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Local Happenings of the Week

P. E. Brown is threshing at the farm of Cal Blodgett at this writing.

Banker Hayes autoed over to Jamestown Sunday and spent the day with his parents.

The Leuck threshing machine is busy at the Aug. Marebke place, north of town.

The Stoaks and Bruce threshing rig commenced threshing operations on the L. B. Stoaks farm on last Tuesday.

The grain is rolling into town these days and it is all about dry now, and the elevators are all receiving their share of the golden grain.

John Dempsey of St. Peter, who has been with the St. Peter threshing crew for the past six weeks, was among those who left this section last week owing to the continued bad weather.

Rev. Merchant preached his farewell sermon here on Sunday, September 29th. He has given up the idea of attending the conference this year which is being held this week at Williston.

E. J. Clamp, one of our popular merchants has been on the sick list for the past two weeks with an attack of rheumatism. It has been about all he could do to navigate, but is now improving so he is able to get around more rapidly.

Ralph Melchert is running the Stoaks and Bruce threshing engine. Both Mrs. Bruce Mrs. Melchert are kept busy with the cooking, which is rather hard on them this year owing to the fact that they have no cook car.

Fred Newburg was a Gate City visitor on Sunday last, returning on Monday evening. He went for the purpose of rushing some flues for the Chas. Peterson engine. This is the second occurrence of the kind that has happened this year in getting repairs for threshing engines in that the parties that wanted them had to go to Fargo after them.

Advertise in the Gazette.

E. O. Nelson was a Jamestown visitor between trains on Wednesday of last week.

There will be no preaching services at the church next Sunday, but there will be Sunday school as usual.

Mrs. Carmack is visiting at the home of Mrs. E. Wynes for a few days. Mr. Carmack is engaged in running the Squire Bros. engine.

Squire Bros. threshed some barley for W. P. Hayes on last Thursday. This was the first grain threshed after the heavy rain and snow that recently visited us.

Ronnseville and Doty have received a car of Briquette coal. This is what is known as the smokes coal, made up into small bricks and is considered a fine coal for domestic use, and holds fire long after starting. It averages in price about the same as other coal.

Now that the threshing has commenced again, why not get in line and subscribe for the local paper. Help the town boost for itself—if you don't, who will? You can get the paper for the small sum of \$1.50 per year, and you get the news of the town every week.

Thos. Kane has decided that he would not rebuild his barn this fall owing to the lateness of the fall and has hauled lumber for a large shed to house his stock for the winter. He intends to build the barn in the spring and will use the shed he is now erecting for a machine shed.

Most of the threshing rigs commenced rolling again on Friday last, although the grain was a little soft. The farmers decided it was best to get at the threshing as there was no telling just how long the good weather was going to hold out. The weather up to the present time has been the best that could be wanted and none of the farmers are shirking their duties.

Met With Accident

Miss Hannah Johnson, daughter of J. A. Johnson, who resides north of town, had the misfortune to be thrown out of a buggy during a runaway on last Monday, and during the fall broke her left arm at the elbow. A call was sent in to Dr. DePuy of Jamestown, who arrived in a short time and set the injured member. While the injury is a painful one, nothing serious is anticipated.

Arthur Lueck, who was driving at the time of the accident, was also thrown to the ground and had his shoulder bruised, but was not otherwise hurt.

Lost Three Fingers

Verne Carlstrom, who has been working for William Price during the summer and lately employed on the separator for Mr. Price, met with an accident on Monday morning which caused the loss of three of his fingers. He was taking some strings out of the side of the feeder near some cog wheels, and in some unknown manner the glove which he was wearing at the time, became caught in the cogs and before he could realize just what was done, he had three fingers drawn into the cogs.

He was immediately taken to Jamestown where the injury was dressed. This is indeed hard luck and he has the sympathy of all. The injury is a painful one and will necessitate his being idle for some time.

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Chas. Mahoney was busy repairing Stoaks and Bruce engine Saturday.

A. L. Orange was a Gate City visitor one day last week. He went down for the purpose of securing another crew of men for a threshing rig.

William Price threshed one and a quarter days on the A. M. Hopkins farm north of town one day last week and then was forced to quit on account of the rain which visited this section on Saturday.

M. O. Ruud of this place and wife, were Jamestown callers on last Friday, returning on Saturday afternoon. Mr. Ruud is one of the county office seekers and we predict for him a landslide at the coming election.

Nido Adams and wife, of the dusky tribe who lives west of here, and son of Joe Adams, who is the owner of the Schlichter farm, left on Sunday for Sacramento, Calif., where they will spend the winter. His father remains here until after the crop is all harvested, and will then leave for the west.

TRAPPED BY CASH ON ROPE

"Black Hand" Writer's Scheme Falls to Fool Sleuths in New Jersey.

Trenton, N. J.—After being arrested as a "Black Hand" man, John Langan of Hackensack declared to the government inspectors that he got his idea of crime from the moving pictures. Langan was arrested for sending a "Black Hand" letter to John Banta, a wealthy farmer, living near Hackensack. He demanded \$500, under pain of death.

Banta turned the letter over to the government authorities and they set a trap for the writer. Banta was told to put the money under a specified tree, in a canvas bag to be placed there by Langan, and then the inspectors placed themselves in hiding to wait for Langan. The letter almost escaped, as he had cleverly rigged an aerial rope tramway, extending 200 feet from the tree to carry the money to him. The prisoner confessed.

PAY FOR ROAD IMPROVEMENT

In Many Instances Bonds Issued by Counties Sold at a Premium—Farmers Gain.

There is financial wisdom in footing county bonds for road improvement. In many cases these bonds sold at a premium and everybody interested gains a benefit.

In some southern states good roads bonds have brought a price so high that the premium has wiped out two or three years' interest on the principal.

In Bradley county, Tennessee, but a few years ago, the supervisors voted a bond issue of \$50,000. Those bonds bore interest at the rate of 6 per cent.

So enthusiastic were the citizens for road improvement and so much confidence did they have in the locality in which the bonds were sold, that the premium was \$20,000, the cash sales placing in the county treasury \$110,000.

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HAS \$22,100; WALKS STREETS

Thought to Be Aged Miner From California—Too Helpless to Answer Questions.

Chicago—After wandering helplessly around for hours, mystified and dazed by his surroundings, William H. Herndon, 75 years old, of Alameda, Cal., a human bank with \$22,000 in checks in his pockets, was taken in custody by the police the other day.

"Where am I?" he asked at the Park road railway station. "What is the name of this place?" He walked from one to another, weak and faltering.

Finally Policeman O'Connell, whose attention was called to him, asked the man where he was going. Herndon was too feeble to answer and looked ahead of him as if unmindful of any one's presence.

He was taken to the detention hospital, where his identity was learned through letters found in his pockets.

Besides the \$22,000 in checks, the miner had five bank books with him, which show deposits of more than \$5,000. There also was more than \$100 in cash in his pockets.

Herndon seemed little concerned about the amount of money he was carrying with him, and when questioned by the police was unable either to understand what was said to him or too helpless to make an answer.

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