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The Gazette has been sending out statements to subscribers in arrears, and while a large number have remitted, still a number have not. We don't like to be pounding you on the back for these small accounts, and we see no reason why we should continue to do so. You have been asked in a kind way to settle them, and you have, from all appearance, ignored the statements sent you. It takes a two cent stamp every time we mail you a statement and as we have mailed some of you several statements without results, we have come to the conclusion that other methods will have to be adopted, which may not prove pleasant. Your bill is small and for that reason some of you neglect it, and we feel your intentions are good, but intentions don't pay our bills with the paper houses. We are compelled to meet bills as they come due and in order to do this we depend on that little amount you owe. You must realize that 300 or 400 outstanding bills the size of yours will represent a large sum of money to an editor. If you and a few others were the only ones owing us we would not say anything about the account, but you are one among many and we have to include you. We don't want to be harsh with you about this little matter, but we must ask you to please read carefully and if you are included in the delinquent list, please come in or send in the amount you owe.

We wonder if the Commercial Club of Courtenay expects to rest in 1914 like they did in 1913. The club did not exert itself during the past year for the welfare of the town or community. There was one mighty good thing accomplished by the club during the year 1913, which proved a good thing for both the country and town people—a market day. After that the club was allowed to die. There is no need of meeting to elect officers and collect dues if nothing further is the aim. A good live commercial club can find plenty to do that will be of great benefit to the town if they care to do so, but if a meeting about twice a year is the aim, it is far better that a commercial club should die.

Jim Lake

(Too late for last week.)

Archie Hicks, Mrs. Hall and her mother, and Miss Lucy Hammersteadt and Otto Bartosh spent Saturday evening in Kensal.

F. L. Ferguson went to Kensal, Tuesday, to consult the doctor in regard to the injuries he received last week while spraying his chicken house with a gas spray, which in some manner exploded, some parts striking Mr. Ferguson in the face, cutting it quite severely. Dr. Longstreth was called. Mr. Ferguson is reported getting along as nicely as can be expected.

Will Bingham was a business caller in Kensal Tuesday.

John Councilman is doing. Mr.

Ferguson's chores while he is laid up.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Hammersteadt drove to Kensal, Saturday, remaining in the evening to attend the farewell party given in honor of Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Wilkenson, that eve.

Miss Bessie Bingham was most happily surprised last Sunday, when invited to spend the day at the Joseph Weber home. A number of her friends and school mates had been invited to the Weber home also to give the young lady a surprise on her 15th birthday anniversary. A pleasant afternoon was spent and Miss Bessie enjoyed the pleasure of being guest of honor besides receiving many gifts from her friends. A bountiful dinner was served by Mrs. Weber and daugh-

ters after which games and conundrums were enjoyed until evening when all departed for their different homes, each one happy that they had been one of the gathering and wishing Miss Bessie many returns of the happy event, which brought pleasure to all.

Miss Lucy Hammersteadt spent Sunday with her friend, Miss Clara Bartosh.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Forsberg were passengers to Valley City, Monday, where Mrs. Forsberg expects to enter the Plateau Hospital to undergo an operation.



KILL ALL WEEDS

Cultivate to Keep Down Weeds and Save Moisture—Leave Fall Growth for Winter Protection.

By EDWARD KLEBAUM, Egeland, N. D.

First, I look for well drained soil, free from alkali. From what little experience I have had, I would fall plow alfalfa ground at least eight inches deep. In the spring I would disk it two or three times so as to kill all weeds possible before sowing seed. Never set the disk very angling as this will allow it to go in too deep and loosen up the ground too far down. About the middle of May, sow the alfalfa seed broadcast and harrow down three or four times.

Keep stock off the first year. Clip the alfalfa and if the weeds have taken hold to any great extent leave the clippings right on the ground. My half acre which I sowed this spring is on ground that had been manured quite heavily in 1911 and spring of 1912 and it is very weedy, but I have clipped the patch off twice to keep down the weeds, and the alfalfa looks strong and some of it is in bloom. A sufficient stand must be left in the fall to catch the snow so as to keep it from winter killing. If the ground is high, a light dressing of manure containing lots of straw, will do the work. I tried this on a small patch that survived the drouth last summer, and it wintered fine. I hope to keep on trying until I can sow at least thirty or forty acres of it every year or two, as we must get dairy cows and stop raising so much wheat.

CUT TOO CLOSE

Believes Alfalfa Should Not Be Sown With Nurse Crop—Don't Pasture First Year.

By C. H. Peterson, Bisbee, N. D.
I seeded about half an acre of alfalfa some years ago. The second year I cut the first crop for hay; the second crop I left stand for seed. I cut it late and threshed it, but the seed I got did not amount to much. The biggest part of the alfalfa was, I now