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98 lbs Flour at	\$3.00
24 lbs Graham Flour	.70
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10 lbs Corn Meal	.25

We have a large stock of Bran, Shorts, Feed, Wood and Lignite on hand.

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Subscribe for the **Courier.**

MUST STAMP ALL LETTERS.
Important Ruling in Regard to Rural Route Mail Matters.

The postmaster general has just made a ruling of considerable interest to all the patrons of the rural delivery routes, as well as to the carriers.

A carrier found in a small box on his route two letters that were intended for the owner of the box and had been put there by some one passing. The letters were confiscated and sent to the government at Washington with a request for a ruling. The government approved the action of the carrier and said that all mail found in any box without stamps or the proper amount of money for postage must be collected and taken route is operated and held for postage. This ruling means that the owner of the mail box has absolutely no control over it.

That the neighbor who drops a note into his box is subject to legal proceedings for infringement of the postal regulations and the note or unstamped letter to seizure.

Farmers oftentimes, upon their way to town, drop their neighbors a line by means of the mail box, but under the new ruling made by the department such action in the future will be tabooed. The fact that the boxes are generally upon the main way and easy of access without traveling from the main thoroughfare has led to considerable communication among farmers by means of rural route notes.

OBITUARY.

The Normal school was greatly shocked this morning by the announcement by Prof. McFarland of the death of a student, Miss Nina Curtis, of Dazey. It was known only to the principal and a few students that she was dangerously sick. She was taken with la grippe the 15th but pneumonia rapidly developed and by the 18th it was necessary to telegraph her parents. They came at once and were with her to the end. All that loving hands and expert medical science could do was unavailing. She died at her rooms at the Booth residence at 2 o'clock this morning.

She was a girl of great natural refinement, companionable and happy. Although a member of the school only a few days before the close of the fall term, she

had a great attachment for it. She died in a strong Christian faith as a result of the training of a Christian home.

The remains were removed to the farm home nine miles from Dazey in Griggs county this afternoon, where the funeral will be held Saturday afternoon. The students have arranged to send a contribution of flowers as a mark of esteem and the school will be closed Saturday afternoon as a mark of respect.—Times-Record.

Nina was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Curtis formerly of this place. The many friends of the stricken family extend sympathy.

HOUSE SPEAKS AS ONE VOICE.
Denounces Reduction of Tariff on Farm Products.

Bismarck, N. D., Jan. 20.—Representative Phelan, of Dickinson, a former secretary of the railway commission, offered a resolution yesterday for which every member of the house went on record.

The resolution, a concurrent one, opposes any reduction in the tariff on seed wheat or farm products of any character. Mr. Phelan asserts that the organized and persistent agitation for reduction of the tariff on farm products, so apparent in twin city papers, is leading government officials and others to believe that the northwest, including North Dakota, is favorable to action detrimental to every interest in this state. Such agitation leads to unrest and the undermining of confidence in farm and ranch investments, and ultimately, if persisted in, will impair the value of farm products and the revenue resulting to merchants and transportation interests, retarding the development of new land and unsettled regions of the state.

A part of the agitation has resulted in a plea for free seed wheat from the Canadian northwest, when such a supply is ample for North Dakota within the state.

AGAINST BUCKET SHOPS.
Representative McCrea offered a bill prohibiting the operation of bucket shops within the state. The bill provides that it shall be unlawful for any corporation, association or society, person or persons, to keep within this state any store, office or other place, wherein is conducted or permitted the pretended

buying or selling of grains, pork, lard or any mercantile or agricultural products on margins, without any intention of future delivery, whether such pretended contracts are to be performed within or without the state, and the keeping of all such places is prohibited.

A fine of not less than \$100 or more than \$500 shall be imposed for each violation of the act, or imprisonment in the county jail for not less than thirty days nor more than one year, or both fine, and imprisonment, at the discretion of the court.

Sickening Shivering Fits

of Ague and Malaria, can be relieved and cured with Electric Bitter. This is a pure, tonic medicine; of especial benefit in malaria, for it exerts a true curative influence on the disease, driving it entirely out of the system. It is much to be preferred to Quinine, having none of this drug's bad after-effects. E. S. Munday, of Henrietta, Tex., writes: "My brother was very low with malaria fever and jaundice, till he took Electric Bitters, which saved his life. At H. H. Bateman's drug store; price 50c, guaranteed.

SENATE BILL NO. 26.

Mr. Hagen introduced the following bill:

A BILL

For an act entitled an act to prohibit persons under the age of eighteen years to be allowed to play in, or visit, any pool, billiard or card resort.

Be it Enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of North Dakota:

SECTION 1. It shall be unlawful for any owner or keeper of any pool or billiard hall, or any temperance saloon or any place under any name whatever, where the games of pool, billiards or cards are played, to allow any person under the age of eighteen years to either play any of the games mentioned, or be allowed to visit said places unless accompanied by one of the parents.

SECTION 2. Any person found guilty of violating this act shall be fined not to exceed one hundred dollars, or not to exceed thirty days in the county jail, or both such fine and imprisonment.

SECTION 3. Ali acts or parts of acts in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

TAKEN UP.

One red and white steer, coming two years old. Owner prove property, pay charges and take him away.
WILLIAM HADLOCK,
Sec. 15, Helena Twp.

RETURNED HOME.

Rufus Pinkerton came home from Fargo yesterday, at which place he had been in St. John's Hospital for five weeks, being operated upon for appendicitis. He is still very weak but improving all the time. He speaks very highly of the hospital.

A Grim Tragedy.

is daily enacted, in thousands of homes, as death claims, in each one another victim of Consumption or Pneumonia. But when coughs and colds are properly treated, the tragedy is averted. F. G. Huntley, of Oaklandon, Ind., writes: "My wife had the consumption, and three doctors gave her up. Finally she took Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, which cured her, and to-day she is well and strong." It kills the germs of all diseases. One dose relieves. Guaranteed at 50c and \$1.00 by H. H. Bateman, druggist. Trial bottle free.

VISITING FRIENDS.

Our old friend John Rupert, the Gull River manager at Eckelson, arrived yesterday and is shaking hands with old time friends in the city—and he has lots of them.

Spoiled Her Beauty.

Harriet Howard, of 209 W. 34th St., New York, at one time had her beauty spoiled with skin trouble. She writes "I had Salt Rheum or Eczema for years, but nothing would cure it; until I used Bucklen's Arnica Salve." A quick and sure healer for cuts, burns and sores. 25c at H. H. Bateman's drug store.

Taken Up.

Came to my place on Sec. 3, Washburn Twp. about Jan. 5th, one dark brown mtr. weight about 1300, shod in front. Owner pay for this notice and charges and take same away.
PETER STROMME.

For Sale Cheap.

Residence on Burrell Ave., known as the Fiero house.
Inquire of A. M. Baldwin.

Long Life.

Weber sums the main points to be observed by those desirous of a long life as follows: First, moderation in eating, drinking and physical indulgence; second, pure air out the house and within; third, the keeping of every organ of the body, so far as possible, in constant working order; fourth, regular exercise every day in all weathers, supported in many cases by breathing movements and by walking and climbing tours; fifth, going to bed early and rising early and restricting the hours of sleep to six or seven hours; sixth, daily baths or ablutions, according to individual conditions, cold or warm or warm followed by cold; seventh, regular work and mental occupation; eighth, cultivation of placidity, cheerfulness and hopefulness of mind; ninth, employment of the great power of the mind in controlling passions and nervous fear; tenth, strengthening the will in carrying out whatever is useful and in checking the craving for stimulants, anodynes and other injurious agencies.—British Medical Journal.

Disadvantages of an Even Temper.

It is usual to envy the even tempered people—those who are never unduly elated or cast down, who "knit on plain" all the time. If one like that sort of thing it would be equally natural to envy the animals—cows and pigs, for instance—whose serenity is seldom disturbed. For my part I think those even tempered people lose nine-tenths of the pleasure of existence. The depths of grief and gloom into which impulsive people are thrown are amply made up for by the equally unreasonable and unreasoning joy into which they spring at the slightest possible excuse, and the sorrow of a quarrel with a dear one is paid for in the delight of "making up." Parents are very apt to impress on their children the beauty of this even disposition, but so far as I can see the only benefit derived from it is an unwrinkled complexion.—Donahoe's Magazine.

How Javanese Settle Quarrels.

The Javanese manner of settling quarrels is quite original. When one man has offended another the injured party gives notice that he is angry by drawing in the sand before the door of the offender a circle with a straight line across it, indicating that his affection, which would have been destroyed, has been cut in two. Friends of both parties then shut them up. They parley awhile, then pretend to be born again, prattle as little children and finally as men become reconciled and embrace. Should one be refractory and refuse to be reconciled he is ostracized by the community so effectively that he is soon brought to terms. It is just possible that our enlightened citizens might consider this method better than knockdown arguments and certainly much cheaper than going to law.

STATEMENT OF THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK, COOPERSTOWN, N. D.

Condition Jan. 9, 1901.		LIABILITIES	
RESOURCES		Capital	\$25,000.00
Loans and Discounts	\$80,536.88	Surplus	250.00
U. S. Bonds	10,000.00	Undivided Profits	630.64
Premium Bonds	37.50	Circulation	10,000.00
Banking House and Fixtures	8,512.47	Deposits	72,530.73
Redemption Fund	500.00		
Revenue Stamps	25.51		
Cash and Due from Banks	28,198.01		
	\$108,411.37		\$108,411.37
Condition Jan. 16, 1902.			
RESOURCES		LIABILITIES	
Loans	\$98,493.03	Capital	\$25,000.00
U. S. Bonds	10,000.00	Surplus	1,200.00
Other Real Estate	1,000.00	Undivided Profits	947.00
Banking House and Fixtures	7,780.23	Circulation	10,000.00
Redemption Fund	500.00	Deposits	170,401.34
Revenue Stamps	218.66		
Cash and Due from Banks	91,605.52		
	\$207,548.34		\$207,548.34
Condition Jan. 13, 1903.			
RESOURCES		LIABILITIES	
Loans	\$128,408.00	Capital	\$25,000.00
U. S. Bonds	10,000.00	Surplus	2,500.00
Banking House and Fixtures	8,736.18	Profits	2,885.82
Cash and Due from Banks	59,894.45	Circulation	5,500.00
Redemption Fund	500.00	Deposits	170,438.01
	\$210,382.73		\$210,382.73
Condition July 17, 1903.			
RESOURCES		LIABILITIES	
Loans	\$165,061.98	Capital	\$50,000.00
U. S. Bonds	12,500.00	Surplus	3,750.00
Banking House Furniture and Fixtures	8,700.88	Undivided Profits	2,377.13
Redemption Fund	500.00	Circulation	12,500.00
Cash and Due from Banks	50,578.96	Deposits	108,008.54
	\$237,342.72		\$237,342.72
Condition Feb. 2, 1904.			
RESOURCES		LIABILITIES	
Loans and Discounts	\$164,619.21	Capital	\$50,000.00
U. S. Bonds	12,500.00	Surplus	5,000.00
Banking House Furniture and Fixtures	9,144.51	Undivided Profits	547.48
Other Real Estate	3,365.36	Circulation	12,500.00
Cash and Due from Banks	62,387.82	Deposits	174,078.82
	\$242,196.30		\$242,196.30
Condition Jan. 11th, 1905.			
RESOURCES		LIABILITIES	
Loans and Discounts	\$214,387.50	Capital	\$50,000.00
U. S. Bonds	12,500.00	Surplus and Profits	10,152.77
Banking House Furniture and Fixtures	10,355.57	Circulation	12,500.00
Other Real Estate	4,002.31	Deposits	240,609.70
Cash and Due from Banks	71,438.79		
	\$312,682.17		\$312,682.17

Bank Acquired by Present Management July 1, 1901.