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JOURGEN OLSON, The Land Man,

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Now Don't You Tell Them

Chicago Catalogue House After Important Information--
Sending Out Letters to Farmers Thruot
The Country

Montgomery Ward & Co., the great catalogue firm of Chicago, is sending out the following letter to the farmers throughout the country. They are after information which the farmers will do well to keep to themselves, and the Independent hopes that there is not a farmer in Ward county, or in North Dakota, who will comply with their request. They are endeavoring to find out how much grain there is in the country in the hands of the farmers, which information "will be of great assistance to us and others who have not been able to secure an accurate report from your section of the state."

Here is the letter:
"Dear Sir: As there have been so many conflicting reports about the grain situation in your state, we are taking the liberty of writing you for definite information on the subject."

"It is very important that we keep in close touch with the general crop conditions of the country and we find that when we get information from our friends direct that it is accurate and dependable, so we are going to ask you kindly to fill in the blank below so that we may make up a set of figures that will be of great assistance to us and others who at present have not been able to secure an accurate report from your section of the state."

"We ask you to kindly fill out the blank spaces below and return this

letter in the stamped envelope that we enclose. Yours very truly,

Montgomery Ward & Co.
Information Blank.

"State—, town—, county—.

"Montgomery Ward & Co., Chicago:

"In response to above letter I submit the following figures which I believe will indicate the general crop conditions in this vicinity.

"My wheat crop this year was— bushels.

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"I have on hand unsold— bushels of wheat.

"I estimate that my neighbors raised this year about— bushels of wheat.

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"I estimate that there is in this vicinity— bushels of wheat on hand unsold.

Yours truly,

Why should the farmers of the country furnish a report of their business to the grain speculators or anyone else. Do you suppose Montgomery Ward would send you a report of their business? Not in a thousand years. They would consider it a piece of brazen impertinence for you to ask it, yet it would be no more impertinent for you to inquire into their private affairs than for them to inquire into your own and your neighbors' affairs.

Tell Montgomery to go to Hellen Hunt for his information.

Several years ago a Chicago man thought, and thought, and thought, and finally concluded that the best thing in sight was to start a morning newspaper. So he started the Chicago Chronicle. Result: it lost \$20,000 a month until it had eaten up a million and a half dollars. Then it suspended, and the scandal connected with its publication will be a Chicago wonder for years to come.

Mr. J. B. Bales, five miles east of Lansford has a fine grove of forest trees 1000 in number, also fruit trees including apple, plum and crab, gooseberries, currants and strawberries all growing and in good condition. He has been raising plenty

of s'rawberries for the past four years and his other fruits is now coming into bearing. This shows what can be accomplished on a North Dakota farm in the short space of five years.

C. K. Christiansen, a prominent Carpio merchant, was transacting business in this city Monday.

DECEMBER A WARM MONTH.

Only One Warmer so Far as Records Can be Obtained.

There has been but one warmer December than the last one so far as the records are obtainable. The mean temperature of the closing month of the year was 20. The average for December is 12. The warmest December ever known was 13 years ago, when the temperature averaged one degree higher than last month. The December of 1881 and 1889 were just the same as the past month.

December of 1906 averaged only 9 degrees—11 less than last. For 13 years the Decembers have been colder than in 1907, the warmest being in 1900, when the average was 16, or four less than this time.

The month was drier than usual, averaging 0.51 as against a general average of 0.72.

There were 11 clear days, 7 that were partly cloudy and 13 that were real cloudy.

The Banking Business.

We know little about it, excepting on the farm, and there we know it pays, and pays well. Bank up the henhouse good and high, and the hens will surely lay better for it. Bank the hogpen or house, if it is at all cold, and, our word for it, it will save feed and make pork. Throw a few loads of strawy manure clear up to the very eaves of the loosely built calfshead, and see if they do not do better within a week after it is done. A shivering, humped-up hen never lays, and it takes corn and lots of it to keep a shivering hog from actually losing flesh. When buildings are good and tight, painted, etc., this may not be needed, but many a cheap old shed or stable can be made by proper banking, more comfortable than a costly barn and this we can do without money.—The Dakota Farmer.

A farmer in Hurley township is reported to have shaven the hair from the tail of a splendid young colt and cut the hair from the tail of another horse for a young farmer neighbor. "This is a trick that the humane society could take up. If people have grievances against each other, taking spite out on a poor dumb animal is no way of squaring up old scores."

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ANSWER: No scare signs, no brag, good merchandise, prices always right for the quality, attention to customers, quick delivery. Nuff sed. You know the place.

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H. N. MIDTBO

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Minot, North Dakota

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This store has more than doubled its business among the farmers of this part of the state during the past year. There is a reason for it.

For one thing, we have advertised steadily and have advertised some low prices.

Smallwood's prices are always low as compared with those of other grocers. You remember when we opened our store in Minot. Groceries came down in other stores in consequence—but the other grocery stores have followed, while we have led—with our moderate prices.

We buy our groceries in such a way that we can still be the leader.

We take our discounts, sell only for cash and can discount the catalog houses on prices, quality of goods considered.

We pay the highest prices for all kinds of farm produce, such as butter, eggs, etc.

Smallwood's Cash Grocery

Where Everybody Trades

MINOT, N. D.