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Obituary. ✓

Marletta Sumner was born in Cortland County, New York, Feb. 16, 1824. She was the youngest of ten children, and was the last of her family. It might be interesting to note that she was a cousin of the orator, Charles Sumner.

She graduated from Homer Academy at the age of nineteen. She was married May 1, 1850 to Reuben S. Russell who died Nov. 15, 1865. She remained a widow and has always lived with her adopted daughter, Mrs. Oscar D. Purinton, having never had children of her own.

Those who came in contact with the life and character of Mrs. Russell can testify to their ennobling influence. The young men and women whose good fortune it was to live for a time where she had her home can look back to occasions when her advice and kindly helpfulness guided them safely over some difficult places. Her ideals were high, her thoughts clear and pure and they always found expression in correct and beautiful language. Her presence breathed refinement and culture and suggested to others the same high ideals she had chosen for her own guidance. She united with the Baptist church when a young woman and has always lived an exemplary Christian life.

The cause of her death was cancer of the right breast. About ten years ago she fell and was injured in such a way that this cancerous growth began. Two years and eight months before her death she took to her bed. Her disease spread upward into her throat making it more and more difficult for her to swallow and this gradually weakened her system. The last six weeks of her life were weeks of great suffering for her, but she bore her trouble patiently and usually greeted every one with a pleasant smile.

She was greatly devoted to those who daily ministered to her wants and strove to allay her pain, and she frequently gave expression to that gratitude. She died at 6:30 o'clock Sunday morning May 24, 1903, with those near her who for thirty-five years have so faithfully and tenderly shared their home with her.

Short services were held at the Purinton residence Monday at 1 p. m., Rev. T. J. Giblett officiating. The remains were taken east by Mr. Purinton to her old home in New York state for interment.

Graduating Exercises.

The graduating exercises of the Cooperstown State High School were held in the Opera House last Friday evening, the building being crowded to the doors by the friends of education. There were three graduates: Inez Gertrude Enger, Herman Evelynne Warner and Adolph John Melgard. The program as published in the papers last week was carried out in full. Miss Enger, 1st honor student, was salutatorian and Herman Evelynne Warner, 2d honor graduate, was valedictorian. Mr. Warner delivered a very good oration from the subject: "Pro Patria," followed by an oration on Liberty by Mr. Melgard, which was also very good. Miss Enger gave an essay on Character Building that was excellent indeed. Following this Hon. David Bartlett president of the board, in a few very earnest remarks on the value of education and the good work already done, presented the class with their diplomas. Prof. Vernon Squires, of the University of North Dakota, was then introduced to give the commencement address. His subject was "The Modern Scholar" and the audience was treated to a very interesting as well as intellectual treat. Mr. Squires thoroughly understands his subject and his address was very much enjoyed. The band very kindly came out and discoursed music at intervals. The stage was occupied by the class, teachers, board of education and the guests for the occasion. Rev. T. J. Giblett offered the invocation and benediction. The exercises all through were very good indeed and the school is to be congratulated upon turning out such a first-class graduating class. Next year the class should be considerably larger.

Grover's Rubaiyat.

Washington Post.

In that inverted bowl which hides my brain,
The bee, unbidden hums his soft refrain,
Then tired of egoistic surfeiting
Sinks to innocuous desuetude again.

COOPERSTOWN DONATES.

Proud Record of Coopers town in Assisting the North Dakota Children's Home.

The treasury of the Children's Home has recently been inflated to the extent of \$264.50, cash collected at Cooperstown through the efforts of Mesdames Page and Hunt who were in that town last Monday. The ladies appreciate the co-operation in their efforts of Lieut. Gov. Bartlett and Senator Maynard Crane. The commissioners of Griggs County have also promised a subscription of \$100. If a banner was due the town giving the largest subscription to the home Cooperstown would be able to set it to the breeze over her city's battlements.

Sverdrup.

After some few weeks of Sverdrupian experience, I find that there are more Demo-Pops than Republicans in this township. But it is exceedingly gratifying to behold the fast multiplying signs which point to a reverse of conditions in the near future. While the old-time worshippers still remain firm in their adherence to the principles of democracy, and seemingly pronounce any deviation therefrom as sacrilegious yet there is real hope in the face of the fact that the nature of the younger generation does so much argue that it will not adopt the political constructions so faithfully revered by the seniors. In regard to this significant generation its ardent desire to peruse republican literature, its acrid opposition to the re-submission bugbear, and the high admiration it evinces for the great talents of Theodore Roosevelt, are evidences which, we think, may be cited in behalf of the alleged political vicissitude. This admission is not intended as a hoax, but is made after an unprejudiced survey of existing conditions; and we are quite positive that we have accurately measured our words and based them clearly upon the evidence.

About every other farmer of this little wedge of North Dakota contemplates erecting a new dwelling house upon his premises sometime during the present year. Evidently the unequalled prosperity, peculiar to the present republican regime, has shed its effects among us, too, and consequently, we are seized with the self-same mania which is so characteristic in other parts of our grand country; that is, to bear material testimony as to the truth of the existence of this asserted prosperity.

Mr. Iver Hansen and family Sundayed with the Jergenson's of Broadway.

Idings have been received from the Herigstads, who recently went to Silverton, Oregon. They are very favorably impressed with the conditions there, especially with the delightful climate which they say is highly impregnated with the perfume of the great variety of sweet-scented flowers that thrive so luxuriantly all through the western coast region. They further affirm that nothing could entice them to come back to North Dakota again, but we submit that they will not think things so lovely when the rainy season approaches.

The heavy rain last Thursday night brightened the crop prospects very much for this season.

Omond Herigstad has just lately completed a term of school in Bald Hill township and will try his hand at farm work for the summer. Omond is one of our bright and promising young teachers.

James Hansen was curious to know how it would be to till the soil on his own hook, so he accordingly rented a quarter of a section from Frithof Greenland and is making things bob sideways. James is a hustler and there is no guess about that.

The members of the United Mission intend to build a church in the near future. It is to be located somewhere about the middle of the township.

The following pupils of the Hansen school have not been either absent or tardy during the past month: Alvin Hansen, Ragna Brosten, Eliza Brosten, Rasmus Vogle, Conrad Vogle, Magnus Vogle, Nora Wuffestad and Gerthe Vatne.

North Dakota seed corn—White Dent, Elephant Fodder and the Mercer at THE ONE PRICE DEP'T STORE.

ALLEGED GRAFTERS.

Fake School Chart Vendors Came to Grief in Barnes County.

S. L. Davis, T. A. Wilson and E. A. Clark, a trio of smooth young men claiming to represent the American School Chart Co., of Chicago, and who have been practicing a little deception about the state, have come to grief in Valley City, Barnes County. Davis the leader of the gang, is behind the bars and the other two gentlemen have been put out of business.

This trio has been in the state for some time, having worked in Griggs, Ransom, Walsh and Richland Counties and had just started in Barnes County, when they were arrested at the instigation of County Superintendent of Schools Barnes on the charge of obtaining signatures to negotiable paper under false pretenses. At the preliminary hearing held in Valley City yesterday, Davis was bound over to the district court in the sum of \$500 and his co-workers were discharged. They were offering for sale a complete Encyclopedia of Modern School Methods. Wilson and Clark advanced Davis in their operations and would display the chart and recite the lecture on its merits. Davis followed a few days later and would take the orders. In some instances, it is alleged, he represented himself to be the state superintendent of public instruction, and in other cases he stated and showed letters purporting to come from the state superintendent's office authorizing him to work the state. He frequently asked school directors to sign a cleverly worded certificate of approval, which turned out to be negotiable paper.

State Superintendent Stockwell is out with a letter disclaiming any knowledge of the men and their operations and branding as false the statement that their credentials emanated from his office. He advises school boards to be on their guard and to turn down fellows of this class whenever approached by them.

At Davis' hearing in Valley City his co-workers testified that they were receiving \$47.50 for the charts, and that their actual cost was \$12.85.

A Good Showing.

The Griggs County Fair Association was organized in 1899, location secured, race track built and also a grand stand, and a few horse stalls. July 4 and 5, 1900 the first fair and race meeting was held. There were but few horses, cattle and other stock entered for exhibit and but few horses entered for the races. The next meeting July 4 and 5, 1901, was an improvement over the first, with nearly double the amount of stock entered, the races proving a success with some good horses competing. The third meeting July 3, 4 and 5, 1902, was a decided success financially and otherwise there being 108 entries consisting of some of the finest Short Horn, Holstein and other cattle as could be found any where and horses that would do credit to any of the older states. The Fair Association paid out in premiums on Short Horn Cattle alone \$694.70. Through its influence farmers have been encouraged to get better stock. Before the Association was organized there were but few thoroughbred cattle in the county. There are now quite a number who are interested in fine breeding. One of our farmers has a herd of about 40 Short Horns that would compare creditably with most any herd.

There are quite a number of Clydesdale and Percheron stallions in the county that are second to none. This increased amount of fine stock is the outcome of the fair and the farmers are beginning to realize the benefit of holding a county fair. The association has the best half mile track in the state and holds the state record for trotting and pacing 2:14 and improvements have been made this season that makes it several seconds faster. Those who enter stock this year will find improved accommodations, a barn for trotting horses now complete that is a credit to the association, it is one of the best and most convenient of the kind in the state, in horse-shoe shape, with 14 large box stalls. Besides this the association owns its ample grounds and fence with the additional buildings consisting of a well built grand stand, judges stand, 28 box stalls for horses and 50 stalls for cattle. Come and celebrate with us July 2, 3 and 4 and see for yourselves.

JACK N. BROWN,
Secretary.
Griggs County Fair Association.

THE BIG STORE

Children's Hose=10c a Pair.

The other morning the boss came around the said: I was thinking this would be a good time for a little special sale on children's hose." Did we think so? You just bet we did, and if we don't sell hosiery in a jiffy during the next few days, it won't be because they are not cheap enough.

BOYS AND GIRLS STOCKINGS all sizes, black, ribbed, double knee, extra length, absolutely fast and stainless. This is the kind of stocking you usually pay 20c a pair for, this sale, any size from 5 1-2 to 9 per pair **10c**

Summer Undertwear.

Ladies union suits, lisle thread, white, trimmed with lace, shora sleeve and sleeveless, price per suit **75c**

Children's Gauze Undertwear.

A large assortment, all sizes, with and without sleeves, Jersey ribbed. Price per piece 10c, 20c, 25c, 35c, 40c.

JOHN SYVERSON,
COOPERSTOWN, N. D.

The ONE PRICE Department Store.

MEN'S AND BOY'S HATS AND FURNISHINGS.

The top notch of complete to a fashionable man's apparel is his hat.

No matter what turn your fancy may take as to style, dimensions or shade, you can find it in our hat department.



Berg Bros., & Co.

ROOSWELLE HATS AT \$3.00 AND \$3.50.

Both Derbies and Soft hats, all the new and prevailing styles this Spring, black or colors.

At this price we can show you some very exclusive styles.

The TERRIOR, AMERICAN and DARLING hats at **\$1.75**
The MASON CHALLENGE and PHISTER hats **2.50**

We are showing these popular priced hats in a wide range of styles and the quality is much better than usually found in hats at this price.

TIES! TIES! TIES!

All late styles, all shades including the popular gray in four-in-hand ties and bows. Prices are **25 to 60c.**

SHIRTS.

Soft and stiff shirts, neat, fancy patterns of best quality of goods. Prices are from **75c to \$2.25.**

Men's Yacht and Automobile caps your choice **75c.**

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