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**WRESTLING MATCH.**

North Dakota's Champion Adds Another Scrap to His Belt.

The wrestling match advertised to take place last Wednesday night between Tom Etland, North Dakota's champion wrestler, and Nils Halvorson, a clever man in this scientific sport was pulled off in fire hall as advertised. There was quite a crowd present. J. B. Nelson was chosen referee and in silvery, Bryan tones announced that Etland was to throw Halvorson three times inside of an hour, at catch-as-catch-can. The announcement was greeted with deafening cheers and as the gladiators ambled to the mat the pent up enthusiasm of the audience was let loose in another mighty cheer. The match was on and in just 7 1/2 minutes the champion had his opponent down for the first fall. The second fall was obtained in 8 1/2 minutes and the last in 13 1/2 minutes, total 29 1/2 minutes, Etland winning the stakes and the match. A match was then arranged between Theo. G. Thompson and City Marshall Jake Arnold who had left his star in cold storage for this particular evening. This was to be a genuine test of strength and no quarter, for the amateur cham-



THEO. THOMPSON.

The contest soon narrowed down to Bateman and Thompson, the other two, while homely enough goodness knows are not in it with the real contestants. It was a hot contest all through and Bateman was lavish with his money to put it onto Theo. but the biggest joke was that Theo. out was placed on himself and the only reason he did not win was because the judges made a snap decision when Thompson was ahead.



LAUGHING BATEMAN.

The consensus of opinion is that Mr. Bateman should have won out and if he wishes to institute a contest, will be ably assisted to win out. E. E. Downe is not satisfied with the decision as he thinks he ought to have received more votes while Besuchet admits that he dare not look in a glass for fear he will break it. Theo. is so homely that he has to set up nights and rest his face. A majority seem to be satisfied that the verdict is all right and Mr. Bateman has decided not to contest. The voting contest was only a joke of course and created lots of fun. The social was a grand success and the boys are well pleased.

**Pure Food.**

Was the Stevens Pure Food bill introduced in the interests of the manufacturers of adulterated food products, or in the interests of the consumer of food? It could hardly be in the interests of the consumer, because they are eminently satisfied with the present law and the good results derived from it. Was it introduced to get rid of Ladd? The people do not want to get rid of a man who has so fearlessly stood by their interests. Will the proposed commission serve the people better and more economically than did Prof. Ladd? No one believe it. Then, why was the Stevens bill introduced? Manifestly at the behest of the very firms that Professor Ladd has so thoroughly defeated in their efforts to foist their impure, poisonous and adulterated products upon the innocent consumer. In the face of resolutions of confidence in Prof. Ladd and congratulations for his splendid work—from all parts of the state—comes this proposed law to cover the pure food question, introduced by R. N. Stevens. Don't be fooled. The people are in deadly earnest on this question and woe betide the legislator that betrays his constituency. Let the friends of the bill, if it has any, explain its merits over the present law. If it is better, show up its strong points. When a law is accomplishing a most righteous purpose, and effectively, to supercede it with one purporting to do the same thing is, to say the least, almighty suspicious. Is the Stevens bill for or against the consumer?—Call.



THE REFEREE AND STAKE HOLDER COUNTING JAKE OUT.

pionship of Grigg county, with the odds a little in favor of Jake on account of his chesty build, but the crowd had not figured on the muscular young athlete who soon demonstrated that he could break his opponent in two if he so desired, and he soon had Jake down and out, winning a very easy victory. On account of the intense excitement the referee forgot the time which we are un-

**Fraud Exposed.**

A few counterfeiters have lately been making and trying to sell imitations of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, and other medicines, thereby defrauding the public. This is to warn you to beware of such people, who seek to profit, through stealing the reputation of remedies which have been successfully curing diseases, for over 35 years. A sure protection, to you, is our name on the wrapper. Look for it, on all Dr. King's, or Bucklen's remedies, as all others are mere imitations. H. E. Bucklen & Co., Chicago, Ill., and Windsor, Canada.

**BASKET SOCIAL.**

The Cooperstown Firemen Have a Successful Social.  
The basket social given by the members of the fire department in their hall last Friday night was a great success, a large crowd being present and baskets selling as high as ten dollars, the boys realizing \$104 from the sale. A short program was rendered as follows:

- Phonograph Selection Recitation, 'Guilty or Not Guilty' MISS BORGHILD OIE.
- Phonograph Selection Recitation 'Christmas Carmen' MISS ELLA BLACK.
- Phonograph Selection Song.

**INGOLF WOLD.**  
Peanut race  
Then followed one of the hardest fought contests ever waged. It was a voting contest to decide who was the homeliest man in the department, four first class subjects being put up as follows: Theo. Thompson, H. H. Bateman, E. E. Downe and F. O. Besuchet.

**To My Patrons and Citizens of Griggs Co.**

I wish to take the opportunity of thanking you all for the liberal patronage you have given me for the number of years past. I have been connected with the Gull River Lumber Co. Now that I am starting in the same line of business for myself, I can assure you that a continuation of that patronage or at least a part of it will be greatly appreciated. I hope by square dealing and courteous treatment to all, to not only retain a share of the trade I have been favored within the past but to secure some new trade as well. I am now receiving some stock and by March 1, I hope to have my stock and buildings in shape to do business. Whether you are in need of anything in my line or not I shall always be pleased to receive a call from you at my new place of business.

Yours Truly,

**E. W. BLACKWELL.**

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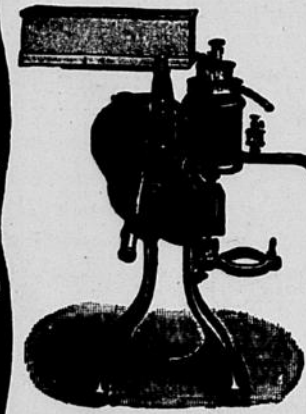
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