

six weeks' summer school for the full term will warrant renewal of a first or second grade certificate, or the acceptance of standings above 85 per cent on an unexpired third grade certificate, when the holder of the same is writing for a new certificate. Attendance upon two consecutive summer schools of three weeks each will have the same recognition. In addition to this completion examinations will be offered in the various subjects, standings on which, if of sufficient grade, will be accepted by the Department for teacher's certificate.

The Department can see no good reason why the teachers of North Dakota should not respond handsomely to the call for better preparation. We sincerely trust that every teacher will feel it her duty to improve her qualifications through the agency of the summer schools, or, if not there, there can be no valid reason why the teacher should not do the work laid down by the Reading Circle Board, a prospectus of which will be issued in the very near future.

With best wishes for your work, I am,

Yours very truly,

—W. L. Stockwell,

Superintendent of Public Instruction.

### EMIL J. PEPKE MARRIED

Grand Forks, July 8.—At Sherwood on Wednesday last occurred the marriage of Miss Caroline Budke and Emil J. Pepke. The wedding took place at the home of the bride's parents and was a brilliant affair. The happy man in the case is well known in Grand Forks, and lived here for a short time. Mr. Pepke is better known over the state as Diamond Pepke, from some notoriety he received a few years ago on account of a pocketful of diamonds he owned. Previous to the Philippine war Emil lived at Grafton, and while there succeeded in making things unpleasant for a number of blind piggers against whom he secured information. He enlisted and went to Phippines with the North Dakota volunteers and took along with him a few hundred dollars he

had saved up. With this capital he developed into a loanbroker for a good many of the soldier boys in small amounts on which he received a good percentage. Incidentally he secured a small collection of diamonds, possibly in the way of unredeemed collateral security, and taking a fancy to the gems, he proceeded to secure others as he had opportunity at bargain prices. As a result when the war was over and the voyage home as well, Emil had a valuable collections of gems all diamonds, but in many different forms. A little later he was showing his collection casually to a friend at his boarding house in the presence of a third party. Just about this time there was a large diamond robbery in Chicago, and in due time officials of the windy city learned that Emil, who did not have the regular appearance of a diamond broker, had been seen with a valuable collection of gems. A lively chase followed, unknowingly on the part of Mr. Pepke, who was finally captured, and in due time he established an alibi, but in doing so the fact came out that he had brought the gems home from the Philippines. The customs officers learned of this and the next chapter was the arrest of Mr. Pepke on the charge of smuggling the diamonds. A new complication followed, and it took the United States supreme court to decide finally that no duty was coming to Uncle Sam on goods imported from the Philippines. To keep up the interest Mr. Pepke brought suit against the government for damages.—Forum.

### GRIGGS AND EASTERN FOSTER COUNTIES.

Farmers Excursion to State Agricultural College, Fargo, July 17, 1905—  
Tickets, \$1.25.

Ten boys, fifteen to twenty years old, and some mothers and sisters, are wanted to brighten this trip. None but farmers and farmers people living on the farm are eligible—except members of the press.

This is not a junket but a pleasant outing of investigation and study. Those favored with