

STATE GRAB BAG

Mandan walloped Bismarck at base ball to the tune of 15 to 4.

Burling county has but one serious case on its criminal docket.

A blood clot has been removed from the lung of Vaughn Kaufman, the boy who was shot by a drunken rowdy at Bismarck July 4 and it is now thought the lad will recover.

The Baptists have let the contract for a fine church edifice at Bismarck.

Three men who made bogus nickels to play the slot machines got off with \$1 fine in United States district court.

Peter Quinn of Lakota was taken to the insane asylum at Jamestown for the third time.

The graduating address of James Mason of Jamestown, has been published in the Irish Standard of Minneapolis.

Lightning struck a house in Jamestown the other day. Just prior to that event, several gentlemen had gathered in Jamestown for the purpose of being struck by lightning.

A hall storm south of Eldridge did considerable damage to the crops.

The political hatchet has been buried in Ward county, says the Minot Reporter and that paper gives McGahan the credit.

The Minot Reporter is enlarging its plant, including a linotype.

The state embalming board will meet at Jamestown August 1. The date is considered late by some people.

At Minot, George Smith entered a plea of guilty to the charge of obtaining money under false pretenses just before his lawyer began his argument to the jury. He knew when to quit.

St. Thomas is to have a lecture course this winter.

Alfred Wedin, living near Taylor, fell from the running gear of his wagon and the wheel passed over his head crushing the skull.

The Griggs County Sentinel wants M. F. Hegge nominated again for governor on the democratic ticket.

Miss Agnes Carhart started to teach a term of school in Griggs county, but quit the first day.

The old Enterprise building at Reynolds is being converted into a German school building. The school will be open on Saturday's only.

Bathgate had a crowd of Gypsy fortune tellers who opened the future to many of the citizens. Editor Willson did not see himself in congress however.

Petitions are being circulated in Richland county asking to have the question of increased jurisdiction for the county court voted on at the coming election.

Richland county farmers are already up against the shortage of help proposition.

The outlook for a bumper crop about Leeds was never better.

The Leeds News says M. N. Johnson slopped over at the Jamestown convention.

The town of LaFollette in Ward county has been changed to Plaza, and certain people are charging it to politics.

Two men met death from gas in a well near Plaza. One of the men sent a boy who was in the well up the rope, and the man who had remained below before he was rescued.

A Plaza blind pigger barked when the people told him to move on.

A meeting of the Richland and Sargent county drainage commissioners met in Wahpeton to arrange for a joint ditch which will drain large tracts of land in southwestern Richland and southwestern Sargent counties.

The crop in vicinity of Minot is a spotted one. Reports are "good-fair-indifferent," varying as to land conditions at seeding time.

A lady member of the colored colony of Valley City left town somewhat suddenly and with her rent \$100 of other people's money.

A young wolf dug from its den in the western part of Stark county was brought to Jamestown, and the local owner of a bunch of wolf hounds bought the cub with which to give his dogs a little active work in the chase.

There is a movement among the candidates in Stark county who paid their fee in the recent primary election to test the constitutionality of the law. Each candidate is requested to contribute a dollar toward the fund to get the question before the court.

Work on the blind asylum is progressing slowly because of an inability on the part of the contractors to secure material.

Mrs. Rudenst, who lived with her son-in-law, Gust Jorstad, near Sharon, was found dead in the Shewen river last Friday evening near the M. E. church in Bonness. It was a clear case of suicide.

A number of farmers near St. Thomas have been testing the value of a blue vitriol solution sprayed on mustard in grain fields. They claim that where the spray is used the young mustard plants just in bud are killed, while no injury is done to the grain, but where the mustard is in full bloom the plants are not killed.

James Mackersie of Leeds, while waiting on the platform at Devils Lake, was crowded off and fell into the excavation made for the new depot, dislocating his shoulder and otherwise bruising him quite severely.

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From Dr. Alexander's admirable bulletin on the Principles and Practice of Horse Breeding, we take the following excerpts in regard to using grade stallions for sires.

"In the process of 'grading up' the first progeny, from the mating of a pure-bred sire and a native or 'scrub' mare, is a half-blood, the second cross one-quarter, the third, one-eighth, the fourth, one-sixteenth and the fifth, one-thirty-second. The fifth cross is shown to possess very little of the original blood of the native or scrub dam and it may have all or most of the breed characteristics of the sires used. In some instances less than five top-crosses of pure blood will be necessary to stamp upon the progeny the breed characteristics of the sires and, indeed, there are some cases where the colt of a native or scrub mare of good character looks almost, if not quite, as perfect in form and quality as his pure-bred sire.

This fact demonstrates the propensity of the sire that power which a pure-bred animal, from a long line of pure-bred sires and dams, has of transmitting to his progeny his breed characteristics and individual character, traits and quality, with a great degree of certainty. It is propensity of breed that makes it possible for an Aberdeen-Agus or Galloway polled, black bull to beget a large proportion of black, polled calves from different colored, horned, 'scrub' or native cows. It is this propensity that enables the individual bull or stallion to transmit not only his breed characteristics, but his individual excellence of form, propensity and character. Propensity of both breed and individual comes only from a long line of ancestry in the breeding of the individual animal. The grade, whether he has one cross or five crosses of pure blood in his veins, possesses propensity only in the degree to which he has been bred pure. That propensity is slight in the five-top-cross grade and practically nil in the one that has but one top-cross. For this reason, no matter how attractive may be the form, character, quality and disposition of a grade stallion, he is likely to lack both breed and individual propensity, hence his progeny will, as a rule, favor the 'scrub' side of his ancestry more than the pure-bred sire, seeing that the propensity of the 'scrub' is the stronger of the two elements. Further, it should be borne in mind that true grading-up can only be done by means of a pure-bred sire. The offspring of the grade sire with a grade female makes no ad-

vance in breeding. The resultant progeny is a grade, no higher and no lower than his parents as regards breeding. Nature sometimes creates what are termed 'sports'. Such animals are of phenomenal quality and character in one or another respect, but the superior qualities are not due to propensity of either breed or individual, hence their possessor cannot be depended upon to reproduce them in his progeny. A certain 'scrub' or grade stallion may, for example, develop unusual speed and by reason of it gain prizes on the race track, but if used for breeding purposes, his unique powers for speed are not transmitted to his foals, as they have not descended from a long line of ancestors noted for like speed. He lacks breed and individual propensity, and for that reason, should not be used for breeding purposes. Success in the breeding of fast horses comes from the mating of stallions and mares that come from families long noted for the possession of speed. Speed is an inherent possession of our trotting breed of horses and has come from selection and line breeding, with that feature in view, until propensity to produce speed qualifications in the progeny has become an inherent characteristic of the breed, as a whole, while certain families and individual animals possess this propensity to a greater degree than others. In all of our pure breeds of horses breed propensity is a fixed character to a greater or less degree, and, for that reason, pure-bred sires should be used. Grade sires, on the contrary, lack both breed and individual propensity and should, therefore, not be used for breeding purposes. There are exceptions to this rule, as there are to others, but as a general proposition, the use of grade sires for breeding purposes has been found detrimental and is not practiced in any county that has originated and perfected a breed of pure-blooded horses. It should be discontinued in Wisconsin, and not until this is accomplished can we possibly secure success in producing horses of the highest type and quality."

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