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The great Graf has got a genuine case of swelled head. He has the mumps. But then there are others, Paul.

John Molmstead is again working for J. H. McDermott—and there are not very many better than John in working up harness.

The M. E. Sunday School will have a Christmas tree and entertainment on Wednesday evening, Dec. 24. Come if you can, but send the children anyway.

The early closing movement will go into effect next Thursday night. Our good housewives should bear this in mind as it might save them a little trouble.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Hamilton and family will move in to their new home in a few days. This is a model home, heated by furnace, and will no doubt furnish lots of comfort to that worthy family.

A very pretty church wedding took place in the Hauges Lutheran church in Ada, Minn., a week ago last night, when Rev. E. T. Silness of this city was married to Miss Regina Dyrud, of Ada. The church was profusely decorated for the occasion and as the wedding march was played on the organ the bridal party entered the church. The bridesmaids were Misses Lena and Ella Dyrud, sisters of the bride and the groomsmen were Anton Dyrud and M. Nelson from Ashland, Wis., a brother of the groom. Rev. J. Krozstad, pastor of the church made a brief address and read the marriage service from the Lutheran altar book. After the ceremony the bridal party and the guests went to the home of the bride's parents where congratulations were extended and a bounteous supper was prepared. The evening was spent in conversation and singing by the local church choir. Brief addresses were also made by the Revs. Krozstad and T. H. Larson. Many handsome gifts were received from friends. The happy couple arrived home last Tuesday and will go to housekeeping in the residence of Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Hansen.

**Libeling the Dead.**  
A wild rumor, that now seems to be impossible to trace up to its origin, has passed into general circulation to the effect that the late Mr. Norgard, of Milton, had, on his deathbed, confessed that he had committed a murder near Milton, a few years ago. The Rev. Dr. McDonald, of Grafton, communicated with the clergymen who attended Mr. Norgard during his last illness, and he has been assured that the aforesaid rumor is a tissue of falsehoods from first to last, and a vile slander on the deceased.

It is to be hoped that the papers that published the slander—having been misinformed—will also publish this correction, and thus to some extent redress the great wrong done to the many relatives and friends of the late Mr. Norgard.—Grafton News and Times.

### STATE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH DAKOTA.

#### Short Winter Course For Artisans.

If you are a carpenter, blacksmith or machinist, why not take advantage of the dull months to attend the winter course for artisans at your State University? The University offers facilities unexcelled by any institution in the west for instruction in the various branches of the artisan's trade. Following are some of the short courses offered this winter:

- (a) Mechanical Drawing; (b) Carpentry; (c) Pattern Making; (d) Blacksmithing; (e) Machine Shop Practice; (f) Machine Repairing; (g) Engine Running, Including Valve setting and Steam Engine Indicator Practice.

No examination required for entrance. Cost for the months' attendance need not exceed \$50.00. No better opportunity was ever offered for artisans to improve themselves along their special lines. The University offers more than 150 courses. Students in the artisans' course may elect any other work for which they are prepared. Winter term opens Jan. 6, 1903. For further information address,

WEBSTER MEERSFIELD, University, N. D.

**Notice of Final Proof—Land Office at Fargo, N. D., Dec. 6, 1902.**—Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final commutation proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before Oscar D. Purinton, clerk district court at Cooperstown, N. D., on January 10, 1903, viz:

GUY O. THOSTAD.  
H. E. No. 2465 for the southwest quarter of Section 14, in Township 148, N. of Range 59 W. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of said land, viz: Tom Treiman, Cooperstown, N. D., S. J. Tande, Thomas Olson, Lee, N. D., Ole T. Rossen, Jessie, N. D.  
C. C. SCHUYLER, Register.

**Notice of Final Proof—Land Office at Fargo, N. D., Nov. 29, 1902.**—Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final commutation proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before Oscar D. Purinton, clerk district court at Cooperstown, N. D., on Jan. 9, 1903, viz:

JOHANNES C. M. PEDERSEN,  
H. E. No. 2466, for the S. 1/4 of Sec. 10, in Twp. 144, N. of R. 54 W.  
He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of said land, viz: Jorgen Rasmussen, of Hannaford, N. D., Alex. Park, Andrew Paulson, Thomas Jorgenson, of Hope, N. D., C. C. SCHUYLER, Register.

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ERICK LARSON WATNE.  
H. E. No. 2467 for the S. 1/4 of section 12 in township 147, N. of range 60 W.  
He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of said land, viz: Tollet Tweed, Gilbert Olson, W. T. McCulloch, of Jessie, N. D., Nels P. Nelson, of Cooperstown, N. D., C. C. SCHUYLER, Register.

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JAMES E. SIKKELAIR.  
H. E. No. 2468 for the southeast quarter of Section 12, in Township 145, N. of Range 60 W. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of said land, viz: Fred Steinborn, Andrew Hanson, John Watne, Ole T. Edlund, of Cooperstown, N. D.  
C. C. SCHUYLER, Register.

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CHRISTIAN STEINBORN.  
H. E. No. 2469 for the Lot 7, of Section 6, in Twp. 145 N. of Range 59 W.  
He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of said land, viz: Carl Jan. Heran, Oscar Edward Neiberg, M. L. Bugtes, of Cooperstown, N. D.  
C. C. SCHUYLER, Register.

**Contest Notice.** Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office, Fargo, N. D., Oct. 31, 1902.—A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by Charles Schuyler, contestant, against homestead entry No. 23154 made Oct. 28th, 1902 for N. 1/4 of Sec. 32, Twp. 145 N. of R. 54 W. by Clyde Clelland, in which it is alleged that Clyde Clelland has wholly abandoned said tract; that he has changed his residence shortly after the date of said entry; that said tract is not settled upon or cultivated by said party as required by law; that said entryman has been absent from said land and from the neighborhood for eighteen months last past; that the only buildings on said tract are a shanty and a poorly built and without floor, which shanty was overturned by wind about April, 1902, has remained in that condition up to the date of making this affidavit; that the 25 acres of land broken by said entryman has not been cultivated by him for two years past; that such failure as alleged exists at the date of this affidavit; that said entryman's absence from said land is not caused by his employment in the army and navy of the U. S. Said parties are hereby notified to appear, respond and offer evidence touching said allegation, at 10 o'clock a. m. on Wednesday, Dec. 10th, 1902, before Oscar D. Purinton, clerk of the district court for Griggs county at Cooperstown, N. D. (and that final hearing will be held at 10 o'clock a. m. on Thursday, Dec. 17th, 1902, before the register and receiver at the United States Land Office at Fargo, N. D.). That said contestant, having in a proper affidavit filed Oct. 31, 1902, set forth facts which entitle him to the land, and in the absence of this notice cannot be made, it is hereby ordered and directed that notice be given by due and proper publication in Courier at Cooperstown, N. D.

C. C. SCHUYLER, Register.  
Wm. Glass, Agent. 11-5

### Notice of Chattel Mortgage Sale.

Default having been made in the condition of a Chattel Mortgage bearing date the 14th day of April 1900, executed and delivered by Emil Pusabek as mortgagor, to J. H. Shulr as mortgagee, as filed in the office of the Register of Deeds of the County of Griggs and State of North Dakota, on the 16th day of April 1900, at 10 o'clock a. m., and demand of the mortgagee, which was refused, and said mortgage having been duly assigned to Herman Hovel who is now the owner thereof, I have taken possession of the personal property described therein, to-wit:

- One (1) mare color black, with white stripe in forehead five (5) years old, weight about 1000 pounds named "Maggie." One (1) mare color bay, white star in forehead, seven (7) years old, weight about 1200 pounds, named "Mollie." One (1) mare, color gray, seven (7) years old, weight about 1100 pounds named "Mollie." One (1) mare, color bay, white star in forehead, eight (8) years old, weight about 900 pounds, named "Dand." One (1) bay horse, two (2) years old, weight about 800 pounds, named "Bird." One (1) gray horse, two (2) years old, weight about 800 pounds, named "Sig." One (1) roan horse, two (2) years old, weight about 800 pounds, named "Jim." One (1) increase above named. One (1) feed mill (French Bur make) all complete together with buildings 12 ft. x 24 ft., 8 ft. high situated in Binford, N. D.

The debt secured by said mortgage is \$175.00 with interest at 10 per cent. per annum from the 14th day of April 1900, of which amount the sum of \$162.50 is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, by reason of default having been made in the payment of the promissory notes as stipulated in and by said mortgage.

Notice is here by, that by virtue of the power in said Chattel Mortgage contained and in pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided, and by order of said Herman Hovel, I will sell at the place of Rhodes & Son's livery barn in Cooperstown, Griggs Co., N. D., the place designated by the county commissioners as Thinselstad & Borgerson livery barn and as one of the places of sale in said County on the 30th day of December, 1902, at 3 o'clock p. m., at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash, the said personal property, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the debt secured by said mortgage, and interest and reasonable expenses, unless the same is sooner redeemed as provided by law.

Dated at Cooperstown, N. D., this 10th day of December 1902.

J. C. THINGELSTAD.  
A. M. BALDWIN, Attorney for Assignee of Mortgage.

**Notice of Final Proof—Land Office at Fargo, N. D., Nov. 18, 1902.**—Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final commutation proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before Oscar D. Purinton, clerk district court at Cooperstown, N. D., on December 15, 1902, viz:

MARTIN NELSON.  
H. E. No. 22915 for the NW 1/4 of Sec. 14, in Twp. 144 N. of R. 54 W.  
He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of said lands, viz: Christ Martinson, Jorgen Rasmussen, of Hannaford, N. D., Thomas Jorgenson, Peter Christensen, of Hope, N. D.  
C. C. SCHUYLER, Register.

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McHenry	Ar 4:45 p. m.	De 2:00 p. m.
Lewis	De 4:15 p. m.	Ar 1:30 p. m.
Binford	De 4:15 p. m.	Ar 1:30 p. m.
Jesse	De 4:15 p. m.	Ar 1:30 p. m.
Lowe	De 4:15 p. m.	Ar 1:30 p. m.
Cooperstown	Ar 12:30 p. m.	De 1:30 p. m.
Shepard	De 12:30 p. m.	Ar 1:30 p. m.
Hannaford	De 1:00 p. m.	Ar 1:30 p. m.
Dazy	De 1:30 p. m.	Ar 1:30 p. m.
Rogers	De 1:30 p. m.	Ar 1:30 p. m.
Sandora	De 1:30 p. m.	Ar 1:30 p. m.

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No. 1 Passenger	1:30 p. m.
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