

Erick Lundeen was a Spiritwood visitor on last Monday.

Merchant Clamp of this berg was a Jamestown caller on Tuesday last.

Mr. and Mrs. Brady have returned home after an extended visit with relatives in Canada.

Albert Dnnwell, Edgar Gordon and Wm. Price were Jamestown callers the last couple days of the week.

Will Price has bought a Maytag power washing machine. He undoubtedly believes either in making it easier for his wife or for himself.

Tuesday was an ideal spring day and lots of the snow on the roads disappeared and lots of grain was brought into town on that day. The price of wheat still stays about 75 cents. Everything is going up, except the price of wheat.

Ray L. Dorson unloaded a carload of ice on Tuesday and Wednesday last for the Spiritwood Mercantile Co. This ice was loaded out of the Cheyenne River at Valley City. The ice is clear and of an unusual thickness.

Mrs. Fred Dunwell and brother arrived home from Minnesota where the former has been visiting for quite a length of time. August Anderson will stay in this part of the country this summer and see how he likes North Dakota.

Ray L. Dorson was busy a couple of days this week driving for the railroad water prospectors. The N. P. railway is taking samples of water to analyze. They are contemplating putting in a water pump station wherever they can find suitable water for their locomotives. The men turned to Fargo after two days work but will return and will make a complete circle of the town in hopes of finding good water.

Everybody is up in arms in regard to the "fumigating" bills that have been sent out to the ones that were taken down with the small pox last summer. The bills have recently been sent out from the township clerk's office and those that have received them in town say that they are not going to pay them unless it is taken to court. The township officers claim that they allowed the bill at their last meeting and that the bills are legitimate. In one case a certain party was charged up with livery and expenses to a person living right in this berg and the man that did the work came on the train from Jamestown. Reports are out that in a different county where there were a great many more cases of the same disease and where the total of the bills run over \$800, the people refused to pay and it was taken care of by the county. If this was done at that place why should the people of Spiritwood and vicinity have to pay for it.

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Church services on next Sunday, Feb. 23rd. All are invited to attend.

Ashely Harrison has been busy for a day helping Theo. Price on his house.

Myron Ackermen has purchased a Fosston fanning mill to clean his grain this spring.

Mrs. Theo. Price returned home after an extended visit at Mandan, on Tuesday.

Otto Stuff has been busy draying the last couple of days before St. Valentines Day.

Miss Coleman, who teaches the primary department of our school here visited at home over Saturday and Sunday.

Archie Hopkin has purchased a No. 3 new superior fanning mill and intends making a good job of his grain cleaning this spring.

Born to Rev. and Mrs. Herbig of this place on Tuesday morning last, a little girl. All are doing fine and papa is wearing the smile that won't come off.

Quite a number of children have taken down with the measles and have to stay away from school. It is well to be careful these days and not be exposed more than is necessary.

The business men of the town are getting ready for the spring and lots of new goods are arriving daily. All indications point to a large business for the spring and all are happy.

Mr. Canfield of the Hall-Canfield Stove Co. of Fargo called on the local trade here on Tuesday evening. He is selling what remains of the Hall-Robinson Hardware Co's., stock in connection with the stove business.

Myron Sisson has purchased a binder engine and intends using it for use on the wash machine and when harvest comes he intends putting it on his 12 foot Deering binder and taking some of the draft off the horses.

Fred Fried arrived home on Monday noon after having spent nearly two weeks in Fargo and the twin cities. He saw the Minneapolis auto show while in Minneapolis and says it was one of the finest shows that he ever witnessed. He also stated that he met a number of people from this vicinity while in the cities.

**Rural Carrier Examination**

At Courtenay, Jamestown, Montpelier and Pingree, Stutsman County, N. D., Saturday, March 22.

The United States Civil Service Commission announces an examination on the date and at the places named above as a result of which it is expected to make certification to fill a vacancy in the position of rural carrier at Montpelier, and other vacancies as they may occur on rural

routes at post offices in the above named county, unless it is found to be in the interest of the service to fill the vacancy by reinstatement, transfer or promotion. The usual entrance salary for rural carriers is from \$600 to \$1,000 per annum.

Application Form 1341, and information concerning the requirements of the examination, can be secured from the secretary of the local examining board or the postmaster at any of the places named above, or from the U.S. Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C.

Cynical.



"Billy likes to be popular."  
"Sad!"  
"What's sad—that he likes to be popular?"  
"No; that he should never get what he likes."

Must Be John.



"How very absurd!"  
"When did John get home?"  
"John? Why do you ask that?"  
"I heard you say, 'How very absurd!'"

Almost every day illustrations are afforded of the marvelous ingenuity of the modern thief. Recently a couple of rogues nearly succeeded in extracting a valuable tie pin from the cravat of a man sitting between them in a music hall by means of an almost invisible horsehair stretching from the right hand of one thief to the left hand of his accomplice. The thieves by simultaneously raising their hands under the pretense of putting their pipes or cigarettes into their mouths tried, by pulling the horsehair taut, gradually to lift the victim's tie pin from its place. In this particular instance the trick was not successful, but it is often worked with advantage. If the pin falls to the ground unnoticed the thieves take the earliest opportunity of seizing it, or by a skillful manipulation of the horsehair the article may be made to slide down the almost invisible line right into the hand of one of the thieves.—London Tit-Bits.

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On my farm section 32, Kingsley township, one half mile north and one and one half mile west of Sutton, sixteen miles southwest of Binford, eighteen miles southwest of Cooperstown, and twenty miles northeast of Courtenay, on Friday, March 7. The following described personal property, to-wit:

- 33—Head of Horses—33
- One gray mare, in foal 9 years old, weight 1600.
- One gray horse, 10 years old, weight 1750.
- One gray mare, in foal, 6 years old, weight 1400.
- One gray horse, 9 years old, weight 1400.
- One gray mare, 12 years old, weight 1400.
- One span geldings, 9 and 12 weight 2800.
- One span geldings, 12 and 13, weight 2700.
- One span mare and gelding 9 and 12, weight 2850.
- One span mares, 9 and 11 years old weight 2700.
- One bay mare, 12 years old, weight 1100.
- One bay mare, 14 years old, weight 1450.

**17—Head of Grade Cattle—17**

Threshing machinery, farm implements, etc., one 30 h. p. Buffalo-Pitts steam engine, one 36x70 Avery separator, one 36x80 Avery separator, one 45 h. p. Hart-Parr gasoline engine, 7 binders, one 8 bottom John Deere engine plow, 7 gang plows, 3 spring tooth drags, 2 smoothing harrows, 1 packer, three 24-disc drills, four mowers, two rakes, one hay loader two 3-4 Old Hickory wagons with 125 bushel grain tank, five bundle wagons with racks, 7 set work harness, and many other articles.

Sale starts at ten o'clock sharp, lunch at 12 o'clock and free hay and feed for horses.

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Andrew Sinclair, clerk  
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