

THE FACTS!

Considerable talk is going the rounds that Geo. Iseminger has bought The Pioneer. This is wrong. He has not; as yet. It is true, we did make a deal; put it in writing; signed; sealed and witnessed; \$25 big iron dollars was up to bind the bargain. The contract called for SECURED notes for balance of the money not paid on Nov. 27. On that date Iseminger had his money up—but NO SECURITY for the two notes to be given, amounting to several hundred dollars. He said he could not get the SECURITY and he—Iseminger—called the deal off. He then wanted his money returned, which like a fool, we returned to him. This interview occurred in The Pioneer office in the presence of Frank Carpenter and E. H. Stevens.

In order to be fair and save further trouble, we adjourned to the Steele County Bank, where, after explaining the matter as is shown, to Cashier J. D. Brown, that Iseminger had called the deal off, we gave Iseminger back his money taking receipt for same. Then we went into McMahon Bros' law office and explained the same thing over again, in order to have witnesses that it was just that that way—and no other way. The hour of day was about 3 o'clock, Tuesday afternoon, Nov. 23. We then separated and each went about his business. At about 5 o'clock—or TWO HOURS LATER, Iseminger came into The Pioneer office and wanted us to call the deal on again—saying that he had secured J. J. Wamberg, G. A. Warner and John Klovstad, to sign the two notes. We answered him by saying that in as much as HE HIMSELF had called the deal off—had received back his money we would let that settle it. We have the highest regard for the gentlemen named as security, as they are perfectly good—but, as before stated, after the thing was "busted," we thought it best to allow it to remain "busted"—and we haven't changed our mind yet.

After supper of that same day, we met again by chance, and the question came up. We made this proposition, which Iseminger said he could not accept: We asked for so much cash in hand; then so much more cash January 1, 1898, the three men above named to go security for the amount. This would give them five weeks to raise the balance of the money. Then we would step down and out. But they would not do it. So there you are in possession of all the facts.

The only reason Iseminger could not buy The Pioneer, is told in two short words:

NO SECURITY.

Why is it that one or two men in Hope always want a change in The Pioneer every year or two—no matter who owns it, or who is at the helm? Why is it we ask?

The Pioneer will continue right along in the future as in the past—under the present management.