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A Crowd of Entertaining Dagoes in Our Midst

The Northern Pacific railway company has a gang of Dagoes at work on the John Moran section putting in new ties and rails and improving the road bed. The Dago gang always consist of some who are musically inclined, and who could render a good entertainment if they so desired.

Among the happy-go-lucky Dagoes mingling with us are to be found some very entertaining ones, who furnish music on different instruments and also some with sweet voices that would be highly pleasing to any music critic.

Our citizens are serenaded almost every evening up to a late hour by these Sons of Italy and their music can be heard for quite a distance, which draws the attention of all who love music and which is furnished free from their Hotel d'Box Car on a side track.

These favorite sons will be greatly missed when their work has been completed and they are pulled away to another siding, but while they are here we expect many evenings with music.

Will Soon Have a New Hotel

It hardly seems reasonable that a town the size of Spiritwood would be without a hotel, but such has been the case.

It has been very unsatisfactory for a stranger who had business to transact here to find, upon his arrival, that the town was not represented in the hotel line, and if he intended to sink his head in a nice soft pillow and have a feather bed for the rest of his body to rest in, with sufficient covering, it was up to him to hustle through with his business mission and hunt a hotel town, unless he was fortunate enough to have a friend living here who could help him secure such a place.

Things will be different in a short time, for O. K. Stuff has decided that a hotel should be in Spiritwood and has commenced erecting such a building, to be two stories and will be conveniently arranged to handle the wants of the traveling public as well as our own people.

This will be a welcomed addition to Spiritwood, and success will surely crown Mr. Stuff's efforts.

To the General Public

This issue is Volume 1, Number 1, of the Spiritwood Bugle, a paper to be published in connection with the Courtenay Gazette each week, and will contain all the live up-to-date news of your territory along with the news of Courtenay and territory, which will give to you one of the newest weekly papers that can be obtained and at the same time your community will be represented. We are going to make a special effort to get all the news of your territory and enlarge the paper when the occasion demands.

We have made special arrangements with Mr. Fred Dunwell, whom you all know, to act as editor for the Spiritwood Bugle. We consider ourselves very fortunate in giving Mr. Dunwell's services, as he is thoroughly capable of giving you a good newsy paper. Besides being its editor, he will have entire charge of the business end, doing the collecting, receiving subscriptions, job work, and attending to all the business of the Spiritwood Bugle.

We are mailing you this copy free; look it over carefully, and think what it means to have your community represented. The price of both papers will be but \$1.50 per year—only three (3) cents a week. You can pay one year in advance, six months in advance or 3 months in advance. We want you as one of our subscribers and make this liberal proposition to you in order to get you on our mailing list.

Talk this over with Mr. Dunwell and let him enter you as a subscriber, and we assure you you will receive a newspaper that you will appreciate. If you have any news of importance, let Mr. Dunwell know about it, which will be greatly appreciated.

In conclusion we want to ask you to co-operate with the editor and lend him whatever aid you can, and he will at all times be found a booster for your community.

New Grader and Ditcher

It is evident that the "town dads" of Spiritwood township don't intend to let anyone get the best of them in the way of good roads, and in order to put their roads in good shape, they recently sent in an order for a new elevated grader and ditcher of the Chamberlain pattern, manufactured at Hutchinson, Minn.

The new machine put in an appearance last Thursday, much to the good road enthusiasts' satisfaction. The roads around Spiritwood have been very poor, and any money spent on making good roads is money well spent and is one of the first things that should be considered in any community, as good roads will bring trade into a town where bad roads drives it away.

The town board is to be commended on the interest they are taking along this line and it is hoped that the good work continues and that the roads leading from here will compare with any in the state.

Gypsy Farmers Are Not With Us This Year

Our gypsy friends who own land around here and who in past years have farmed their land, will not be with us this year, they having rented their places to other parties.

These people have been spending their winters elsewhere, but would put in an appearance early each spring and work their land and they have been very successful. The gypsy is of a roving disposition and is not contented to remain long in one territory, but they have done remarkably well with their staying qualities in our community, but this year the traveling spirit seems to have entered their system, and as a result we are minus their presence. The farms are occupied and will be cropped as heretofore.

It is said that some have gone to California, some to Pennsylvania and others are scattered through the states telling fortunes, trading horses and selling different articles for a livelihood.

Local Happenings of the Week

Try an ad. in the Gazette

Farmers are busy planting corn now-days.

Theo. Price lost a valuable cow on Sunday last, it being struck and killed by No. 5 in the evening.

Alfred Jones has purchased a J.I. Case power drive corn planter from Rounseville & Doty of this place.

"Bert" Orange is shipping three carloads of rock up to McKinzie presumably to be used in railroad work by the N. P. Railway Co.

Fred Thomas has invested in a new comp planter. Fred is surely going after it in the right way and it won't be long till every farmer will do the same.

If you want a good razor strap, guaranteed to sharpen any old kind of a razor go to the Hardware on the north side of the track, they have them there, given out on trial.

C. I. Bruce, who recently came up from Iowa and is located on the east 1-2 of Sec. 13-139-62, has been laid up for a few days from a recent accident. He was leading two cows to water and in some way they tripped him and hurt him to some extent.

Anton Freid called on his son Thursday afternoon.

Mr. David Wilcox is putting in a restaurant in Eckelson.

Mr. Kokatt of Jamestown was a Spiritwood visitor on Tuesday the 14th.

Fred Dunwell is having a little carpenter work done on his house on Foster Ave.

Mr. Sherman of Tower City is here on business pertaining to his farm west of town.

"Billy" Hayes our genial banker has purchased a four-passenger Reo, automobile of Anton Freid & Son on Thursday last.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Knudson and children of Eckelson were here on Monday evening calling on the parents of Mrs. Knudson.

Mrs. G. E. Dunwell has been on the sick list for a week past is improving and has again taken up her school duties as teacher. She was absent a week.

Roundseville & Doty Hardware Co., of Spiritwood, have installed an American Gas Lighting system and are now enjoying it in their store buildin, which is quite an improvement.

Mrs. Thoms of Jamestown, was a caller here on the 13th.

Martin Graven visited at Valley City and Marion last Sunday.

Glenn G. Brown was a Jamestown visitor on Wednesday, the 15th.

\$1.50 a year brings you this paper. Talk it over with Mr. Dunwell.

Albert Weiss has had his windmill taken down and repaired on Monday last.

Herman Stoppelworth had a "Bee" on his farm on Monday the 13th, to help him with his sowing.

Del Haskins of Jamestown drove down on Monday after some seed which he has bought of Martin Graven.

Prayer meeting every Thursday night at 8 o'clock at the M. E. church. All are invited to attend if possible.

Martin Graven and Crearer Creighton were Streeter visitors on Sunday: They made the trip in the former's auto.

Nels Albin's erecting a fine large barn on his farm northwest of town which will be a credit to him and the community.

Farmers are getting pretty well along with their seedin in this part of the country, in spite of the continued fall of rain the past few weeks.

BORN—to Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Gossett on Saturday, May 11, a girl: Needless to say that Hiram is wearing the smile that won't come off.

When you want a good corn planter or cultivator get one at Rounseville & Doty's Hardware Co. place of business. These machines are worth more than you pay for them. Call and see them and you will be treated well.

E. W. Reidasch the new night operator at the depot has moved his household goods to Spiritwood and has begun settling down in the room in the depot. Mr. Reidasch is a congenial fellow and is well liked around town.

Anton Freid & Son have closed a deal with Martin Graven for a five-passenger 35-40 horse power Reo the Fifth. The Reo Cars are being built stronger and better now than ever, this accounts for the sale of them in this community.

Mr. Fox of Eckelson was a caller here Friday.

Miss Pearl Sidham was a Jamestown visitor on the 17th inst.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Knudson passed through town Friday on their way to their home in Eckelson.

Rounseville & Doty have sold four Iowa Dairy Cream Separators in the last week. The best is always the cheapest.

A. M. Hopkins has had his buildings roofed for lighting. Archie will feel safe now. The work was done by Fred Freid.

Mr. Chamhard, representing the firm of Minneapolis Iron Store Co., passed through our village on Monday morning and while here called on his trade. He is using a Ford three passenger Runabout instead of the trains to convey him.

GEORGE FITCH ON THE AUTOMOBILE.

George Fitch has been contributing some "Rag Time Essays" to the press recently, and we print that gentleman's essay on the automobile:

"The automobile is a rubber-tired cash separator which is being used largely to keep prosperous American citizens from worrying over how to invest their money.

"There are a great many varieties of cash separators, but the automobile is by far the best. It can go through an ordinary flush citizen in a very few months and leave very little cash in the tailings. In fact, its work is approached in thoroughness only by the private yacht, the society bug and the private school for girls.

"The automobile is driven by gasoline, assisted by water, oil, electricity, wind and gas, and sometimes horses and mules. Some drivers have also used brains with great success, but the supply is too limited to be generally adopted. If every automobile driver were equipped with a small set of brains we would have no more accidents which occur while a car is being driven about seventy-five miles an hour over the speed limit. An auto consists of an engine with 175 parts, connected by a clutch with ninety-five parts to a gear box with seventy five parts and then to a differential with fifty parts. When all of these parts are feeling well and are working together like the old guard Re-

publicans in New York, the automobile is said to be in good running order. However, if any individual part of an automobile is feeling convalescent and will not work at all, the man who wants to sell the machine to you second hand will solemnly swear that the machine will run like a watch.

"Automobiles come in all sizes; including the piker size, the family size, the bank director size and the fool size. A small car with only twelve condensed horses in it can be bought for \$350, and can be driven over the curb and into a tree as successfully as a big car which costs \$5,000 and has tires as fat as elephant's legs.

"Automobiles are now very carefully made and are entirely practicable, being used for hauling trunks, transporting passengers and getting rid of the idle rich. Automobiles are made which can run one hundred miles an hour, but, fortunately, others are made which can run two miles an hour and will stop when requested. Very few automobiles break down any more, but the number of owners who break up is steadily increasing. This is because the automobile is no longer a weird hobby, but a badge of prosperity, and a great many people are wearing the badge who can't afford to pay their dues.

"Automobiles are most costly now, because they are more reliable and also because hundreds of people are busy every day inventing new things to hang on them. Ten

years ago an automobile would go ten miles and then stop a month because of a 50-cent breakdown. But now an auto owner will go 200 miles, pay \$35 in fines, wear out \$50 worth of tires, eat \$10 worth of food, knock \$15 out of a \$40 buggy and neglect \$1,000 worth of business all in one day.

"The number of automobiles made in this country next year will approach 200,000. This will not supply one-fourth of the people who want them, but after the people who can afford them have bought there will be 100,000 left—and they will all be sold."

For Sale at a Bargain

A bargain in real estate is always a safe investment. I offer my half section farm, 2 miles north of Spiritwood, in one of the best localities, with a good house, barn granary, pasture, new windmill; 240 acres under cultivation, balance under fence and in hay. Will give half crop consisting of wheat, winter rye and barley, if taken by June 1st. Until that time half crop goes at same price, as will be later charged without. This farm is well located and you can make no mistake in buying as it will never be offered as cheap again. This is not a run down farm as it has been exceptionally well farmed for many years, and this year gives prospects of a bumper crop. Write to W. P. Hayes at Spiritwood, N. D.

Rounseville & Doty

Dealers in Grain, Lumber, Wood and Coal, Lime, Cement, Harness, Hardware, Machinery, Gas Engines, and in fact most any thing that you need is here

When in need of a corn planter or a corn cultivator call on us as we have famous J. I. Case goods the best in the world, remember also we have and can sell you at all times. When in need of a good cream separator, we can fit you out with our Iowa Dairy the closest skinner in the world.

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