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BY ORDER OF
STEVENS & CO.

A HEART TO HEART TALK.

ON ACCOUNT of the low prices we are forced to sell this stock as we find it necessary to sell entire stock in order to obtain the amount of money required to adjust matters, so now it is a settled fact that entire stock must be sold, regardless of cost, price or value, and in order to do this quickly the mediators in charge have been instructed to make a still deeper cut on every remaining article in store. This means a still greater saving for you and the many hundreds who have supplied their needs for a year during the first great rush will be justified in driving many miles, leaving no matter what kind of work to take advantage of this last opportunity and load up for still another year. Money saved is money earned and it is the duty of every head of a family to make money for them. The stock of C. T. Whidden, the popular merchant, is on the market almost at the mercy of the buyers. His great loss is to be your gain and we are quite sure that this presents to you an opportunity of a life-

C. T. WHIDDEN'S

Entire stock in Cooperstown, N. D., in the hands of

Stevens & Co

of Chicago, Ill.

Doors now open. Sales begins daily at 8 a. m.

time if you are good managers and care to consult the interests of yourself and family. What you save in clothes will buy your dear wife and daughter many useful things. Visit some of your neighbors who have been to this sale already and hear what they have to say. Just give this matter the consideration due it and respond for your second load and if there is a man living within driving distance who has failed to visit this great sale as yet it is his duty to investigate if nothing more. See what we have done to the stock this time and the prices will do the rest. We endeavor to lay this matter before you as plain as possible in order that some of the more skeptical ones will not be left behind during the rush which is pouring in from all directions for 20 miles around. So join the throngs of merry shoppers and let your eyes be your judge, your pocketbook your guide, and your money the last thing to part with unless you spend at C. T. Whidden's store during this slaughter sale of his stock.

Respectfully yours,
Stevens & Co., Chicago.

H. B. CHRISTENSEN, Representative.

Doors are still open and the mediator in charge has decided that it will be necessary to sell the entire stock to adjust matters and a still deeper cut is being made in prices to suit the crowds who fill the store daily. If you wish to visit this sale rush in at once for hundreds of dollars worth of goods are being carried away every day and there will soon be an end to this \$30,000 stock.

The New Cut in Prices Begins with February 14th

AND WILL CONTINUE IN FORCE.

A Local.

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

Have you seen these new Ladies Shirt Waists for spring and summer at **Beas & Co.**

At the annual meeting of the directors of the State Bank of Cooperstown the same officers were re-elected, viz: John Syverson, president; C. J. Lucken, vice-president; A. Garborg, cashier. Harry St. John was elected assistant cashier. The conditions of the bank was found to be prosperous and the directors were well pleased with the showing made.

DR. L. S. PLATOU, of Valley City, graduate of Christiania University, Norway, will be in Cooperstown Feb. 27th and 28th for the purpose of practicing his profession. Regular visits last Friday and Saturday of each month.

At a meeting of the county commissioners Tuesday, Howard Willson tendered his resignation as a member of the board on account of his moving into Barnes county. Mr. Willson has made a valuable member of the board and we are sorry to see him step down and out. John B. Armstrong of Hannaford, was appointed to fill the vacancy until the next general election. He is a first class man for the position and will doubtless well represent his district.

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.

Mrs. S. A. Lewis entertained at progressive finch last Thursday afternoon at her home. The score cards were cut in odd shapes, each guest finding their partner by putting the cards together. Five games were played. Mrs. Spicer won first prize, which was a beautiful china bowl. Mrs. Whidden drew the consolation prize. After this slips of paper were pinned on the back of each guest on which were written the names of persons, each to find out whom they were by asking questions concerning their life, character, etc. A dainty luncheon was served to thirty-four guests. Miss Althea Hagerty and Mrs. Frank Haskell assisted the hostess.

Next Saturday is St. Valentine's day. so look out for chromos.

Good improved farms to rent.
IOWA-N. D. LAND CO.

Miss Geneva Warner, of Valley City, was visiting friends in town last week.

John Moffatt and crew are building a machinery warehouse for a Mr. Nelson at Dazey.

Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Phipps, of McHenry, were in town the latter part of last week.

Miss Althea Hagerty is spending a week at Dazey visiting friends. She left last Saturday.

The **Jolly Twenty Club** gave another of their social dances in the K. P. hall last Friday night, and, as usual, it was a great success.

An eminent German clairvoyant, who can read the past, present and future, was in the city recently raking in the shekels. Quite a few had their fortunes told.

John F. Johnson dropped in and advanced his subscription one year and now he thinks the rest of the delinquents ought to do the same—which is a sentiment we heartily endorse.

Mrs. O. A. Beeman and **Mrs. M. E. Runyon**, of Valley City, were the guests of Mrs. S. A. Lewis the latter part of last week, attending the party. Mrs. Runyon is Mrs. Lewis' daughter.

WANTED—Teams to haul flax straw.
IOWA-N. D. LAND CO.

Flax straw is coming in at a lively rate for the flax mill. Over fifty tons was brought in Friday and Saturday. This business will put quite a few dollars into circulation among the farmers.

Flax straw is coming in at a lively rate these days and it does beat all where it all comes from. A farmer can now bring in a load of straw and take out a load of lignite—which helps quite a little.

Mrs. J. B. Hinds entertained at progressive whist last Thursday evening, twenty-four being present. E. W. Blackwell captured the prize. A lunch was served and a pleasant time is the general report.

Jack Murphy, who now lives in the city of Carrington and holds down a good job there, was in town two or three days of last week visiting friends—and he has lots of them. He returned home Saturday.

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

Mrs. G. M. Tipton has purchased lots in town and will build a good residence thereon. The prospects for considerable building in town this coming spring and summer are good.

We call the attention of our readers to the ad. of **W. S. Hyde** which appears in another column. If such prices can be legitimately paid by the elevator companies at Hannaford they can be at Cooperstown.

Western Houghton returned last week from an extended visit to his old home at Port Huron, Mich. He enjoyed the visit very much but is nevertheless glad to get back to the bracing air of North Dakota.

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

Knud Thompson left on Thursday last for Omaha where he will join a colony of immigrants that are coming out to the western part of North Dakota. Knud is a rustler and does not let any opportunity slip by to get into the game.

Chas. Burseth, of Warren, Minn., who is largely interested in the State Bank, will move to Cooperstown in the near future and will become a permanent citizen. Mr. Burseth will be a welcome addition to the business circles of the town.

DR. RIESLAND the celebrated eye specialist who has made regular visits to all our North Dakota towns for many years will be at the **Palace Hotel**, from February 27 until noon March 2nd. Remember he grinds all glasses right here and guarantees all work. Consultation free.

We have improved farms for sale.
FIRST NATIONAL BANK.

Messrs Rowe & Barr, who have just completed putting in a hot water plant for the **Courier** editor, left Wednesday for their home at Mayville. These gentlemen are expecting to secure several other contracts here in the near future. They are a nice firm to do business with and guarantee satisfaction.

The **North Dakota** editors left Wednesday of this week for a three weeks jaunt out to the Pacific Coast as far as California. They also go to Utah to see if **Apostle Smoot**, recently elected to the United States senate, is entitled to take his seat. Editor Taylor

Stock Food for sale at **EVENSON & ALLYN**.

Don't forget to come and take in the **Yeomans' ball** at the Opera House, Friday, Feb. 20.

There will be service in the Lutheran church next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and English service in the evening at 7:30.

of La Moure, is chairman of the committee on polygamy for the editors. The boys will have a fine time and the **Courier** editor is sorry that he was not in a position to take in the trip.

A new real estate and loan firm starts in business in Kensal this week. **C. E. Richardson**, who is well known in this part of the county, in company with **T. E. Warner** and **M. C. Spicer**, of Cooperstown, have established the business, the firm name being the **Northwestern Land and Loan Co.** They will do a general real estate, insurance, collection, loan and legal business in Stutsman, Foster and Griggs counties. The Journal wishes the new firm all success.—**State Journal**.

Two meetings were held at the Fire Hall last Friday evening to discuss the question of a lighting plant and a new schoolhouse. **S. Sansburn** presided over the meetings while **T. E. Warner** officiated as secretary. The lighting proposition came up first and it seemed as if there were about several hundred different ideas as to what the town wanted and all kinds of motions were fired at the chairman. Finally a motion was made that the town put in a lighting system, but this was voted down strong. Then the question as to whether the town should grant a franchise came up and after some sparring a motion was finally carried that the town grant a franchise but before doing so all applications for franchise be laid before a citizens meeting before official action be taken. This settled the light proposition and the all important subject of a new schoolhouse was taken up and it was the unanimous sentiment that we should get a new building if possible. It was decided to draft a bill and send to our representatives in the legislature to give us authority to raise the bonded limit, so that we could get sufficient funds to build and a committee of three consisting of **T. E. Warner**, **P. A. Melgard** and **John Syverson** was appointed to draft the bill. It is to be hoped that this bill can be passed as we certainly need a school building and need it bad.

Hannaford.

A dance was held at **Joe Hoggarth's** last Friday evening.

The **G. W. elevator** at **Walhum** is closed—lack of business.

Alex. McLaren has returned from a brief sojourn in the woods.

Hirman Guest is one of those who have required land in the Canadian northwest.

The weather clerk is doing a great deal this winter to help us out on the question of fuel.

A. J. Anderson brought in 125 bu. of wheat on sleighs Monday. Not a bad load for a 15 mile trip.

Why is it that every day someone remarks: "I see you have the other side of your face shaved." Don't understand it.

Mrs. Hughes and **Miss Williams**, wife and sister of **Mr. Hughes** came in Monday's train. They will keep house in **Miss Fjelstads'** house.

Miss Rachael Williams is enjoying the mumps, but at this writing it is expected that she will conduct another swell affair at her schoolhouse Wednesday evening in form of a shadow social.

Don't forget the open installation officers **M. W. A.** Thursday night. Program consisting of music and speaking beginning at 8 sharp, then the installation. After installation a basket supper. Bring your basket and have a good time. The lodge will furnish coffee.

The line companies don't enjoy the sight of the string of teams which line up at our house daily and so have boosted prices sky high. A good thing for the farmers and it is too bad that the bulk of our receipts were bought or bargained for long ago.

The **Hit and Miss** social at the home of **Mr. and Mrs. Hyde** last Friday was a distinct success. The hit of the evening was **Miss Patterson's** dress which was most certainly a hit and miss affair. **Miss Richardson** had a bridal outfit made of bagging trimmed with fringe of the same and a veil of white mosquito netting. **Miss Peterson** had a waist designed by **Worth** and imported direct from Paris. It was a dream of green and yellow. Refreshments were served in everything ranging from a tureen to a frying pan, the first course being peanut shells. Music, recitations and

games rounded out the evening. Some of the gentlemen's costumes were striking enough to hit the popular fancy, but were beyond the power of our description.

We Guarantee Full Weight.

At the **Fire Hall**, Friday evening. Come and get weighed, then stay a while and we will do our best to give you a pleasant evening.
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Better Than Gold.

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