

Notice of Inspection of N. P. Ry.

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Railroad Commissioners of North Dakota, will inspect the Fargo-Cooperstown line of the N. P. Railway through Griggs county on 24th day of June 1903. The hour of arrival of Commissioners' train can be learned of the station agents. All parties having petitions or complaints are requested to submit same in writing.

J. F. SHEA, President,
C. J. LORD,
A. SOBATZ,
Commissioners.
C. C. HAMMOND, Secretary. 2t

Temperance Meetings.

A temperance meeting will be held at the hall at Jessie, Lake Jessie, N. Dak., the 4th of July.

It will begin at 10:30 a. m. and continue until 4 p. m.

Speakers, E. E. Lobeck, Rev. E. T. Silness, and Rev. H. S. Quaubeck. The 5th similar meeting will be held at Ebenezer church 5 miles south of Cooperstown, N. D., Take lunch with you to these meetings. In the evening of the 5th Mr. E. E. Lobeck will speak at Rev. E. T. Silness church, Cooperstown. Good songs will be furnished. Come as many as possible.

O. SWENSON.

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Rhinoceroses With Two Horns.
Several species of rhinoceroses, now extinct and only found in a fossil state, used to exist which had no horns at all. The name, meaning as it does "horned nose," is rather a misnomer in their case. Several kinds of rhinoceroses in Africa have two horns, one behind the other, but the extinct rhinoceros, known as the dyceratherium, had a pair of horns on its nose side by side.

Looking Pleasant.

Mrs. Chugwater—So that's the photograph you had taken the other day, is it? I'd like to know why you can't look as pleasant as that when you are in the house.

Mr. Chugwater—Well, it may be that the photographer tried to bring out my pleasant expression, and you don't.

A Dampener.

Visitor—Is Miss Rankin in?
Servant—Yes, sir.
Visitor—Is she engaged?
Servant—Yes, sir, but the gentleman ain't here this evening, sir. Come in.

Ambiguous.

Askington—She has a rich husband, hasn't she?
Teller—Yes, and at the same time a mighty poor one.—Smart Set.

His Fool Parent.

"Are you following the races?"
"Yes, and if I ever catch up to them I'll quit."—Princeton Tiger.

The respect of the common people is the highest reward a man can reap in this country.—Schoolmaster.

Mythical Creatures of Japan.

The Japanese believe in more mythical creatures than any other people on the globe, civilized or savage. Among them are mythical animals without any remarkable peculiarities of conformation, but gifted with supernatural attributes, such as a tiger which is said to live to be a thousand years old and to turn as white as a polar bear. They also believe in a multitude of animals distinguished mainly by their monstrous size or by the multiplication of their members.

Among these are serpents 800 feet long and large enough to swallow an elephant, foxes with eight legs, monkeys with four ears, fishes with ten heads attached to one body, the flesh of which is a cure for boils. They also believe in the existence of a crane which, after it has reached the age of 600 years, has no need of any sustenance except water.

Costly Drugs.

Unless you are a druggist you have no idea of the value represented by a little shelf in the prescription department of a big drugstore. It is one of the wonders of the world that drugstores do not furnish the same temptation as banks to knights of the chisel. A pound jar of hyoscyamine is worth just \$2.24 the world over. Jaborine is a little less presumptuous as to price; it costs \$1,500 a pound and is used to cause perspiration. Ergotine crystals cost the druggist the trifling sum of \$5,000 a pound. They are made from the ergot of rye. Narganine goes ergotine crystals one better and costs \$6,800 a pound. It is used as an expectorant in bronchial troubles and as an emetic.

Moon Superstitions.

Almost any old time farmer will tell you a worm fence built in the light of the moon and ascending node will worm around and finally fall down. If you want potatoes during similar phases, they will all go to tops and the tubers will be small and watery. This is the time, however, to plant cucumbers, especially when the sign is in the arms.

The carpenter of former times would not think of putting a shaved shingle roof on a building in the dark of the moon, because the shingles would curl up, pull out the nails and soon look like a sieve. Neither would he cut timbers for a house nor would he paint it until the sign was right.

Judge Fined Himself.

An English judge, Gwilym Williams, was a great stickler for form in his court, and especially that robes should be worn by solicitors. He was so insistent upon this that one day recently, when he ascended the bench without being duly robed, all in the courtroom knew that he must have been unusually engaged to cause him to neglect the matter. When the judge noticed the lack of his robes, he stopped the court proceedings, made a speech to the solicitors on the absence of his gown and wig and fined himself 10 shillings, which sum he immediately paid into the poor box.—Glasgow Times.

Greatest Battles of History.

Burke in his letter on "Natural Society" says that Sylla destroyed 300,000 men in each of three battles, one being at Cheronae. The Persians are said to have lost 250,000 men at Plataea. II Chronicles xiii, 17, records 500,000 slain on one side, which, however, may not have been in a single battle. I Kings xx, 26, tells of 100,000 men being killed on one side in a single day.

Mabel.

Harry Ames and wife are sojourning at Spiritwood lake for a few days.

Nearly every one is through seeding in these parts and is now anxious to know what the harvest will be.

Rob't Bally has bought a 1/2 section of land of Hammet & Condy, on sec. 36-148-61 and is now quite busy turning over the sod for another year's crop.

Geo Hartman is breaking up a 1/2 sec. of land for Hammet & Condy on sec. 36-148-61.

Mason Knapp was down giving some of his old neighbors the glad hand on Sunday last.

A Sunday school was organized in schoolhouse No. 3, last Sunday and the present outlook is that there will be quite an interesting Sabbath school there.

Harry Ames expects to erect a new granary for himself and also one for his father-in-law A. S. Maynard this summer.

Chris Jackson's new barn is quite an improvement to his farm and is one that every farmer should have for his stock, the old shack barns are getting more scarce every year.

Some of the ladies of Mabel have a new and novel way of raising money. A couple of them started out to get up a dance. One of them having an old sewing machine twenty years out of date thought it would be a good scheme to get up a dance and raffle it off and agreed to furnish the supper, so 100 tickets were numbered and offered for sale at 25 cents each. The dance came off last Saturday night and from all reports some of those there thought it was like buying gold bricks, for after paying for their tickets they were called on for a quarter to pay the fiddler and still another quarter to pay for their supper and as the ladies had all taken their suppers with them, that was the straw that broke the camel's back and most of those present went home hungry, leaving their own supper there for those who were foolish enough to pay for it. They still had nerve left to ask the fiddlers to play all night for nothing. Now whether the ladies made enough to celebrate the 4th or not we did not learn. We would advise those that wish a sewing machine to either send away after one or get it from your home merchant, it may come higher but it will be a much better article too, and when you hear of a dance in southeastern Mabel be a little shy of it.

V. Van Vleet and wife leave tomorrow for Oregon with a view to locating there. Mr. V. thinks there is more desirable climates than this in the winter time and is going to search for it.

X. Y. Z.

Sverdrup.

About 150 people gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Iver Hansen last Saturday night for the sole purpose of having a genuine good time and they had it. Dancing was the chief amusement for the evening. Paul Graff and Fred Adrian did the musical act, and evidently knew exactly how to strike such notes as would provoke exhilaration, as was attested by the numerous unfeigned applause. About twelve o'clock a bountiful supper was served of which the "band" of merry dancers partook most eagerly. After this spasm of chin music had subsided, the company was given the alternative of either participating in something else or of going home. Both actions were amply patronized with the odds slightly in favor of the "something else." We being already drunk with so much pleasure, decided to relieve them of our presence, about this time and so we don't know how the affair did finally culminate.

Hans Westly finished seeding last Thursday and is now as happy as a lark on a new mown lawn.

The Sverdrups Temperance League have decided to hold their annual picnic Saturday, June 20th, at the river. The committee of arrangements guarantees a good time and all are cordially invited to attend.

Bethel Herigstad has begun the erecting of his new dwelling house and from the present indications it promises to be a neat and commodious one.

Worst of all Experiences.

Can anything be worse than to feel that every minute will be your last? Such was the experience of Mrs. S. H. Newson, Decatur, Ala. "For three years" she writes, "I endured insufferable pain from indigestion, stomach and bowel trouble. Death seemed inevitable when doctors and all remedies failed. At length I was induced to try Electric Bitters and the result was miraculous. I improved at once and now I'm completely recovered." For Liver, Kidney, Stomach and Bowel troubles Electric Bitters is the only medicine. Only 50c. It's guaranteed by H. H. Bateman Druggist.

The Cooperstown Fire Department team returned from Wahpeton last Friday after participating for three days in the tournament. The boys are certainly entitled to a great big credit mark for the splendid showing they made at the state tournament. They captured three first prizes, three seconds and a third, which is doing very well for a company green at the business, this being the first time that Cooperstown ever put a team in the field. We may not have a ball team this year but we have a dandy fire department that is keeping Cooperstown on the map.

W. H. Neimeyer and C. A. Cross Jr., of McHenry, were recently married and Ingolf Wold writes H. H. Bateman a very graphic account of how the boys put up a charivari on the newly wedded couples. Horse fiddles, plow lays, old boilers, etc., constituted the band and the whole population of McHenry joined in the chorus. Cross apparently did not get cross and did the right thing; but Neimeyer failed to respond in that liberal manner figured out by the boys—in fact he would not show up at all until Ingolf or somebody squirted formaline through the bedroom window then Neimeyer and his bride came out and coughed up but not the way the boys wanted. It was pretty tough on the young people and Mr. Neimeyer is said to be out gunning for the jokers.

Accidental Shooting.

Another case of accidental shooting which resulted fatally as a result of a small boy having firearms occurred last Monday night at 7:30 when Olof Lovisondahli a man working for Ole C. Bjugstad, who lives in Steele county, twelve miles from Cooperstown northeast, was shot through the forehead by the accidental discharge of a 22-caliber rifle in the hands of a small boy eleven years old the son of a Mrs. Larson who is keeping house for Bjugstad. The ball penetrated into the head several inches. The poor fellow never regained consciousness after he was brought to town shot and lingered until about 7:17 p. m. Tuesday when he passed away. After being shot he was taken to Finley, but the resident doctor was away from home and he was brought to Cooperstown and Dr. Briml assisted by Dr. Burnap did what they could for his relief. Very little can be gleaned about the shooting. It seems that the young man was sitting some feet away. One of Bjugstad's sons was in the barn attending to some horses when the report of the gun was heard and neither of the boys can tell just now it happened. The man was picked up shot through the head and that seems to be all that anybody knows about it. It is a very sad affair. Lovisondahli is a new comer here coming from Norway about one year ago. He has no relatives here that we can find anything about.

The coroner of Steele county, Dr. Bacharach, of Finley, was notified of the man's death and replied that he would be here to attend to matters, it being a Steele county case. The Dr. arrived Wednesday morning but in the meantime Dr. Bergstrom, the Griggs county coroner, had stepped in and summoned a jury consisting of H. S. Rearick, G. H. Condy and F. J. Stone, but further proceedings were dropped as in the opinion of nearly everybody it was no business of Griggs county and as the Steele county officials were on hand to attend to matters that should have settled it so far as this county was concerned. The remains were taken to the Bjugstad farm in Steele county where the inquest will be held.

ABSTRACT OF STATEMENT.

For the Year Ending December 31, 1902.
Of the condition and affairs of the Ins. Co. of North America of Philadelphia organized under the laws of the state of Pennsylvania, made to the Commissioner of Insurance of the state of North Dakota, in pursuance of the laws of said state.

President, Charles Platt.
Vice President, Eugene L. Ellison.
Secretary, Greville E. Fryer.
Principal Office, Philadelphia, Pa.
Attorney for service in the state of North Dakota.
Name, Commissioner of Insurance.
Location, Bismarck.
Incorporated April 14th 1794.
Commenced business 1792.

Capital.

Amount of capital stock paid up in full \$3,000,000 00

Assets.

Value of Real Estate owned by the Company \$ 748,500 00
Loans on Bonds and Mortgages 1,120,997 29
United States Stocks and Bonds 1,127,418 94
Railroad Bonds and Stocks 5,423,430 39
State, City, County and other Bonds and Stocks 1,287 30
Bank Stocks 82,800 00
Loans on Collateral Security 1,127,418 94
Cash on hand and in bank 1,127,418 94
Interest due and accrued 4,554 43
Premiums in course of collection 1,090,482 55
Bills receivable, not matured not taken for risks 86,050 10
All other sums due the Company 4,554 43
Market value (not including interest) of bonds and stocks over book value 308,310 00
Total assets \$10,702,583 61
Unadmitted assets 28,400 11
Total assets \$10,674,183 50

Liabilities.

Gross claims for losses adjusted and unpaid \$118,669 27
Gross claims for losses upon which no action has been taken 654,261 70
Losses resisted by the company 42,718 03
Total gross amount of claims for losses \$825,649 00
Deduct reinsurance and salvage claims thereon 88,619 00
Net amount of unpaid losses \$ 737,030 00
Amount of unearned premiums on all outstanding risks \$ 4,862,932 10
Due for unpaid dividends 00 00

Due for commissions and brokerage \$1,070 00
All other liabilities \$1,647,073 10
Total liabilities \$2,717,043 10

Receipts.

Premiums received during the year in cash \$4,728,954 27
Interest and dividends received during the year 282,525 25
Rents received during the year 48,644 44
Amount received from all other sources 111,221 21
Total receipts \$5,451,345 17

Disbursements.

Losses paid during the year \$4,862,932 10
Dividends paid during the year 282,525 25
Paid for commissions and brokerage 1,212,834 04
Paid for salaries, fees and other charges 594,218 24
Paid for taxes 130,379 00
Amount of other disbursements 175,545 54
Total disbursements \$6,468,434 26

Total risks taken during the year \$ 720,988 00
Total premiums received during the year 5,451,345 17
Total losses incurred during the year 22,794 43
Total amount of losses paid during the year 18,178 05

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA,
OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE.
I, Ferd Leutz, Commissioner of Insurance of the state of North Dakota do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true abstract of the original statement now on file in this office. In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of this office at Bismarck, this 11th day of May, A. D. 1903.

FERD LEUTZ,
Commissioner of Insurance.

W. C. GILBREATH,
Deputy.

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA,
OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE.
COMPANIES CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY.

Whereas, The Ins. Co. of North America, a corporation organized under the laws of Pennsylvania, has filed in this office a sworn statement exhibiting its condition and business for the year ending December 31, 1902, conformable to the requirements of the laws of this state regulating the business of insurance, and

Whereas, The said company has filed in this office a duly certified copy of its charter with certificate of organization in compliance with the insurance laws aforesaid.

Now therefore, I, Ferd Leutz, Commissioner of Insurance of the state of North Dakota, pursuant to the provisions of said laws, do hereby certify that the above named company is fully empowered, through its authorized agents to transact its appropriate business of Fire Insurance in this state according to laws thereof until the 31st day of December, A. D. 1903.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal at Bismarck this 4th day of Feb. A. D. 1903.

FERD LEUTZ,
Commissioner of Insurance.

W. C. GILBREATH,
Deputy.

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA,
OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE.

ABSTRACT OF STATEMENT.
For the year ending December 31, 1902.

Of the condition and affairs of the Niagara Fire Insurance Company of New York, organized under the laws of the state of New York and admitted to do business in the state of North Dakota, in pursuance of the laws of said state.

President, Harold Herrick.
Vice-President, George C. Howe.
Secretary, Geo. W. Dewey.
Principal Office, 46-48 Cedar street, New York City.

Attorney for service in the state of North Dakota.
Name, Commissioner of Insurance.
Location, Bismarck, N. D.
Organized or incorporated July, 1850.
Commenced business August, 1850.

Capital.
Amount of capital stock paid up in full \$ 500,000 00

Assets.
Loans on bonds and mortgages \$ 344,000 00
Loans on stocks and bonds 1,522,850 00
Railroad bonds and stocks 1,522,850 00
State, city, county and other bonds and stocks 1,027,050 00
Bank Stocks 30,250 00
Cash on hand and in bank 100,487 04
Interest due and accrued 10,229 60
Premiums in course of collection and transmission 419,768 87
Total assets \$3,967,735 51

Liabilities.
Gross claims for losses adjusted and unpaid 78,281 08
Gross claims for losses upon which no action has been taken 113,404 40
Losses resisted by the company 30,264 52
Total gross amount of claims for losses \$ 221,950 00
Deduct reinsurance and salvage claims thereon 26,636 46
Net amount of unpaid claims 195,313 54
Amount of unearned premiums on all outstanding risks 1,780,721 09
Due for commissions and brokerage 85,907 22
Total liabilities \$ 3,062,019 46

All other liabilities \$ 2,000,007 30
Total liabilities \$ 5,062,026 76

Receipts.
Premiums received during the year in cash \$2,248,028 94
Interest and dividends received during the year 105,300 11
Total receipts \$ 2,443,329 05

Disbursements.
Losses paid during the year \$ 1,177,828 87
Dividends paid during the year 70,300 00
Paid for commissions and brokerage 497,600 03
Paid for salaries, fees and other charges 100,223 21
Paid for taxes 57,748 55
Amount of other disbursements 125,761 04
Total disbursements \$ 2,129,461 60

North Dakota Business.
Total risks taken during the year \$ 230,045 00
Total premiums received during the year 5,373 92
Total losses incurred during the year 2,529 49
Total amount of losses paid during the year 2,531 98

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Commissioner of Insurance.

W. C. GILBREATH,
Deputy.

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA,
OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE.

Whereas, The Niagara Fire Insurance Company a corporation organized under the laws of New York, has filed in this office a sworn statement exhibiting its condition and business for the year ending December 31, 1902, conformable to the requirements of the laws of this state, regulating the business of insurance, and

Whereas, The said company has filed in this office a duly certified copy of its charter with certificate of organization in compliance with the requirements of the insurance laws aforesaid.

Now therefore, I, Ferd Leutz, Commissioner of Insurance of the state of North Dakota, pursuant to the provisions of said laws, do hereby certify that the above named company is fully empowered, through its authorized agents to transact its appropriate business of Fire Insurance in this state according to laws thereof until the 31st day of December, A. D. 1903.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal at Bismarck, this 26th day of Jan. A. D. 1903.

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Deputy.

The Veterinary Science Association.

Read Every Word of this Circular, it is Very Important To You.

This Association was organized in the City of London, Canada, in the year 1896. Its members compose the leading farmers and stockmen in Canada and the United States, prominent citizens of large cities and towns, druggists, physicians, and in fact every person interested in domestic animals.

Among the few of the many privileges each member of this already widely known Association receive are: **Reduced Prices in Medicine, Free Consultation the Result of Experiments, New Discoveries, New Inventions, New Medicines, Research in Foreign Countries,** or, in other words, the **World's Combined Knowledge centered at one point and distributed to its members.** Besides the above, each and every member receives a Course of Instructions in the Veterinary Business, which, for practical use to a farmer or stockman, is worth more than a course in any Veterinary College in America, which course would cost a great many hundred dollars. Young men can post themselves from the Course of Instructions so as to be able to perform operations and treat diseases equal to a veterinary surgeon.

As stated above, every member receives a copy of the Course of Instructions as well as having the privilege of reduced prices for medicines, free consultation, the result of Experiments, New Discoveries, New Medicines and Research in Foreign Countries. Each and every privilege is a very valuable benefit to every stock owner.

Free consultation is given under the direction of J. E. Hodgins, Veterinary Surgeon, who brings to this department all the treasure and resource of his diligent study, wide experience and great skill either by applying personally or by correspondence. This is very valuable in case it should happen that you are a little puzzled about a case you are treating, and more especially where a new disease breaks out, as the head office of the Association will be informed at the earliest possible moment, and one of the leading experts put to work at once.

Every stock owner who possesses a copy of this Course of Instructions is able to save five, ten, twenty, fifty or even hundreds of dollars each year, depending upon the extent of his stock. It is a well known fact that for the past fifty years there has been a special effort made to keep the public in the dark in regard to Veterinary knowledge. The time has come in the history of this country when stock owners throughout America depend a great deal upon their stock for a livelihood. This Course of Instructions is a work for the public of America and is fast winning its place as a standard authority on the Continent.

And the fee is only \$3.00 for membership, as long as a member lives, without any extra assessments. This is the only Association in the U. S. A., and Canada that will give this good opportunity to farmers and stockmen. Hoping that every farmer and stockman will join this Association and do his own doctoring and save his animals and his money. For he can cure his horse in half the time it takes to send for a Veterinary, for one dose in time is worth more than 10 to late.

Agents wanted in every locality of Minnesota and North Dakota. Salary \$75.00 per month, for further information write the branch office at Fargo, N. D.

VETERINARY SCIENCE ASSOCIATION
Branch Office, Fargo,
North Dakota.
Head Office, London, Canada.

Taken Up.

One iron grey mare colt, 1 year old, large star on forehead well down onto the nose. Came to my place May 21. Owner prove property, pay charges and take it away.

CHARLES E. ADAMS,
5-28
Sec. 21-146-59.

Farm for Sale or Rent.

I will rent or sell my farm consisting of 480 acres, four miles northwest of Hannaford. Parties desiring to purchase or rent, call on or address:

DANIEL SINCLAIR,
Hannaford, N. D.

Taken Up.

Taken up about May 20th one dark brown horse mule, two years old, also one dark grey mare about two years old. The owner can have the same by calling on the undersigned paying for this notice and feed charges.

R. C. COOPER.

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