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### Autumn.

The autumn time has come  
On woods that dream of bloom.  
And over purple vines  
The low sun fainter shines.

The aster-flower is falling  
The hazel's gold is palling;  
Yet overhead more near  
The eternal stars appear!  
—John Greenleaf Whittier.

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Sleeper are guests from Mohall at the Dacotah.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. I. Wagner of Rolla are guests at the Dacotah.

Mrs. Willis K. Nash is entertaining her aunt, Mrs. McCraith of Grand Rapids, Mich.

Mrs. J. Kennedy is spending the week at Grafton the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Casey.

Mr. J. H. Matthews of the New York farm at Larimore, is at the Dacotah for a few days.

Mrs. John Bridenbaugh returned home Wednesday morning from an extended eastern trip.

Mrs. J. C. LeBeau went to Emerado this morning for a day with her brother, Mr. Vetch and his family.

Mrs. Oscar H. Phillips of Larimore, and her two daughters, Margorie and Marion, are the guests for the week of Mrs. F. W. Tibbals.

Mrs. A. B. Daughman and children, Ruth and Richard, returned home Monday evening from a six week's visit with her mother, Mrs. Longworth, at Peru, Illinois.

Mrs. Willis K. Joy gave a small but charming company Tuesday afternoon complimentary to Mrs. J. C. LeBeau. Four tables at cards were played and the prizes awarded to Mrs. D. W. Luke and Mrs. H. M. Wheeler.

Tomorrow afternoon Mrs. W. W. Fegan and Mrs. Carl C. Gowan will entertain complimentary to Mrs. LeBeau. On Saturday Mrs. C. J. Murphy will entertain and on Sunday Mrs. Robert McCoy will give a dinner in her honor, all in the nature of farewells before she leaves for her new home in South Dakota.

Today is the last day of the Episcopal ladies "Rummage Sale" or "Devil's Auction" as they have termed it, and a money maker it has proven for their efforts. The first day the receipts were something over one hundred and thirty-six dollars, the second over one hundred and today so far has been a banner one and will net them as much as the first.

Monday evening Mrs. O. J. Barnes entertained at cards complimentary to Mrs. J. C. LeBeau, who leaves the first of next week for her new home in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Ten tables were played at cards and the ladies prizes were won by Mrs. J. C. LeBeau and Mrs. Clifford, and the gentleman's

by Messrs. LeBeau and J. Walker Smith. Elegant refreshments were served.

Rev. Frank Hayes, who came here from Chicago to officiate at the Campbell-Bull nuptials, returned to his charge in the suburbs of Chicago last evening. Mr. Hayes was warmly welcomed by his many old friends here. He expresses himself pleased with his new charge and says they are very comfortably located as to parsonage, etc. Mrs. Hayes and Miss Catherine are pleased with their new home, but express a loneliness for old Grand Forks friends.

This morning with the leaving of Mrs. A. C. Rea and her daughters, Misses Hazel and Lillian to their new home at Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, Grand Forks loses another one of the old families so much identified with the early growth and prosperity of the city. Mrs. Rea's husband, the late Mr. Rea, came here with his family over twenty years ago and was well known throughout the state as "Rea the tea man." After his death some years ago the family continued their residence here until now. The girls have grown to womanhood here and have been great favorites socially and with their estimable mother will be much missed by a large circle of friends, who will miss with them to their new home regrets for their absence from here, but wishes for prosperity and happiness in their new home.

### A HOME AS AN INVESTMENT.

The home-owning spirit is becoming prevalent in Grand Forks. Men who had been paying rent for years and years have suddenly become impressed with the advantages of owning a home of their own. It is a good investment, if it did not have its other advantages.

As to its advantages as an investment, one case in Grand Forks can be cited as an illustration, though there are perhaps hundreds. A young man purchased a home on the first of January last. For years of his married life he had been scratching to meet the landlord on the first of each month. He bought his home on the installment plan, paying down a very small sum, and for the last nine months has been paying out about \$25 monthly on the installment notes. Altogether, counting the first payment and the monthly notes, he has paid out less than \$350.

Recently he has had more than one offer of \$500 for his equity in the place. In other words his \$350 has increased to \$500 in nine months and he has had his rent free.

It is duty a man owes to himself and his family to own a home, and it is about the only thing in life a man can figure on using and enjoying and still get his money back. A lot well bought in a good location and improved with a modern house of sensible architecture, even with assessments and

taxes to pay, is seldom sold at a loss to the owner, and when the pleasure of its use is added to the selling price most residences are sold at a decided profit. That which produces the most happiness and comfort is the thing to be first considered, and viewed in the light probably no investment pays better dividends than a home suitable to the income of its owner.

The spirit of home-buying is growing active in Grand Forks. It has affected all classes and conditions of men and the result is shown in the lively market for residence property.

One reason for this may be that people are "getting wise" to the fact that in no other city of prominence in the world is residence property so cheap as it is in this city. Another important factor is the good which improvement clubs and companies are doing in all sections of the city in beautifying the waste places and encouraging civic pride. When a man coming to a slovenly kept street sees a neighboring street improved and made attractive by its residents, he is apt to suggest the same plan to the house owners along his own thoroughfare, and the general result is of incalculable benefit to the city at large.

### NEW YORK FIRES.

Of the 7,750 fires in Manhattan, Bronx and Richmond reported in 1905 the causes of 2,681 were not ascertained, and these fires did \$4,716,277 of the total damage, which was estimated at \$5,271,955. In other words the authorities were able to learn the causes of the little blazes, but of the others they remain in ignorance. Only twenty-three fires, with a total loss of \$4,440, were put down to incendiarism, and fifty-seven persons were arrested for arson, some of them for crimes committed before the beginning of the year. The arson account shows that in the year eight persons were convicted and sentenced, two were convicted and released under suspension of sentence, and four pleaded guilty and were sentenced. Thirty-six persons accused of this crime were dismissed from custody by judges, three refused to indict, and one insane prisoner was committed to an asylum.

Carelessness in the use of matches was responsible for 757 fires, with a damage account of \$71,550. Heat from stoves, furnaces and steam pipes was charged with 444 fires, the losses from which amounted to \$90,325. Chimney fires and those caused by heat from defective flues are next on the list—in number 439. They did \$14,625 damage, or \$10,000 less than the 404 fires that were caused by carelessness in the use of cigars, cigarettes and pipes.

Defective insulation of electric apparatus caused seventy-five fires, doing \$72,812 damage. Only four fires were caused by the use of kerosene in stoves, and the damage done by them was put down as nothing. Two hundred and forty-four of the calls for the fire department were due to children playing with matches or fire, and the loss from this source was \$18,297.

The catalogue of causes includes such entries as these: "Alcohol, tar, pitch, gun, oil, paints, etc.; igniting woodwork, etc.; sparks or heat from bonfires, brush fires, rubbish fires, etc.; carelessness in the use of candles, tapers, etc.; combustion or explosion of chemicals; ignition of Christmas trees; fireworks; friction of machinery; sparks from machinery; negligence in fumigating; escaping and ignited illuminating gas; gaslight, in contact

with curtains, falling, upsetting, explosion of and heat from kerosene, gasoline, alcohol, lamps; lightning; slacking of lime; malicious mischief; matches, gnawed by rats or mice; sparks from chimneys, stoves, stovepipes, etc.; sparks from locomotives, engines, etc.; sparks from other fires; hot coals falling from stoves, furnaces, grates; spontaneous combustion of oily rags, etc.; carelessness in throwing frozen water and other pipes."

The fire marshals endeavor to learn the real cause of every fire. The police and firemen are called on to assist in this work. One explanation of the inability of the authorities to learn the causes of the great fires is the complete destruction of all evidence within the burned area. Only in small fires is it possible to make effective examination of the surroundings of the blaze. The great fires remain mysteries, and as long as they do it is impossible that a material reduction in the fire loss can be brought about.

### TRICKS OF SMUGGLERS.

Because the city of Paris exacts a duty of nearly 86 cents a quart on alcohol brought within its limits there has arisen a class of professional smugglers who resort to all manner of ingenious tricks to get the precious fluid past the officers at the barriers without paying duty. For several months smugglers disguised as stone-masons carried wooden beams through the gates without attracting the attention of the officers on guard. One day just as the last man of the squad passed the barrier with a cheery "Bonjour, comrades," he stumbled over a stone and fell headlong. Fearing that the man was hurt, an official darted forward to help him to his feet. The smuggler man jumped up and made off, leaving the beam behind him. Moreover, his companions took to their heels. The reason for their flight was soon plain. From one end of the beam there coaxed a thin stream of alcohol. The beam was hollow.

A successful type of smuggler is a smartly dressed man of leisure, under his spotless waistcoat and white shirt he carries an India rubber plaster brimful of alcohol. Sometimes the India rubber receptacle is replaced by one of tin. Even a tall silk hat has been used to conceal the heavily taxed fluid. A smuggler of the same class has been known to carry an innocent-looking portfolio which contained not papers but alcohol. A fashionably dressed woman has carried enough alcohol under her skirts to stock a small saloon. This class of smuggler is very difficult to catch.

Double-bottomed bottles and other vessels are common contrivances of smugglers. In order not to awaken suspicion they are usually filled with some beverage, beer or wine, and this is duly declared by the man in charge of the vehicle in which they are carried. At the present time, however, the officers are never deceived by the double-bottomed bottles nor, for that matter, by the hollow horse collar, which at one time was a favorite dodge of the alcohol smuggler.

During a period of over six months the customs employes at the various barriers of Paris saw two men pass before their eyes carrying a very fine funeral wreath. Naturally they never asked for duty on such an article as that. The wreath contained nearly forty quarts of alcohol. The smugglers took every precaution against discovery, never passing through the same barrier twice running, but the trick was discovered at last by an inquisitive officer.

## "Kid" Curry and Gang

Former Dakota Outlaws Declared to Be Holding Up Citizens of the Argentine Republic in the Same Old Way.

"Kid" Curry is alive and at his old practices. The New York Herald says Curry with three others of his kind, is holding up the Argentine republic. His present aides are Harry Longbaugh, alias "The Sun Dance Kid," Mrs. Harry Longbaugh, and "Butch" Cassidy. Harvey Logan ("Kid") Curry, Longbaugh and Cassidy have operated throughout the west. These men and Bill Caver, now dead, and Ben Kilpatrick, now in the Ohio penitentiary serving a term of 15 years, were for years active in Wyoming, Utah, Colorado and Montana.

It is generally believed that Cassidy died near the Hole-in-the-Wall country in Montana a few years ago and is buried there. The news furnished the New York Herald is that he is alive and as active as ever will be news, indeed, throughout the west. Those who remember "Kid" Curry and the others of Cassidy's "gang" will be also interested in learning that a few of them are still alive.

Under the heading, "Yankee Desperadoes are Holding Up the Argentine Republic," the New York Herald says Cassidy, Longbaugh, Mrs. Longbaugh and Harvey Logan have been performing startling stunts in the hold-up line in that country. One exploit was a hotel hold-up turned last March in Villa Mercedes, in the province of San Luis. While one of the horsemen watched outside the hotel entered the hotel office and secured between \$15,000 and \$20,000. One man covered the clerk on duty with a revolver while the other two gathered the loose cash and valuables. Before they had completed the work the manager of the hotel entered the office and, for his intrusion, was shot through the head. The three men then mounted their horses and the quartette was out of sight before the little town had recovered sufficiently to start after them.

Similar deeds have thrown the southern republic into a fit of fear and made the mysterious quartette several thousand dollars richer.

Color is added to this story by the announcement that one of the desperadoes is a woman, a pretty little woman, 26 years old, with a gracefully girlish figure, flashing eyes, regular features, brilliant white teeth and a mass of wavy hair. She is supposed to be Longbaugh's wife, but nothing is known of her pedigree or early life. It was she who held the horses in front of the Villa Mercedes hotel while her three companions performed the robbery work inside. She was dressed in men's clothes.

The authorities of the southern republic are greatly excited by the outrages being committed with persistent frequency by the quartette. In looking through old police documents they found a notification from the Pinkerton National Detective agency that a band of North American train and bank robbers had landed in Buenos Ayres in 1901 and had taken up a permanent residence in the remote interior. This gang comprised Cassidy, Longbaugh and the latter's wife. These were joined later by Harvey Logan. After touching at Buenos Ayres the original trio took a steamer for Bahia Blanca, and from this point proceeded to an inland point called Rawson. They then rode mules to an almost inaccessible table land in the province of Chibute. Here they are supposed to have made their home, raising cattle and farming. For reasons known to them alone they have again started their operations.

"Kid" Curry was reported killed by Pinkertons in the bad lands of this state over two years ago, but he has been seen by North Dakota or Montana men within six months.

should make currency loans to National banks in times of stringency, based upon commercial paper, to the extent of 75 per cent of such paper. This is no new proposal, but has for many years been advocated by leading bankers of the East. As a rule, the Western bankers oppose it. Mr. Cleveland's banking mouthpiece, Mr. Eckles, diligently urged this plan, and its merits and demerits were widely discussed toward the close of Cleveland's second administration. It is sufficient to say here that no more radical change than this would be ever proposed with regard to our currency for stock speculation in the money markets of the East dangle the imagination. It has been supposed that even the daring Mr. Morgan has never aimed any higher than the accumulation of a billion dollars. But if his masterly mind could have as its control the far-reaching agencies which this change would furnish, there is no reason why any limits should be set to his ambition, and a million billions might be soon gathered together in one colossal fortune by children of the present generation.

After a woman has been married about so long she becomes a dog in the manger: She does not care much for her husband herself, but she does not want anyone else to have him.

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A notable event of recent occurrence and a notable speech connected with it seems to have escaped the watchful eyes of the Eastern press correspondents. The annual meeting of the American Institute of Bank Clerks was held early in the present month at Atlantic City, and the secretary of the treasury, Mr. Shaw, was booked to deliver the principal speech of the occasion.

He was too busy, however, with the preparation of his reply to Mr. Bryan to attend, and sent a substitute in the person of Charles H. Treat, United States treasurer. It is tolerably certain that Mr. Treat did not air any of his individual views on such an occasion, and under such circumstances. The fact that he spoke as the representative of the Roosevelt administration gives large significance to his utterances, which would, under any circumstances, have been most interesting. His subject was currency matters, and the remedy which he proposed was that the government

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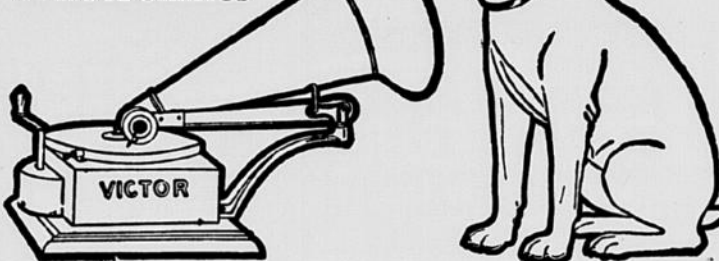
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