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WANTED—Two girls for laundry work. Address A. F. FINECH, Valley City, N. D.

Rev. T. J. Giblett returned from Wisconsin last Friday accompanied by his wife and son.

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THOMPSON BROS.

LOST—Between Ayrea's and Feiring's farm, on December 13th, one grey fur robe. Finder please leave at this office.

The telephone directory for January is out and shows a total list of 140 phones. Eight new ones were put in last month and Mr. Goff has several more in sight. As a first-class rustler and general good fellow A. Goff is a No. 1.

The subject of a lighting plant for the town does not seem to have awakened very much interest among the business men of the town. It is a matter of importance to everybody and we would very much like to have the matter discussed in a public way.

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.

A. M. Baldwin is at Bismarck and will remain until after the inaugural ball. Al was slated for a judiciary clerkship by the Young forces, which this district had joined, but the Baker faction won out and Mr. B. was left. The sixteenth district got into the wrong camp this time.

J. M. Boyles, of Fort Que Appelle, Canada, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Koyl this week. He is a brother of Mrs. Koyl. We understand that Mrs. Koyl will return with him when he leaves for home this week, also the children who will be put in a convent for the next year. Mrs. Koyl will undergo medical treatment and the length of her absence from home has not been determined.

Lillian Blackwell entertained sixteen of her young friends at her home on New Year's eve, at progressive finish. Just before twelve the games were put away and the dawn of 1903 found the young people seated around the table ready to partake of a dainty lunch. Maude Trubshaw and Ethel Sansburn tied for the prize on the finish games, the latter winning out on the draw. The party was given in honor of Miss Kathleen Crane.

DR. L. S. PLATOU, of Valley City, graduate of Christiania University, Norway, will be in Cooperstown Jan. 30th and 31st for the purpose of practicing his profession. Regular visits last Friday and Saturday of each month.

The Cooperstown orchestra furnished music for the opening of the new opera house at McHenry New Year's eve, and the boys report the occasion as a grand success. In writing it up the McHenry Tribune says that it is the only opera house on the line which shows that Bro. Lowden does not get away from home very often. We have a very neat opera house right at Cooperstown old man that we think will compare very favorably with that at McHenry.

Get into line and get an early chance on our Clothing Sale.

THOMPSON BROS.

The new county officers assumed the duties of their respective offices last Monday morning. There was only one change—that of sheriff. Jack Flynn qualifying and assuming the duties devolving upon this office. J. C. Thingstad will be deputy sheriff and will live in the court house basement while Flynn will continue to live in his house on Roberts avenue. Mr. Thingstad has made a very good sheriff during the four years he has held the office and he steps down and out carrying with him the good wishes of all.

Go to First National Bank for real estate loans acceptable loans paid C. O. D.

The board of county commissioners met Monday and the old board cleaned up what business came before it after which Chairman Joseph Buchheit, who has been a very able member of the board, stepped down and out and was succeeded by O. S. Gunderson of Binford. The new board organized by electing our townsman, C. J. Lucken chairman. The new member of the board is an experienced business man and will represent the county well. The retiring member, Mr. Buchheit, leaves the office with the hearty commendation of the taxpayers. He has been conservative and careful. We hope "Joe" will continue to make occasional visits to town as we are always glad to see his genial face.

Geo. Foss left Monday afternoon for a few days vacation in the twin cities.

Mrs. I. D. Allen returned last Saturday from a three weeks visit at her home at Glencoe, Minn.

Commissioner C. J. Lucken returned from a month's visit with friends in Minnesota last Monday.

Dr. Wells returned last Saturday very much improved in health. He has again taken up his practice.

FOR SALE—The Randy Gunderson house. This must be sold at once. Call on T. E. WARNER.

We were visited by a blizzard Tuesday the first of the season, and it was kind of good as it reminded us of old times.

FOR SALE—Large sized foot warmer. Just the thing for these cold days. Will sell cheap. Inquire at this office.

A. M. Baldwin returned home New Year's day from a trip into Montreal, Canada, in addition to visiting Chicago, Buffalo and other eastern cities.

Miss Mattie Ayrea who is attending the state normal school at Mayville returned to that city Monday, after enjoying a two weeks vacation at home.

The Sherrys were not greeted with a very large crowd at the Opera House last Wednesday evening. Those who were present say that for a two people show it was all right.

E. Marquardt closed down the restaurant end of his business on January 1st. He says he wants his family to take a well earned vacation for awhile, which is strictly the proper caper.

M. L. Reggies' team took a notion to run away Tuesday but as M. L. wasn't in the rig no great harm was done, excepting the smashing up of some of L. M. Summerville's barnyard furniture.

Lieut. Gov. Bartlett left last Thursday for Bismarck to get ready for the legislative session. Mr. Bartlett made a splendid presiding officer last session and will no doubt preside even better, if possible, the present session.

School opened Monday morning after the holiday vacation. The children enjoyed the time in attending parties, taking care of the mumps and various other pleasures that children usually fall heir to.

For the next two weeks we will accept an unlimited supply of hard coal on subscription. If you have no hard coal legal currency of the United States will be cheerfully accepted.

Our old friend O. M. Varnson came up from Valley City last Saturday to remain over Sunday visiting old friends. Mr. Varnson is doing very well at Valley City and is working up a very nice business.

Miss Ruth Blackwell entertained a few of her young friends at progressive crokinole last Friday evening. Miss Ethel Sansburn captured the prize. Refreshments were served and the little folks had a splendid good time.

Senator and Mrs. Maynard Crane left last Friday for Bismarck where they will spend the next two months while Mr. Crane attends to his legislative duties. Miss Kathleen left for Fargo the same day to spend a few days with friends before returning to school.

Butler & Upton recently shipped a thorough bred six months old Poland China boar to William Cullen, of Buffalo, N. D. This is the last they had in stock. Messrs. Butler & Upton are working up a nice business in thorough bred Shorthorn cattle and Poland-China hogs.

Fargo College has raised the \$150,000 necessary to secure Dr. D. K. Pearson's \$50,000. This splendid result has been achieved after years of toil and the college enters on a new era of prosperity and increased usefulness. The work of raising this endowment was begun by President Simmons who gave his life in the service of the State and the College. Dr. A. Beede did splendid work with President Simmons for more than a year. Later President Morley took the work up in the east and Field Secretary Shaw in the west. This fall Mr. Shaw called to his aid Revs. Gumblett, Griffith and Wiley, and the trustees, notably L. B. Hanna, R. H. Pollock, Geo. F. Perley and E. H. Stickney have given much time and work especially to the Fargo canvass. All have worked hard and the result shows the wisdom of the planning and the faithfulness of their work. The people of North Dakota and northern Minnesota have responded generously and Fargo has rallied to the support of the college as never before. This interest on this sum will go towards the payment of the running expenses and does not provide for the new buildings imperatively needed nor for the enlargement that the increased attendance will soon require. The attendance during the fall term has been 140. This number will be largely increased during the winter term that began Jan. 2nd.

**Reception.**

The members of Evergreen Lodge No. 8, Daughters of Rebekah tendered a reception to Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Moffatt, Mr. and Mrs. Rolla Reynolds and Mr. and Mrs. Arnt Olson last Saturday night in Odd Fellows hall. About one hundred guests had been invited and nearly all were present. The hall had been very nicely fitted up for the occasion by the ladies. The platform had been transformed into a parlor and overhanging the platform was a huge marriage bell and rope festoons running in various directions making a very pleasing effect. Underneath this bell the newly wedded couples greeted their friends and received congratulations. For a couple of hours the guests circulated around and enjoyed themselves while Miss Widlund presided at the piano and furnished excellent music. At 10:30 the guests repaired to the Fire Hall where a very nice banquet had been prepared for them. Neat menu and "toast" programs had been placed at each plate. The menu was as follows:

- Potato Salad.
- Roast Beef with Jelly.
- Olives.
- Bread and Butter.
- Chocolate Cake.
- Cheese.
- Sherbet.
- Roast Pork.
- Pickles.
- Nut Cake.
- Crackers.
- Nuts.
- Bon Bons.
- Coffee.

At intervals during the banquet the following "toasts" were responded to each one presenting what they had to say in a matter highly entertaining to those present.

**TOASTS.**

- Our Homes, REV. V. H. RURING.
- Marriage Relations, REV. O. D. PURINTON.
- Our Sweethearts, Wives and Mothers, BENJAMIN TUFFE.
- The Duties of Wives to the Husband, M. C. SPIGER.
- The Duties of Husband to the Wife, T. E. WARNER.
- Our Lodge, MISS GRACE HOUGHTON.
- Miss May Retzlaff, officiated as toastmaster. The party broke up at 11:50 each one congratulating the ladies on the success of their reception and banquet. To those for whose benefit the affair was gotten up, we have no hesitancy in saying that it will be a red letter day in their lives that they will always remember with pleasure. The affair was very successful in every particular and demonstrates that the Rebekahs know how to carry out a program to a successful termination.

**Card of Thanks.**

We wish to express our most sincere and heartfelt thankfulness for the many kindnesses shown us during the illness of our little son whom it has pleased God to remove.

MR. AND MRS. L. M. SUMMERVILLE.

**Taken Up.**

Came to my enclosure Dec. 1st 1902, one red yearling heifer, star in face. Owner please call and get same, pay charges, etc.

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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.

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There is a deal of money saving here now on all winter goods. This sale will commence January 7 and last until February 1st.

Ladies cloaks and Jackets.

The well known Palmer garments—and all are the late styles.

	89.00	this sale	85.75
	13.00		12.00
	13.50		8.55
	5.50		3.95
	13.75		8.90
	12.50		8.10
	12.00		7.95
	18.50		12.45
	17.00		11.05
	18.00		11.88
	6.25		4.17
	8.50		6.30
	9.00		6.66
	17.50		11.60
	19.00		14.35
	24.00		17.40

All remnants of dress goods, flannelettes, table linens, outing flannels, etc., sold at a big discount. All prints and calico, price 6, 7 and 8c per yard, this sale 5c per yard

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