

**MERCHANTS STATE MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF NORTH DAKOTA**

**Writes Fire and Lightning Insurance EXCLUSIVELY**

On Farm Buildings and their contents, Live Stock, Hay, Grain and Farm Machinery. On Dwelling Houses, and House-hold goods contained therein, in towns and villages. On Stocks of Merchandise and Buildings containing the same.

We write no Hail or Tornado Insurance, only FIRE and LIGHTNING at ACTUAL COST.

Our plan is time tried and fire tested and found not wanting. We carry the largest line of exclusive Fire Insurance of any Company operating in this State.

Our Agent will be located at the Palace Hotel in the City of Cooperstown, during the fall months, parties wishing fire insurance with us can procure it by applying to him or a letter directed to the Merchants State Mutual Insurance Company will bring you an application which you can fill out and forward to us and we will give it prompt attention.

Address all communications to E. A. TYLER, Secy. and Gen. Manager, Fargo, N. D.

**LOCALS.**

Mrs. Glen Dyson is on the sick list. Fresh bulk oysters at the Model Meat Market.

Dishwasher wanted at the Newell House. Wages \$4.00 per week.

Martin Ophlem who had a bad case of blood poisoning is nearly well.

There will be services in the Lutheran church next Sunday morning and evening.

A large assortment of cotton blankets and comforters at THE ONE PRICE DEPARTMENT STORE.

Mrs. Piatt is confined to her bed by an attack of catarrhal appendicitis. She is improving.

Miss Emma Hammer and Miss Florence Shue left Monday afternoon for the University at Grand Forks.

Harry Holman, of Fergus Falls, Minn., is at work in D. Fouts' cigar factory. He arrived last week.

Oscar Thompson left Monday afternoon for Grand Forks to resume his studies at the State University.

Have you seen the latest style in Jacket? You will find them at the THE ONE PRICE DEPARTMENT STORE.

Dr. Burnap assisted by Dr. Briml performed a delicate operation upon Johnnie Brownfield Saturday. Removing both tonsils and a large growth from the back of the nose. John is now up and improving.

D. Fouts, who makes rattling good cigars and is a good fellow to boot—especially when he is fast asleep—furnished the editor's family with a dinner Monday, a la prairie chickens. May the sale of his cigars grow bigger as the days roll by.

Arnt Njaa's little five year old son got one of his hands badly damaged Monday by getting it caught in a fanning mill. He was brought to town and the doctor fixed up the injured hand for the little chap.

Men's Heavy Fleece Lined Underwear, regular price \$1.00 and \$1.20 per suit now 78c per suit at Jameson & Olson's THE NEW STORE.

Residents of Cooperstown and vicinity will be given an opportunity in the near future to purchase hospital tickets. These tickets will cost \$10.00 and entitle the purchaser to hospital services for one year in the Cooperstown Hospital.

D. D. Sullivan the Fargo optical specialist who visits Cooperstown at regular intervals will be at the Palace Hotel again Oct. 1 and 2. Do not fail to see Mr. Sullivan if you have eye trouble or need glasses prescribed or your glasses changed.

Hardware Merchant Aarestad, of Hannaford was transacting business in the city Tuesday and left an order for work at this office as well as an ad. which will be found on our local page. They are doing business temporarily in S. H. Berg's building, but will soon build a store of their own. A fire or two does not seem to stop rustlers like Aarestad Bros. & Troseth.

Lieut-Gov. David Bartlett presents the Courier with some fine apples raised on the farm of Col. Hankinson, of Hankinson, N. D. They are of the Ooabena variety and are as fine an apple as you can find anywhere. The samples brought to this office weigh 8 ounces each. Thus it has been practically demonstrated that apples can be successfully raised in this state. Mr. Bartlett has also received samples of different varieties of apples raised in other parts of the state.

Half a dozen men have been making Cooperstown headquarters the last week or two and are canvassing the county selling groceries. They pay no license which is contrary to our pedlar law we believe, and it is about time that our merchants undertook to see whether the law is good or bad. Our merchants are entitled to protection and it is about time these outsiders were made to pay for the privilege of doing business.

The Preacher happened to meet the Doctor upon the street. The Doctor had just removed a plug of tobacco from his hip pocket, preparatory to taking a chew.

"Ah," says the Doctor—"I suppose that you have no use for the weed?"

"No," says the Preacher.

"And of course," continued the Doctor—"you would like to see it destroyed?"

"I think it would be much better that way," replied the Preacher.

"Well," says the Doctor, biting a piece off his plug—"you see I am doing my very best to destroy it."

**What is Life?**

In the last analysis nobody knows, but we do know that it is under strict law. Abuse that law even slightly, pain results. Irregular living means derangement of the organs, resulting in Constipation, Headache or Liver trouble. Dr. King's New Life Pills quickly re-adjusts this. It's gentle yet thorough. Only 25c at H. H. Bateman's drug store.



**Special Sale of CLOAKS and JACKETS**

We have been fortunate in securing a line of sample garments in Children's, Misses and Ladies at from **25 TO 50 PER CT.**

below regular wholesale prices. We will therefore open the season on

**Thursday, Sept. 17 WITH A Grand Special Sale**

of these garments giving you the advantage of our fortunate purchase.

We will throw into this sale a large line of **LADIES FUR GARMENTS** consisting of seal, astrakan and other furs.

Remember the date, expect best values.

Yours for business,

**C. T. WHIDDEN.**

September 15, 1903.



**The Best For The Least Money**

is what everyone is looking for and just what you will get from us. Our stock of.....

**LUMBER AND BUILDING MATERIAL.**

of all kinds is complete and of good quality. We are always pleased to see our old customers as well as make new ones. Come in whether you wish to buy or not.

**Gull River Lumber Co.**

Cooperstown, North Dakota.

**North Dakota State Fair**

WILL BE HELD AT

MANDAN, NORTH DAKOTA, on the N. P. R'y

September 29--October 1, inclusive.

Better and Bigger than ever. An Exhibition of Farm Products and Livestock of all Descriptions.

Balloon Ascensions, Horse

and Hippodrome Races.

One Fare for the Round Trip.

Buy Your Tickets of N. P. R'y Agents.

**For Sale.**

7 room house with six or twelve lots as desired. Good cellar, cistern, well and barn, apply to

W. K. GLASS.

**Taken Up.**

One black horse branded JK on left shoulder, one black horse branded JK and JE on left shoulder, one grey mare branded JE, Q and another brand which we are unable to describe, also one colt about 4 months old. Owner can get same by proving property and paying charges.

JOHN F. JOHNSON, Sec 34-146-58.

**Land and Livestock for Sale.**

As I desire to clean out the remainder of my property here, I offer 1 sec of land and 1600 head of sheep besides lumber, barb and woven wire fencing, water troughs, pumps, tanks, horses, harness, cows and a complete set of farming tools at prices that will make you money. If you need anything in that line come and see me.

B. K. CLEMME, Cooperstown.

Account American Bankers Ass'n San Francisco, Oct. 20-23, the N. P. R'y will sell round trip tickets Oct. 8 to 17th at \$7.00 return limit Nov. 30 1903. W. J. FAYNE, Agt.

**Fall Millinery Opening.**

At Mrs. E. E. Downe's Friday and Saturday Sept. 25 and 26, where a full line of the most stylish and up-to-date dress and street hats, will be shown. All are welcome, ladies call and see our hats.

**Cold Comfort.**

Fussy Passenger—Why does your company insist that passengers must purchase tickets before entering the train? Are they afraid if we pay money to you that you will steal it?

Conductor (with dignity)—Certainly not. They are afraid the train may run off the track before I can get around.—New York Weekly.

**That Half Too Much.**

He—I hope you didn't believe what they said about me.

She—I make it a point never to believe more than half I hear.

He—But the trouble is you women generally believe the wrong half.—Stray Stories.

**Had Won Her.**

The chronic bachelor finally turned to the quiet man who had taken no part in the discussion.

"Would you, sir," he said, "marry the best woman in the world?"

"I did," was the reply.—Judge.

**An Evidence of Juvenile Genius.**

Scribbles—That three-year-old nephew of mine tore up my last 10,000 word manuscript yesterday.

Daisy Kitting—How precocious! I didn't know that he could read.—Boston Globe.

**In Worldly Goods.**

"It isn't every man that knows when he is well off."

"No; but lots of us know that we are not."—Brooklyn Life.

**Fearful Odds Against Him.**

Bedridden, alone and destitute. Such in brief was the condition of an old soldier by name of J. J. Havens, Versailles, O. For years he was troubled with kidney disease and neither doctors nor medicines gave him relief. At length he tried Electric Bitters. It put him on his feet in short order and now he testifies: "I'm on the road to complete recovery." Best on earth for Liver and Kidney troubles and all forms of Stomach and Bowel Complaints. Only 50c. Guaranteed by H. H. Bateman-druggist.

**MERRY MEALTIMES.**

The Table No Place For Fault Finding, Nagging and Strife.

Has it ever been your lot to sit at a table with a group of young folks who ate the meal in silence or, with a few constrained remarks, looked askance at the head of the family before venturing on any remark? I have seen such a sight on more than one occasion. Doctors have told us over and over again of the beneficial results arising from a meal eaten with a contented frame of mind and with cheerful surroundings; but, sad to say, there are many households where each meal is a constant scene of bickering, nagging and fault finding.

This is not only the case where there are young children, who require a reprimand occasionally for carelessness, but I am speaking of those homes where the girls and boys are well into their teens. Wrong is that parent, either father or mother, who chooses the hour when all are assembled round the table to mention some half forgotten grievance or to find some fault.

If any trivial thing has been done wrong or any duty omitted wait until dinner or tea is over before you scold, blame or reprimand. Let the food which God gives us for the purpose of nourishing and sustaining our bodies have the opportunity of accomplishing that end, which cannot be the case if every mouthful is swallowed with either a sarcastic word or an uncomplimentary remark. More indigestion, nervousness and other derangements are caused by the too common fault of uncomfortable mealtimes than many people would suppose, and it is our positive duty, which we should all try to remember, to make those hours of the day cheerful and agreeable to the children and to set them an example which you would be the first to notice and approve in others.—Scotsman.

**So Nice and Sympathetic.**

A gentleman whose one glass eye has served him for years had the misfortune to drop it. It smashed to atoms. This happened when he was far away in the country. He inquired of a friend where was the nearest place for him to go and get refitted.

"Why don't you call upon the girl you were flirting with all last night?" his friend inquired. "She has a first class reputation for making eyes."—Punch.

**Prayer of the Convert.**

A south sea islander at the close of a religious meeting offered the following prayer: "O God, we are about to go to our respective homes. Let not the words we have heard be like the fine clothes we wear—soon to be taken off and folded up in a box till another Sabbath comes around. Rather, let thy truth be like the tattoo on our bodies—indelible till death."—Carle

**A Boy's Wild Ride For Life.**

With family around expecting him to die, and a son riding for life, 18 miles to get Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds W. H. Brown, of Leesville, Ind., endured death's agonies from asthma; but this wonderful medicine gave instant relief and soon cured him. He writes: "I now sleep soundly every night." Like marvelous cures of Consumption, Pneumonia, Bronchitis, Coughs, Colds and Grip prove its matchless merit for all Throat and Lung troubles. Guaranteed bottles 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottles free at H. H. Bateman's drug store.

**House and Lots for Sale.**

House and four lots for sale on the corner of Roberts avenue and Eleventh streets, enquire of

PHIL. REIMER.

**New Opening of an Old Country.**

On Aug. 23 the Big Woods Country of Minnesota was opened to Passenger Travel by Chicago Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway, completing its new road St. Paul to Mankato. It is now the Short Line between Mankato and the Twin Cities with two up to date trains each way, running through to Wells. J

**INDIANA and OHIO HOMEVISITORS EXCURSION**

Very low rates will be made on September 1, 8, 15, Oct. 6. Return limit 30 days, via

**Chicago Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway**

to Louisville, Cincinnati, Sandusky, Columbus and all points west in the states of Ohio and Indiana. Information on request.

W. B. DIXON, N. W. P. A.

365 Robert St., ST. PAUL.