

Local.

Wanted, at once, good girl. Mrs. G. C. KOYL.

We have improved farms for sale. **FIRST NATIONAL BANK.**

Ever charming, ever new, our China stock. **EVENSON & ALLEN.**

Mrs. Dr. Wells left on Monday for St. Paul, called there by the serious illness of her sister.

WANTED—Girl for general housework. Small family, good wages. Apply to Mrs. P. B. TRUBSHAW.

Attorney A. L. Lowden, of McHenry, was transacting business in the county seat of Griggs last Saturday.

Mrs. J. H. McDermott is enjoying a visit from her cousin, Miss Nelson who arrived from Minnesota a few days ago.

Mrs. Adolph Kelom, of Pleasantview, took the train at this place last Friday afternoon for Lakeville, Minn., where she will visit friends for two or three months.

The postoffice will be closed on Christmas and New Year's days with the exception of when the mail arrives at which time it will be distributed. No registry or money order business will be transacted in those days.

We can show you appropriate gifts for old and young, costing from a mere trifle up to as costly a present as you care to make. We are sure to make you happy with any price.

STRANDNESS & FURAS.

1 pound box Everharts chocolate bonbons 25c, 1 pound box Everharts chocolate bonbons 40c, 1 pound box fancy chocolate creams 45c, 1 pound box Bitter Sweets 30c. **BERG BROS & Co., The One Price Dept Store.**

DR. L. S. PLATOU, of Valley City, graduate of Christiania University, Norway, will be in Cooperstown Dec. 28th and 29th for the purpose of practicing his profession. Regular visits last Friday and Saturday of each month.

The town's experiencing a run of the mumps and the disease seems to be no respecter of persons, old and young alike getting them. The small-pox so prevalent last winter seems to have vanished entirely no cases being reported in this locality.

FOR SALE—The Bandy Gundersen house. This must be sold at once. Call on **T. E. WARNER.**

A farmer living not far from town brought in some butter last week and after trying every store in town was compelled to take his butter home unsold. It seems this farmer sent to Montgomery Ward for everything he bought and our grocers decided to let him sell Montgomery his butter—**Prairie du Chien Courier.**

Next Thursday is Christmas Day and the COURIER takes this opportunity of wishing its readers one and all a very Merry Xmas. So far as we are able to find out our people generally are getting along nicely, very little sickness or discomfort being prevalent to mar the festivity of Christmastide, for this if for no other we can all give thanks.

Christmas is right at hand. It is time to buy. Everything in season. **EVENSON & ALLEN.**

On Nov. 15 the Cooperstown Roller Mills changed hands. The new proprietors, Cussons Milling Co., are practical millers, having followed milling all their lives. They have put in new machinery and remodelled the mill and are now making flour excelled by none. Every sack guaranteed. Every one should give it a trial. For sale at all stores and the mill.

County Superintendent Clara Feiring had to have a dislocated bone in her wrist set last Sunday. This is the second operation as a result of her runaway, the first one being her elbow which was dislocated. The fact that it is her right arm that is giving her all this trouble is very inconvenient as she cannot write. She will be "laid up" from using the pen for seven or eight weeks.

Holiday shopping in full force at **BERG BROS. & Co.**

The postmaster desires to call the attention of the public to the fact that during few days prior to Christmas and New Year's that the amount of incoming and outgoing mail, especially packages and registered matter is double what it usually is and therefore the office force has double the work to do. It will be necessary to close the money order and registry window at least 30 minutes prior to making up the mail in order to get letters and packages properly registered. With the large amount of mail to handle and the short time allowed between the incoming and outgoing trains this will be necessary, therefore the public is asked to get their packages and registered matter in early and thus insure its going out on time. There certainly should be no trouble on the part of the townspeople in complying with this request as they are handy to the postoffice.

WANTED—Two girls at Palace Hotel. One for laundry work and one dish washer.

County commissioner elect O. S. Gundersen was down from Binford Saturday. He returned home on the limited.

Why wear the old watch any longer? Old watches mended cost little less than new before their end. **EVENSON & ALLEN.**

The three months old baby of Mr. and Mrs. Wade, of Binford, died Friday morning, after a brief illness. Lung trouble was the cause of death.

Go to **FIRST NATIONAL BANK** for real estate loans acceptable loans paid C. O. D.

T. Geo. Chowles, don't you know, has accepted a position with Stringer Bros., in the harness shop. George is a good fellow and a good workman and we are pleased that he is going to remain in Cooperstown.

Harry Ahern, who has been ably assisting Agent Payne at the depot for the past few months was let out of his job this week and will return east. Harry was very accommodating and we are sorry to see him go.

Carl Asmus and Daniel Asmus came down from Binford Saturday on county seat business—paying up taxes. Mr. Asmus favored us with a pleasant call also a subscription for both of which we return thanks. Call again.

Miss Anna Rothwell Stewart, National Y. Secretary of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union will address a union temperance meeting in the Baptist church, next Sunday evening Dec. 21st. The Y's and young people and also the public are cordially invited.

Bob and Eva McGinley, general all round specialty artists, played two nights here last week and met with fair audiences each night. Those who attended claim that the entertainment was as good as you could expect from two persons. Bob and Eva are good impersonators and can amuse you for a few hours, at least.

The moving picture fiend is making the rounds again showing the time-worn pictures of President McKinley's assassination, the Biddle Brothers of Pittsburg, etc. The new series are a reproduction of the eruption of Mount Pelee, taken by the artist while sitting on the crater of the volcano watching the fireworks. The pictures are said to be very real.

STRANDNESS & FURAS have got the goods and make the prices that will fill all the stockings and do it reasonable too.

B. A. Upton dropped in with a box of fine Perfectos cigars last Thursday morning and with a glad smile that made his face look like a barn door wide open, informed us that a fine little daughter was presented him by his wife that morning. The COURIER extends congratulations and hopes that the little lady will grow up to be a comfort to her parents.

Dr. Rose, resident dentist, Cooperstown, N. D., can be found in his office from now on until further notice. Office in Syverson's new building, upstairs.

Griggs Lodge No. 13, A. O. U. W. elected the following officers last Wednesday night: Erick Erickson, M. W.; John O. Oie, Foreman; Thos. Hare, Overseer; E. E. Downe, Recorder; J. E. Johnson, Financier; P. E. Nelson, Receiver; Al. Shue, Trustee. The lodge will meet Friday night to install officers and every member is requested to be present.

Good mixed candy 10c per pound. Best roasted Peanuts, 10c per pound at **BERG BROS. & Co., The One Price Dept Store.**

The town marshal got into a bad mix-up the other night trying to arrest a party in the opera house who was disturbing everybody else by his excessive noise. It is about time that that kind of business was suppressed as people who pay their money to enjoy the entertainment don't want to be disturbed by whiskey soaked fellows in the galleries. Now if the marshal would only arrest some of those fellows who stand around and help defy the law it would do them good, too. If Mr. Marquardt's ushers refuse to help preserve order let him fire them and get those who will.

Christmas is coming and don't forget that you will find a beautiful display of goods at **STRANDNESS & FURAS.**

The Congregational fair and oyster supper last Friday afternoon and evening was the most successful affair of its kind that these ladies have had for several years, there being a large attendance both at the fair and supper.

The ladies had many beautiful things for sale and they were gobbled up quick at good prices. The home-made candy table was a winner and brought in more clear money than any other department. The supper was par excellence as usual and everybody was well pleased. The total returns for the supper and fair was \$200 or a little over and the ladies will net at least \$150.

XMAS GOODS.

Solid South American silver wear cheap as plated goods, but will last a life time. A big line of

Finest Perfumes, Alums, Dolls, Fancy Goods, Clocks and Watches.

Laughlin's Celebrated Fountain Pens

Pianos, Organs, Guitars

and other instruments.

Music Cabinets and Furniture

A few first-class **SEWING MACHINES**

to be sold out at cost. **S. ALMKLOV.**

NOTICE—All persons are forbidden to empty ashes in the streets and alleys in the fire limits. They must provide tin or iron cans as provided by the ordinance. Violators of this ordinance will be dealt with according to law.

A. CHRISTIANSON, Town Marshal.

Pupils Final Examination.

The next Final Pupils Examination will be held in the Court House in Cooperstown, N. D., on December 18 and 19, 1902, commencing at nine o'clock a. m. The applicants should provide themselves with Foolscap paper pens and ink.

CLARA FEIRING, County Superintendent.

Notice to Banks.

Sealed proposals for the deposit of the funds of Griggs County, State of North Dakota, will be received at the office of the County Auditor up to January 5th, A. D. 1902, at 2 o'clock p. m. at which time said proposals will be opened and laid before the Board of County Commissioners.

Such proposals shall state in writing what rate of interest will be paid on the average daily balances during the month, interest to be paid monthly, on condition that such funds with accrued interest shall be held subject to draft at all times.

Such proposals shall be enclosed in sealed envelopes addressed to the County Auditor and marked "Proposal for deposit of County Funds."

Dated at Cooperstown this 15th day of December, A. D. 1902.

P. A. MELGARD, County Auditor.

EARLY CLOSING.

We, the undersigned merchants of Cooperstown, N. D., agree to close our respective places of business at the following hours during the season of 1903:

December 25th, 1902, to March 15, 1903 at 6 o'clock p. m.

March 15, 1903, to August 15, at 8 o'clock p. m. Saturday excepted.

Our respective places of business shall be open for business not later than 7:30 a. m.

Peter E. Nelson Thompson Bros., W. C. Jameson Evenson & Allen Whidden & Koyl Gust Olson John Syverson Berg Bros. & Co. Post-Office

Be the first by whom the new are tried. See our Xmas stock. **EVENSON & ALLEN.**

DR. FENNER'S KIDNEY and Backache CURE

All diseases of Kidneys, Bladder, Urinary Organs, Also Rheumatism, Backache, Heart Disease, Gravel, Dropsy, Female Troubles.

Don't become discouraged. There is a cure for you. If necessary write Dr. Fenner. He has spent a life time curing just such cases as yours. All consultations free.

"Dr. Fenner's Kidney and Backache Cure is the cause of my being alive to-day. I had suffered greatly of kidney disease for years and reduced in weight to 120 pounds. I now weigh 165 pounds."

W. H. MCGUGIN, Olive Furnace, O., Druggists, etc., Ask for Cook Book—Free.

ST. VITUS' DANCE Sure Cure. Circular, Dr. Fenner, Fredonia, N. Y.

For sale by **S. ALMKLOV**

We Have Started A

25c Bargain Table.

It will be crowded with goods specially adapted for

Children's Use.

If you are looking for Xmas presents for the Little Ones, you will find this collection of great assistance.

Whidden & Koyl.

French China in open stock

Our stock of JAPANESE CHINA offer many advantages to house keepers. You are enabled to buy just what you want now. Isn't it worth considering?

Finest Cut Glass.

Our stock of American cut glass is the finest, and is a direct importation from the cutters. Unexcelled for brilliancy of crystal, beauty of design and excellence of workmanship.

TEA SPOONS.

Warranted not to melt your pocketbook. Will last for years because they are best quality of

QUADRUPLE PLATE.

Watch Repairing

is our business, and we give careful, painstaking attention to it.

We give special attention to repairing of fine watches, the kind that need extra careful adjustment.

We try to have our work give satisfaction such as will win the confidence of all who leave their watch repairing with us.

We want you to feel that when you leave your watch with us for repair, the work will be done to the best of our ability and in a competent manner.

GOING OFF.

We have put the **Special Price** match to a variety of staple goods, and they are "going off" with a bang. You are invited to witness the price-explosion.

Burlington Route

Saint Louis and the South

Are conveniently and comfortably reached by our two trains a day.

The Limited, leaving Minneapolis at 7:25, St. Paul 8:00 p. m. daily, arrives in St. Louis the following afternoon. Combination Compartment and Standard Sleepers and Reclining Chair Cars.

The Scenic Express, leaving Minneapolis at 7:30, St. Paul 8:05 a. m., except Sunday, arrives in St. Louis early next morning. Sleeping Cars from Rock Island south.

This is the most direct route from Minneapolis and St. Paul to Clinton, Davenport, Rock Island and all Mississippi River cities. Passengers by either train make close connections with lines south, southeast and southwest in St. Louis Union Station.

ASK YOUR HOME AGT. FOR TICKETS VIA THE BURLINGTON.

A. C. Leslie, M. D.
Physician & Surgeon.
Graduate of McGill Medical College, Montreal, Canada.
HANNAFORD, - NORTH DAKOTA.

EVENSON & ALLEN.