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## Fine Cutlery.....

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## TALK OF THE TOWN

Dr. Mefferd was in town Monday and promises to come again in the future.

Mrs. Minerva Harden has been quite sick the past week or more but is better.

A. Trapple and John Kudelka were down from Kilgore last Friday on business.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Grant Boyer, Tuesday, January 31, 1905, a seven pound girl.

Dr. Lewis is recovering from his attack of pneumonia and is able during good weather to be at his office, his first trip down-town being last Thursday.

Friday night the school gave an entertainment at the M. E. church charging a small admission fee. We haven't heard any comments, so it must have been satisfactory to its audience.

Ed Parry and Lee Shepard returned Monday night from their trip to Florida where they had taken two cars of horses to dispose of there. They have been gone about six weeks.

W. E. Efner has sold his harness shop, building and business to L. N. Layport and son. Howard is learning the business and they will keep Mr. Efner a few months for that purpose.

Lester Green is suffering some from a boil on his right middle finger which seems to be getting worse and some fears are entertained of blood poison. He is carrying his arm in a sling.

S. L. Ellis came in last Thursday to get a wagon load of supplies for his store before the deep snows came, and now thinks he was just in luck. Hitch up to a bob sled Ellis and come again.

Mack Cramer is delivering goods in his sleigh the past week which he fixed up by putting runners in place of the wheels of his delivery wagon. It's lower and runs lighter, being a very convenient rig and Mack takes a sleigh ride the whole day long and says he doesn't care if it's winter all summer.

C. H. Cornell was made the executor of A. E. Thacher's will and Louis Brownell was made guardian of the minor heirs of J. M. Thacher. The mercantile business of Davenport & Thacher continues without interruption for the present. J. T. Keeley was employed to assist with invoicing the stock.

A big fire in Lincoln last Wednesday destroyed nearly \$225,000.00 worth of property, three blocks east of the postoffice. It was so cold that fireman nearly froze in handling the hose, and though they had an early start it seemed impossible to do more than keep the fire to the limits of the three buildings.

The ladies and officers of Fort Niobrara played before a good audience at the court house last Saturday night. The stores, closing at 8:30 o'clock in our city, helped materially in bringing out an audience on that occasion. The plays were appreciated and St. John's rectory fund was increased considerably.

Dr. J. L. Wortman has disposed of his drug store at Longpine and other interests and came up here Monday to look after his interest in the bowling alley, which when disposed of, he goes to Colorado, there to study mines and mining for awhile, and then to Alaska to look after a brother's mines at a good salary. We wish the Doctor all kinds of success. He is a worthy man.

Don't forget the minstrels next Wednesday night, February 8th.

C. G. Anderson has been down with the grip the past week. Two of his children are also sick.

W. P. Bryant made this office a business call while in town from his ranch, northeast of Valentine, Tuesday.

A big fire in Omaha early Sunday morning, starting Saturday night, destroyed the Mercer, the Dr. Gifford and the Millard buildings, together with stocks of the Kirkendall Shoe Co., M. E. Smith & Co., dry goods; Voegel & Dining, confectionery; Porter Ryerson Hoobler Co.; Martin-Cott Hat Co., and several commission firms amounting to about one-half million dollars.

There was a blaze in the north part of town last Friday afternoon that caused people to rush that way for awhile. A boy staying with Joe Marshal in Judge Zarr's house went out to the stable with some matches and soon succeeded in getting the hay on fire. A team and cow narrowly escaped being burned up. They were gotten out after the fire had a good start by breaking the door in and it was with difficulty that they were rescued from the flames that were sweeping about them. The hose cart was attached to Mack Cramer's delivery wagon and Mack drove in the run, reaching the fire in time to get the water turned on before the building was destroyed and when the fire was put out a battered, scarred, half burned building stood in evidence of the efficiency of our water system when it is possible to reach a fire soon after it has started.

John G. Scorer.

John G. Scorer, the popular humorist, will be the next number of the lecture course at the M. E. church, Wednesday evening, February 15, 1905. Seats for this entertainment will be on sale at Quigley & Chapman's drug store. Here's what a few papers say of Mr. Scorer:

Republic, Beresford, S. D.—It is a rare thing for a speaker to hold his audience as closely and sway them from laughter to tears and back to mirth as completely as did Mr. John G. Scorer.

Church Messenger, Geddes, S. D.—John G. Scorer scored another success for our lecture course on Thursday evening. An audience of some two hundred greeted the speaker and for an hour and a half he entertained them and redeemed the promises of the advance sheets. The Midland Lyceum is all right.

Standard, Fairfax, Minn.—Mr. Scorer is truly a master of his art and an entertaining platform speaker. He easily captivated the audience with his mirth-provoking sallies, sparkling humor and jolly good nature. He possesses a vivid power of description, a rare felicity in the choice of words, clear enunciation, a choice diction, and a humor that is infectious.

Talent, New York.—Mr. John G. Scorer is well known as a successful lecturer. For years he has made a special study of joke lore, and his lecture, "A Generation of Jokers," is the outgrowth. The subject, which is an interesting one, receives masterly treatment at his hands. An excellent opportunity is afforded for entertaining illustration, and full advantage is taken of the opportunity. Mr. Scorer's style is pleasing and effective.

## Remnant Sale.

After our annual inventory, which is now taking place, we will have an assortment of odds and ends, which will be sold at fabulously low prices. These will include Men's, Women's and Children's Wearing Apparel, a great many remnants of Dress Goods, Laces, Notions, etc.

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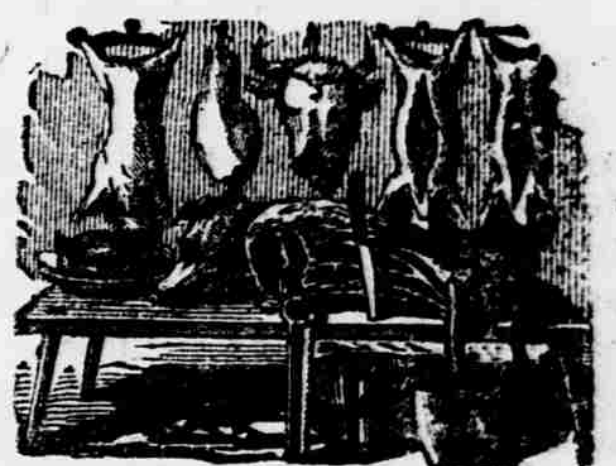
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