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THE WORM TURNS.

Like the proverbial worm that turns when it is trodden upon, the public unable any longer to endure the extortion of trusts, combinations and conspiracies, is turning against the excessively high price of living.

The public has been patient, so patient that speculators have taken advantage of it, and to every protest have laid the blame on short crops and the war.

But those same speculators have overdone the thing and the inevitable revolt has come. It is admitted that the shortage in crops naturally results in some increase in cost of living and that increase the public is willing to bear cheerfully. It is the artificial increase that galls, and besides there are big increases in some natural products that are not and cannot be affected by the war. Coal combines, packing house combines and other similar combines are at the bottom of it all, and it is against them the public is turning in ways that are practical.

In some cases the municipality is taking a hand. In Terre Haute, Ind., the mayor leased a mine and hired farmers to haul coal. That coal was sold at about one-half of the price charged by the combine and the almost immediate result was a tumble in prices. In some cities the people are boycotting eggs and other articles and the result is encouraging. But the public will have to keep everlastingly at it if permanent results are to be obtained. Men who willfully combine to extort from the public and so make the conditions of life almost unbearable have no conscience and only stern and practical measures can bring them to book.

It is sad to learn that the excessive prices charged in many cities for the necessities of life, are increasing sickness and mortality, and that there is a large increase in suicides due to the discouragement that has caused so many to lose hope. Men responsible for these evils should be criminally dealt with—they laugh at fines.

A SURE ROAD TO WEALTH.

There is one sure road to wealth. It is not a get-rich-quick scheme, no wildcat mining venture, no "war baby" speculation; it is simply a commonsense way of attaining a small fortune in a strictly legitimate way.

One dollar deposited in a savings bank each week for twenty years would amount to \$1,612.

Five dollars deposited each week for the same length of time would become \$8,000. The interest on this \$8,000 would be \$6 a week. Anyone following out this plan of weekly deposits of \$5 for twenty years could at the end of that period draw out of the bank \$6 each week as long as he lived and still leave to his wife and family, at his death, not only all he deposited but half as much more.

The young man of 20 who will save 27½ cents a day in a savings bank, paying 4 per cent compound interest, and keep up these payments or deposits, would have a fortune of \$29,000 which would pay interest of \$22 each week. This interest would be about ten times the amount each week.—American Magazine.

The Grand Forks Herald published an interesting account of a debate

held by the University students on the question, "Resolved, that the United States should adopt the Swiss military system." One of the members of the negative and winning team was Paul E. Shorb of Surrey, son of Mr. and Mrs. David M. Shorb. One of the members of the affirmative team was Howard Huston, former Surrey teacher, whose parents reside near Deering. The Independent is pleased to see two of our home boys taking a prominent part in the University affairs. Commenting on the debate the Herald says: "Fine delivery, strong argumentative ability and keen thinking characterized the work of the winning team. From their number was picked the first intercollegiate debater, Paul E. Shorb. Mr. Shorb is an experienced debater, having represented the University in the intercollegiate debates in 1914 and 1915."

The Independent wishes its readers a very Merry Christmas and there is no reason why we should not all celebrate the most joyful Yuletide season of our lives. While we regret that the greatest war in the world's history is still in progress, involving many nations and affecting us all, we should appreciate the fact that we are friendly to them all and in a position to extend to them the same Peace and Good Will our Savior wished for all mankind. And at this glad Christmas time, let's look around and see if we cannot do something in a material way for those less fortunate than ourselves. Then we will all have a very Merry Christmas.

"Courtesy" has been called one of the cheapest commodities in the world. It can be handed out at all times, and on every occasion, without the slightest loss to the dispenser. It ranks at the top of every successful business, and is the foundation of every financial and social success. Use a little more of it every day and see if it is not the greatest booster.

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VANDERWALKER

Jack Powell and Otto Schaumburg were Burlington visitors between trains last Thursday. What's the attraction, boys?

Mrs. Chas. Kirklie returned to Vanderwalker last Thursday after spending several days in the Magic City visiting her daughters, Edna and Thone, who are enrolled at the Normal school. During Mrs. Kirklie's absence Charlie made quite a success baching.

G. E. McClure of the Magic City has been in Tasker the past two weeks assisting in the store during the holiday rush. In the retailing business it takes "salve", George.

C. C. Brown, who has charge of the McClure store in Tasker, was in the Magic City on business several days the past week.

Henry Green, who has been employed on the Charles Scribner ranch the past year, has moved his family to Tasker and is now employed by the Dakota Coal company.

The Dakota Coal company is rapidly forging to the front and when the new slope is completed, under the able superintendency of Jack Wallace, it will be the largest producer of lignite coal and the best paying proposition in the state. It will be equipped with electric machinery and electrically lighted throughout. The coal taken out of the new air shaft burns good, Jack.

Louis Kaufman, in charge of Hotel de Tasker, and Wm. Kennison were entertained at the Bachelors Home in Vanderwalker last Thursday evening. Come again, boys.

Wm. Verzett of Tasker was a caller at the Bachelors' Home in Vandewalker last Friday. Good place to be entertained, Bill.

Adam Esser has been putting up ice the past week. That's right, Adam, we always like something cold on a hot day.

The writer has been busy the past few weeks trapping weasel, rounding up 22 of the inquisitive little fellows, which averaged 92 cents each, and 74 muskrats averaging 40 cents each. A large mink was out looking for me,



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IN ITS NEW HOME

The Officers and Directors of The Savings Loan and Trust Co. of Minot, N. D., take great pleasure in announcing to its Stockholders, Subscribers, Customers, and the Public in General, that it has moved from its former location in the Express Block to its new location in the Sons of Norway Building, on West Central Avenue.

A general invitation is extended to everyone to call and inspect the new Banking Rooms of the Company in its new location, being the west half of the main floor and basement underneath in the Sons of Norway Building. The new quarters have been splendidly equipped with NEW ALL HOME-MADE FIXTURES AND FURNITURE, at a saving of several hundred dollars. One of the strongest safes in the world and the largest money safe in the State of North Dakota has been installed on the main floor. The vault in the basement is to be used for the Safety Deposit Boxes.

The basement underneath the banking rooms has been transformed into COMFORTABLE CLUB ROOMS for the COMPANY'S STOCKHOLDERS AND SUBSCRIBERS and their families. Separate rooms are provided for ladies and children. Magazines, Books, Newspapers and Farm Journals will be furnished FREE.

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The names of ELEVEN MEMBERS who will form and serve as the FIRST BOARD OF DIRECTORS of the new institution, will be announced soon after the first of the year.

The names of SEVENTEEN MEMBERS to be chosen for the FIRST ADVISORY BOARD to the Board of Directors, will soon be announced.

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FRANK W. YOUNGMAN LAND CO.'S AD. 3.—Three more quarters near Lynch at school section terms and prices. —See the Frank W. Youngman Land Co.

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FRANK W. YOUNGMAN LAND CO.'S AD. 5.—We have a few customers that want nice little houses in Minot. What have you got to offer? —See the Frank W. Youngman Land Co.

FRANK W. YOUNGMAN LAND CO.'S AD. 6.—We have some nice garden lots and acre property for sale. See us for this kind of an investment. —See the Frank W. Youngman Land Co.

FRANK W. YOUNGMAN LAND CO.'S AD. 7.—We are headquarters also for inside business property. If you are looking for a real snap or any information, we will be glad to be of service to you.

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to have his hide stretched—it now measures 34 inches from tip to tip. Also ran down a jackrabbit, catching it alive (some sprinter) in the bottom of an air shaft. I thought I never could get that "low down" to "lift" a rabbit; after getting that low I found a hard job to climb that "straight and narrow ladder" but after reaching the top round the rabbit seemed to get new life, for by the noise it made it seemed to be trying to tell me of its troubles and how it "fell so low." I treated the rabbit "white" and sold it to C. C. Brown of Tasker, who shipped it to his little nieces and nephews in Illinois for Christmas.

The Ladies' Aid of Tasker gave an entertainment and basket social which netted them over \$47.00. The writer would suggest that the Ladies fix up a dozen extra baskets next time for Bachelors only—then let John buy. The writer didn't get any, cause there wasn't enough to go round."

A good time, Christmas tree program and dance at Tasker Christmas eve, Saturday, Dec. 23. Just forget everything else and come out and enjoy yourself for you will be a long time dead when you die.

O. F. Brooks of Minneapolis is now general manager of the Dakota Coal company's mine at Tasker.

Mrs. Chas. Scribner, Miss Ada Scribner, Sam McClure and sister of Minot attended the entertainment and basket social given by the Ladies' Aid at Tasker Saturday evening.

Miss Irene Schmerhaugh, principal of the Tasker schools, is to be given great credit for the efficient manner in which the children were trained. They surely fulfilled their part of the program nicely for children of their age. In the entertainment given by the La-

dies' Aid Saturday evening. Now for the new organ.

Jack Wallace, our newly appointed postmaster at Tasker, will begin his duties Jan. 1, 1917. Who is going to order the first sack of flour or potatoes by parcel post? Well, don't all order at the same time.

Pete Bryant has been in Minot several days the past week consulting an eye specialist.

Chas. Verzett returned Sunday after spending several days in Minot.

Why should the farmers be compelled to violate the state laws in order to protect their property? If the farmers cut a few trees on government land they are immediately prosecuted, so

why are beavers allowed to commit an offense that farmer would be punished for, in fact a farmer makes good use of the trees he would cut, whereas the beaver are cutting down the finest ash, poplar and shade trees for no useful purpose whatever. The writer has seen places along the river that looked worse than a European battle field. Here's hoping that the next legislature will repeal the above law.

Tommy Waldron is having great sport these days with a pair of wolf hounds and a pair of skis. That sure was a nice chase, Tommy. The dogs caught the rabbit below the hill and a couple of boys took the rabbit away from them, but Tommy kept right on going with the skis—or the skis with Tommy.

The McClure-Waldon Farm Co. has made the purchase of a full blooded Holstein bull. They intend to go into the Holstein cattle and dairy business.

Mrs. Clara Howe made a flying trip to the Magic City Monday.

Mr. Belnap was a Minot visitor on Monday.

John Longanecker and family took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Waldon on Sunday evening.

Mrs. Thomas Oliver was a visitor at the F. B. Waldon home Monday.

A. B. Dill and F. H. Peters, local life insurance agents are in Tasker on business.



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