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All copies for advertising, local readers and notices of any kind must be sent in not later than Wednesday evening if to be inserted in the succeeding issue of each week.

The Jamestown Daily Capital under date of December 26 notes in it's Local News columns that "Editor Carl Lindh of The Courtenay Gazette left here this morning for St. Paul." Watcha givin' us Jesse? Strong tobacco? Read the exchanges, of your own county at least and note who is who and what. Didn't know we had the Soo railroad running through the northeastern corner of Stutsman county did you? Read the top of the editorial columns of the Courtenay Gazette which never had but one publisher and editor since the plant was purchased from George Farries. Mr. Lindh is the efficient main squeeze of the mechanical end of this establishment, beyond that his responsibility ends.

Criticisms are occasionally heard from readers of a newspaper regarding the inaccuracy of some certain article appearing in some issues of the publication. It appears to be assumed that a reporter for a newspaper takes his pencil and note book, gathers a number of notes on any certain happening that has or is about to transpire in that immediate vicinity and upon the return to his office spreads his feet under the two-by-four pine-wood desk and wilfully distorts the facts so that in reading the article, the opposite rather than the given facts are true. This may appear true in theory but is not true in fact. Why should a reporter and writer divert from the facts in the case? Any sane thinking person knows or should know that a newspaper man who makes his living by his chosen profession would not willingly or knowingly divert from the path of truthfulness and give to the public incidents of the day otherwise than according to the information given him.

True to the prevailing custom, we wish, not only our "patrons and friends," but, EVERYONE, a Happy and Prosperous New Year. The past year has not been the most prosperous one for the accumulation of riches. Many a farmer and business man possibly may have had sleepless nights devising ways and means to make a dollar do the work of ten. While in most cases they partially succeeded, in a few instances partial failure has and is still staring them in the face. However, on the whole, the people of this great state of ours have been more fortunate than in the older and more congested localities in the east. We still have many things to be thankful for—that it might have been worse. With the usual optimistic spirit of the west the people have not lost hope for the future and wherever you go you may hear the tocsin of war against prerversity of fate and the earth to release it's riches and the ever hopeful cry of: "Prosperity and a bumper crop for 1912."

**KENSAL**

Miss Maude Lenz has gone to Belgrade, Minn for a two weeks visit with her parents.

Rev. Richardson has been holding Congregational services here for the past two Sundays and may remain permanently.

Frank Heany spent Christmas day with the McBride family at Wimbledon.

Morely T. Jones, night operator at the Soo, has been transferred to Buffalo, Minn., and Mr. Shurley of that place has taken up the work here.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilkinson and son Roy went to Valley City Sunday morning to spend Christmas with Mrs. Wilkinson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bootn.

Miss Laura Ferguson, who is attending a business school in Minneapolis came home Saturday morning to spend the Holidays with her parents.

Aurthur Erickson has resigned his place as day operator at the Soo station and is spending the holidays with his parents at Buffalo.

Robert Hunt, bookkeeper for the First National Bank is spending his vacation with friends at Colgate.

Geo. Berg went down to Courtenay Saturday evening to be at home for Christmas.

The Xmas exercises held in the I. O. O. F. hall proved quite a success. The children took their part nicely, rendering several songs and a number of recitations. The choir of the M. E. church sang three anthems and the girls of the High School sang two very pretty Christmas Carols. The trees were beautifully decorated and Old Santy was there in full force to deliver the presents and gladdened the hearts of the younger generation.

Bennie Jones is spending a part of his vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Jones. He will return to Fargo to continue his studies at the Dakota Business College after the holidays.

Miss Anna Croonquist came home from Northfield, Minn., Friday evening and will spend two weeks vacation here.

James and Tom Clancy are spending their weeks vacation at home. They attend the Sacred Heart Academy at Fargo.

John Blahma and Melvin Johnson are home from Fargo to spend the holidays with their parents. John is a student of the Sacred Heart Academy and Melvin of Aakers Business College.

John Harris returned from Montana the latter part of last week where he was attending to matters of business.

Inspector Chase of Fargo inspected the post office here Thursday and found everything in first class shape. He also instructed the postmaster in regard to the Postal Savings Bank which will be started on Jan. 2, 1912.

Miss Mary Councilman a popular young lady of this vicinity and Aurthur Burleson, son of Osmer Burleson one of Kensal's most respected citizen's, were married at home of the bride at Hannaford, on Xmas day. The young people will make their future home on the Osmer Burleson farm south of town. Their host of friends here wish them a long and happy life.

Miss Lena Burleson and Earnest went to Hannaford Saturday to attend to the wedding of their brother.

Mrs. Pasch and baby daughter arrived from Canada Friday and will visit for some time with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Radke.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Eaton left for Webb, Iowa the latter part of last week where they will make their future home.

Floyd House, teacher in the Frownfelter district is spending his vacation in Wahpeton.

Miss Alma Johnson of Fargo is spending her Holiday vacation with her sister, Mrs. Hilma Kolb and her host of friends which she has in Kensal.

A. E. Albaugh and family left the first of last week for Minnesota where they will visit for sometime with relatives.

Hugh Smith and family of Courtenay ate Christmas dinner at the J. R. Smith home.

Lary Gregg of Towner, N. D. was a guest at the Brewer home on Xmas night, returning to his work on Tuesday morning.

J. Cysewski and family spent Xmas with Mrs. Cysewski's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Gaffney at Jamestown.

Fred Edgeworth and A. D. Emery have returned to Jamestown.

**WEDDING BELLS ON CHRISTMAS DAY**

On Monday forenoon, at eleven o'clock, occurred the marriage of Miss Myrtle Eagles, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Eagles, one of Courtenay's popular young ladies, to Mr. Ali Lockwood, a prosperous young farmer of Valley City, who owns and operates a fine farm south of that city.

The ceremony was solemnized at the home of the bride's parents, only a few of the most intimate friends and relatives being present on the happy occasion. Immediately after the holy rites were read by Reverend J. W. Kingston, pastor of the Presbyterian church of this place, which pronounced the two happy young people as one, a sumptuous and elaborate wedding dinner was served which was especially prepared for the happy event.

W. M. Eagle assisted the groom during the ceremonies, while a sister of the groom, Miss Myrtle Lockwood, served as brides maid.

The newly wedded couple left on Tuesday evening's train for Valley City where they will make their residence for the future. The Gazette extends hearty congratulations and wishes the two young people a long and happy life in wedlock.

**Notice to Creditors**

In the Matter of the Estate of Ole J. Olson, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned Alfred J. Olson, late of the Village of Courtenay in the County of Stutsman and State of North Dakota, deceased, to the creditors of, and all persons having claims against, said deceased, to exhibit them with the necessary vouchers, within four months, after the first publication of this notice, to said Administrator at the office of Rollef Berg, in the Village of Courtenay, in said Stutsman County.

Dated December 7th A. D. 1911.

ALFRED J. OLSON,

Administrator.

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Knauf & Knauf, Attorneys for Administrator. 9-12

**TO CUT PUBLIC LAND PRICE**

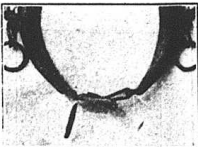
Hanna Presents Two Amendments to Aid Settlers.

Two bills proposing amendments to the public land laws have been presented by Representative Hanna of North Dakota.

One of them provides that entrymen seeking to perfect title to alternate reserved lands along the line of railroads within territory granted by any act of congress, and which are subject to commutation at the price of \$2.50 per acre, shall not be required to pay a greater price than \$1.20 an acre.

The other bill provides that public lands which have been classified as coal lands shall be subject to entry as agriculture land, title to the coal remaining with the United States.

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