflammable and should never be tolerated. There is a substance called mineral wool made of asbestos, which gives a better effect and will not burn. Santa Claus wearing apparel makes him a human torch unless his outfit is dipped in a solution of alum, which will make it practically fireproof.

If the people of Minnesota fully appreciate the dangers to which their families are subjected at this season they would give the Fire Marshal every possible co-operation in carrying out suggestions made to minimize this danger.

Christmas dangers are all avoidable, and carelessness has no excuse, especially where the lives of children might be endangered. This is their day and they should be enabled to enjoy it in perfect safety.

Charles E. Keller,
State Fire Marshal.

HAS A PURE JERSEY

On Monday A. J. Nelson received from Benson, Minn., a pure bred Jersey cow. He had her milk tested by Buttermaker P. L. Anderson on Thursday and found that it showed 6.6 per cent of butter fat. He figures on setting in some more pure bred stock, and creamery patrons who want to make money should follow his example. According to this test this cow's milk is about one-half richer than that of the average cow in this vicinity. If a farmer now draws \$40 per month in cream checks from his cows, the same number of this kind would bring him about \$60 per month, at the same cost of upkeep. The difference would soon pay for the good cows—Northern Light, Holt.

URGE CAUTION IN RURAL CREDITS

Eberhart's Commission Makes Report to the Governor.

Urging extreme caution in the development of a program for the betterment of agricultural credit conditions, and pointing out that no scheme would be safe or feasible unless surrounded by the most stringent safeguards, the commission appointed by Governor Eberhart to report on agricultural credit, marketing and co-operation in Minnesota submitted its report.

"To attempt to get farmers started in the organization of credit associations without such caution and safeguards would be suicidal," the report says.

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WANDERS AWAY AND STARVES TO DEATH

Body of Missing Man Found Near East Grand Forks.

The body of Peter Peterson of East Grand Forks was found lying in the underbrush near Northland last Wednesday afternoon. He had been missing since Sept. 3. Polk county officials who investigated declared death had been caused by starvation.

When last seen Peterson appeared to be mentally deranged and he probably wandered about the woods in that condition several days after his last appearance at a farm place near Northland, where he asked for food, but from which place he ran to the timber before it was placed before him.

INGOLF GRINDELAND WINNING FAME AS A SINGER

Ingolf Grindelund arrived this morning for a visit at home between trains. He is on a singing tour with the University of Minnesota Glee Club, of which he is the soloist. Last evening they gave a concert at Fargo and tonight they will appear at Grand Forks, from where they will go to the Pacific coast to give a series of concerts during the holiday vacation. Ingolf has already acquired considerable fame as a singer, and being a Warren boy, his friends here naturally are proud of him. The Fargo and Grand Forks papers have published very flattering notices of his ability as a singer. The Grand Forks Herald says:

"Mr. Grindelund possesses a voice of remarkable beauty, strength, and range. His has a pure, lyric tone well suited to his preferred singing, that of ballads. He has a voice of great flexibility, being able to produce both the purest pianissimo and forte tones with equal ease, and his tones are clear, resonant, and full. He interprets his songs beautifully and with his robust physique, Mr. Grindelund is able to give to his singing strength and sureness. Critics have argued a bright future for Mr. Grindelund should he choose to devote himself to music."

Mr. Grindelund is a senior law student at the university. During his university course he has been very active along musical lines.

ONCE MORE THE ORANGE

It will be good news to every one to know that, in all probability, an orange, and a good juicy one, may be eaten from now on without clicking one's teeth uncomfortably against metal. Assurances are given that the crop in California fruit districts is heavy and about 900 carloads have already been shipped out to be ready for Christmas consumption. Lemons are not so plentiful at least in fruit form.

FAVORS JACKPINE FOR WIND-BREAK.

John Optiz, after a residence of 28 years in Morton county, N. D., says he has solved the problem of wind-breaks around farm buildings. Instead of willow, cottonwood and other trees, he says jackpine is the proper thing and that two rows of these evergreens are as much protection as four or five of the trees that are bare in the winter. Mr. Optiz has experimented for years with different varieties of trees and shrubs but is positive that the pine is the proper thing to use for that purpose.

"MOVIES" ON THE FARM

Moving pictures on the farm are to become a reality as the result of action taken last week by officials of the West Central Minnesota Development association. Machines will be purchased and installed in every county of the association, in charge of the county agent.

The plan is to purchase a combined stereopticon and moving picture machine. The pictures will be thrown upon a large canvas in the open during the pleasant months. During the winter pictures will be shown in the school houses. Films illustrating improved methods of agriculture, better home life methods or travel in foreign lands, will alternate with stationary slides of local scenes.

Neckchains and pendants from \$2.50 to \$25. Lockets from \$1.00 to \$15. Fobs from \$1.50 to \$10 at Holm's Jewelry Store.

MAKE MONEY ORDER PAYABLE ANYWHERE

Bill to That Effect Passed With Others by the House.

Three administration postoffice bills were passed by the house. One would eliminate the distinctive stamp now used on official postal savings correspondence; another would make money orders payable at any money order postoffice instead of at a specified office, as at present, and the third measure would reimburse the postmaster general to reimburse the postmasters for losses sustained thru no fault of their own, as robbery.

WOLFER WILL QUIT.

Warden Will Leave Prison When New Plant is Finished.

Henry Wolfer, warden of the state penitentiary, will resign as soon as the new prison plant at Stillwater is completed in every detail and steady employment is found for the 225 prisoners who will be thrown out of work when the shoe factory contracts expire Sept. 1 and that industry is discontinued.

ILLINOISAN BUYS FARM.

August Nesemeier has purchased the William Piper farm near Leonard, N. D., for an even \$50,000. Mr. Nesemeier came from Shannon, Ill., a few months ago on a farm hunting expedition and was so favorably impressed with the Piper farm that he made a \$50,000 offer, which was received. Later Mr. Piper decided that he would accept the offer and wired to Illinois. Mr. Nesemeier took the first train for Leonard and closed the deal. There are 800 acres in the farm. Mr. Nesemeier has seven sons and will practice diversified farming.

WARREN SUNSHINE CLUB.

The Sunshine Club of Warren, is again busy in its work of giving sunshine to those who are in need of any of the help they can give.

As the name suggests, the work of the Sunshine club is to bring brightness and to take a little easier the lives of those upon whom Dame Fortune has fallen to smile. There are shut-ins who are unable to go out and seek companionship, and who despite the kind offers of friends, become tired and weary during the long days and nights. For these the Sunshine club has reading matter, little gifts, sewing, etc., and if they or their friends will send a request for anything which will help them the club will consider it a privilege to help these friends. There may be others who are ill and with the added expenditure it is impossible to get certain delicacies which the sick crave, or it may be that jowers or just to be remembered by the busy world will help to make the pains easier, and the club requests the people who are ill be reported to them, for it is impossible for the club to hear of those whom they can help otherwise. They have a good deal of warm clothing that has been given for their use. Some of it is new, some out-grown, but in good condition. We will be glad to know of anyone who can use this clothing or bedding.

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COURT HOUSE NEWS

County Attorney A. N. Eckstrom was at Holt Monday on official business.

The county board of audit, which consists of the chairman of the county board, the auditor and the clerk of court, is in session this week, checking up the books of the county treasurer.

Licenses to wed have been issued by Clerk of Court Swadby to the following persons: Frank Gilbert and Jane Sleager, Frank Reizo and Alvina Schroeder, Renhart Mickleby and Lydie Schultz, Bernard E. Johnson and Ida Gustafson, Emil Gustafson and Andrina Urdahl, Peder Ostby and Berit Kristine Sakrimoe, August Gathman Jr., and Anna Prellwitz.

Justice W. O. Braggans today performed the marriage ceremony that united August Gathman Jr., and Anna Prellwitz for life.

Miss Rankin, assistant county superintendent, returned this morning from a visit at Minneapolis and other points in the southern part of the state.

Judge Grindelund and wife will go to Grand Forks tonight to attend the concert of the Minnesota University Glee Club in which their son, Ingolf, is the solo singer.

A peculiar odor resembling that coming from some putrifying substance permeated the second story rooms in the court house today. The smell was particularly noticeable in County Superintendent Johnson's room, and he turned over everything in his office and vault with a view of finding the source from whence it came, but in vain. At last the "dead man" was found in the adjoining vault in the sheriff's office, there being an opening between the two vaults, and was nothing more nor less than a keg of the amber fluid that had been confiscated in a liquor raid several months ago and was now in a terrible state of mortification, necessitating its immediate removal from the building.

FARMERS' MEETING.

The meeting is to be held in the High School building at Warren, at 2 o'clock P. M., on Saturday, December 20th.

Program.
Feeding of Beef Cattle, A. E. Johnson, Frank Kurz, Milo Warner, J. C. Mapps, H. J. Beardmore.
Feeding and Care of the Brood-sow during the Winter Months, Prof. Dietrich.
Curing of Meat, O. Neraal.

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THIEF RIVER TOT IN SWAMP A DAY

Posse Finally Finds Three-Year-Old Girl After Long Search—Was Thinly Clad.

Thief River Falls, Minn., Dec. 16—After 100 men and boys had searched the woods and swamps around Germantown for nearly 24 hours, Agnes, the little three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hans Jorstad was found about a mile and a half from the Jorstad home. Although the child was thinly clad she apparently had not suffered from her unusual experience. The mild weather we are having no doubt prevented the death of the little one from exposure.

ALVARADO NOTES

Mrs. Bergan and baby visited relatives in Warren Sunday.

Mayor Wittensten, of Warren, was a business caller here Saturday.

Esther Porten spent Sunday with friends in Warren.

Mrs. Henry Backstrom and children Sundayed with parents in Warren.

Parents kindly see that all excuses sent for absences in school are signed by yourselves. Excuses signed by sisters, brothers or the pupil will not be accepted and will be returned. This must be done, and may as well be done first as last.

Children's Xmas festival will be held in the Norwegian Luth. church Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. Iver Lodoen entertained the Misses Mortenson and Wahlund at a sumptuous dinner Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Dahlbren, Herman Allen and Mrs. H. Backstrom were Grand Forks visitors Thursday.

School closes next Friday afternoon for Christmas vacation. Work will be resumed Monday morning the 5th of January.

Victor Erickson of Warren, called on his friend Walter Johnson, Saturday.

Lewis Sands autoed to Grand Forks Tuesday.

Axel Lindberg of Sask., Canada, spent Friday at the Henry Backstrom home.

Carl Sands made a trip to Viking Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hugin visited with relatives in Lancaster Sunday.

Tom Severson visited his numerous friends here last week. Come again!

Hilmer Lindberg, Otto Holt and Johnny Peterson autoed to Grand Forks Thursday evening.

Walter Johnson, Nels Lodoen, Willie Palm and Hilmer Lindberg took in the "Bostonians" in Warren, Friday evening.

The Swedish Lutheran Ladies' Aid of the village, held at the home of Mrs. Carl Olson last Thursday was well attended. The collection amounted to \$21.50.

Nels Lodoen and George Sands enjoyed a daring adventure with a ram last Sunday. The animal no doubt seemed more gentle when they started out, otherwise they would have never ventured going. We were sorry, boys, that there were no trees in the middle of the road for you to climb as those by the side could not be reached in time, but as good-natured and helpful Lewis arrived just in time to protect you, and as no bones were broken, "we should worry."

A splendid new manual training work table has been installed in the school basement.

Found—One pair of lady's blue kid gloves in Soo depot Saturday evening. Owner may have same by showing her dainty hand to David Hill and by saying "Thank you!"

Nels Lodoen and Walter Johnson will soon be professional skaters if they keep on practicing every Sunday on the Murray river near Oslo.

The first annual supper and sale of the Swedish Lutheran church of the village, will be held in Woodman hall Thursday evening, January 1, 1914. Come and see what beautiful articles have been made, and enjoy a good, big meal with your friends the first day of the year. Supper will be served at five o'clock.

Elim Church Services.

Prof. W. A. Knock has accepted a call to serve the Alvarado and Bloomer churches during Christmas. Services will be held as follows: In the Elim church next Sunday, Dec. 21, at 10:30 a. m. and at Bloomer 2:30 p. m. Service Christmas morning at 5:30 in the Elim church. Children's festival in Bloomer in the evening of Christmas day. Further announcements later.

BUY RED CROSS CHRISTMAS SEALS.

A popular method of raising funds for waging the warfare against the dread disease tuberculosis is the sale of Red Cross Christmas seals. We are informed that these seals will be offered for sale in Warren this year as usual. Mrs. A. L. Robinson, secretary of the county anti-tuberculosis association, having sent for a supply. The stamps will probably be sold at the stores and at the post office. All can aid in this great work by purchasing and attaching these stamps to their Christmas packages.