

FARGO.

Zimmerman's of Fort Hazel disposed of their thirty horse power engine and saw mill Friday. The mill has the capacity of sawing ten to fifteen thousand feet of lumber. Mr. Bunker has purchased the outfit and will move it to the heavy timber near Fortescue in the near future.

Messrs. Bryson and Wolf of Fort Hazel were transacting business here Monday.

Joe Kopf is assisting Herman Seitz complet husking his mammoth crop of corn.

Ed Shaw of St. Deroin was a business caller here Monday.

Adam Blokel and Dock Saal were business callers here Monday, the latter visiting with his mother here.

Bill Strecker and daughter, Minnie, spent Wednesday visiting at the home of his aged mother who resides here.

J. E. Randall and wife spent Saturday and Sunday in Falls City intending to return home Sunday evening but were detained until Monday noon on account of the heavy rain.

George Thompson was a business caller here Monday.

Otto Henschberger and Robert Nitsche transacted business in Preston Tuesday.

Mrs. Frank Bauman and Annie were business callers here Wednesday.

Coon and Balda Dannecker attended the shooting match here Wednesday.

Pauline Kopf of St. Joseph attended the Hartmann-Haeffle wedding near here Tuesday.

Helen and Mary Haunks of Winnebago Valley were pleasant callers here Monday.

John Gentry and family of Fort Hazel departed to make their home in or near Tyron, Okla.

Lizelle Gosner returned to her home in Sunny Valley after several weeks visit among friends and relatives near Naperville, Ill. She enjoyed her trip immensely.

Amiel Pfunder of Preston visited at the home of his parents here on Tuesday.

The barn and corn crib on the Alois Dannecker farm two miles north of Rulo burned down Saturday. Melvin Walters and Bill Foster were thought to be accountable and were arrested Wednesday and lodged in the county jail.

Elmer Arnold was a Rulo caller last Saturday.

S. M. Randall and Walter Perkins accompanied by Nellie and Bessie Merrill were county seat visitors on Saturday.

H. G. Dorste and James Sells were Rulo callers the latter part of the week.

Elmer Fleisher and Floyd Ruthford were in Rulo Tuesday.

Samuel Mackey and John Payne shipped several batches of furs recently. They are having great success as trappers this season.

The Direct Primary.

The republican platform is pledged to a state primary law, but it is a question how one can be formed to meet satisfaction and make the desired improvement over the convention system. In Illinois the primary law has been a disappointment, and in Oregon it has not worked according to expectations. Touching the experiment in Oregon, the Burchard Times has the following to say, in part, as the result of an interview with Senator Fulton of that place:

"United States Senator Fulton of Oregon, who was in Burchard last week, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Halderman, is not an enthusiastic admirer of the direct primary for the nomination of county, state and district officers, one of the reform measures for which both parties in Nebraska now stand pledged.

"The direct primary law is in force in Oregon, and, the senator says, while it accomplishes its purpose in the case of county and district offices, where the possible candidates are well known, it falls far short of being a reform when candidates for state offices are to be named.

"It can be readily seen that a candidate for governor or United States senator who is wealthy and can afford to spend money lavishly in advertising himself, would have an immense advantage over a poorer, though possibly worthy man, who can not afford to have his praises shouted from the housetops."

Reduction sale of trimmed hats at the New Millinery Store to begin December 1st and continued during the month. All trimmed hats to go at \$1.00, \$2.00 and \$3.00.

ROPING BIG BEAR NOT EASY CAN TRESPASS BY 'PHONE.

Bruin Chases Ranch Owner and Later Narrowly Escapes with His Life.

"In the winter of 1893," said Tim Kinney, a ranchman of Rock Springs, Wyo., to a Washington Post reporter, "the bears in Bitter creek were surely a nuisance to the stockmen. I lost so many calves that I got fighting mad, and declared war on the four-footed despoilers.

"One day my foreman and I were out rounding up a herd of beeves when in a low, marshy spot we came across one of the biggest bears I ever saw. Unluckily, we didn't have either rifle or revolver, but as I looked at the beast and thought of my dead calves my dander got up, and it occurred to me that we might throw our lariats over him and hold him until some way of executing the death penalty could be found.

"We thought it was a picnic, as far as throwing a rope over Mr. Bear was concerned. My man got his rope over the enemy's neck and I got him around one leg. It looked as though we had him. Dismounting, I made the end of my lariat fast to the stump of a tree, but the foreman stayed on his pony. Grabbing a huge rock, I got quite close to the brute and dealt him a terrible blow on the forehead. With a howl of rage he gave a mighty lunge that broke the rope from the tree and started after me.

"But for the tremendous efforts of my companion, who still maintained his hold, I would have been caught and killed before I could have been able to reach my pony. As it was the shave was extremely close, and the bear was right at my heels as I got in the saddle. All this time the foreman was tugging and hauling manfully, and if he hadn't been strong and skillful I'd have never lived to tell this yarn. In a few minutes I managed to get another piece of rope, and this time old Silver Tip was unable to break his fastening. Both of us then assaulted him with stones and beat him into insensibility before administering the coup de grace with a hunting knife."

SAILOR'S MARRIAGE YARN.

Tells Party in Ice Cream Parlor of Customs Which Are Peculiar to Andaman Islands.

The day was warm for March. The sailor sat in the ice cream saloon eating ice cream and lady cake.

"The queerest marriage I ever seen, miss," he said, "was in the Andaman islands. But maybe you ain't interested in marriages?"

He laughed as men always laugh over this joke, and the pretty waitress permitted herself to smile.

"The islanders in them islands," he said, "is dwarfs, four feet, on the average. Very fierce and ugly.

"If a young islander wants a girl for his wife he asks her parents for her. They never refuse. They take the girl and hide her in the forest. There the lad must find her before morning. If he finds her she's his. If he don't she ain't.

"Of course I don't need to tell you that if the girl wants the young feller she sees to it that he finds her all right.

"And vice versa.

"Here is how the marriage ceremony is performed. The lad climbs up a slim young tree and the girl climbs up another close to him. Her clothes don't bother her in climbin'—clothes never bother an Andaman islander. Well, up they go, and as they near the top their weight bends the slim trees over toward each other prettily. The trees bow and bend and courtesy, and finally the lad's head touches the girl's and from below a shout goes up, for the head touching has done the business. The ceremony is finished. The young folks' troubles have begun."

Egg-Swallowing Record.

A singular story of eggswallowing comes from Maritzburg, the capital of Natal. A well-known citizen made a bet with a local auctioneer that he would swallow 42 raw eggs in ten minutes. He performed the task in eight minutes, and then offered to swallow 60 raw eggs in 15 minutes.

Long-Distance Breach of the Peace Determined by Kansas City Judge.

The invention of new machinery, devices, processes, is continually bringing up new questions of law, puzzling judges, lawyers and laymen, soliloquizes the Philadelphia Public Ledger. The trolley brought its problems; the submarines, when they are used for commercial purposes, will undoubtedly pose the law-makers; the power of modern guns on men-of-war has made obsolete the old three-mile rule as to the limit of territorial waters; and when the balloon shall become a passenger vehicle what wisdom will frame the rules of the road or the law of trespass?

Just now the law relating to the telephone is of interest. What constitutes a breach of peace by 'phone? Judge Brady, of Kansas City, has just decided such a case which, by reason of its romantic connection, appeals to all. Walter Clark had proposed to a maiden and had been rejected. He renewed the proposal over the telephone; called up the fair one several times, and was "turned down." He was not dismayed, but "called" in the morning and in the afternoon and in the dewey eve, and sometimes at night. The doors may be barred and a rejected suitor kept out, but how is the telephone to be guarded? Judge Brady took these questions under consideration, and ruled that after a girl had rejected a man she had the inalienable right "to have him stay rejected," and that the use of the telephone could and should be classed as a style of importunity amounting to a breach of peace.

The theory of the law in these decisions is this: It would be a breach of the peace if the suitor should annoy the young woman with his presence, and the fact that the telephone was used does not modify the act nor the responsibility of the person performing the act. This seems to be good sense, and an indication that when the people of the United States shall all have "universal wireless connection" a man in New York who calls an enemy in San Francisco a hard name by "wireless" will hold himself liable, though the costs of prosecution would be prohibitive.

HOW TO MAKE A BATTERY

Stiff Piece of Paper and a Common Tea Tray Are All That Is Necessary.

Cut a stiff piece of paper into an oval or a circle of nearly the size of a common tea tray. Fasten to it two upright handles, one on each end, both made of paper and attach by means of sealing wax, says the San Francisco Chronicle.

Now, take any common tin tea tray that you may be able to borrow in the house and lay it on the top of two glasses. These will furnish the "insulation."

Warm the paper disk thoroughly on the stove till it is as dry as it can possibly be. Then lay it on the table and brush it violently with a common clothesbrush. If you spread a piece of silk or a rubber sheet under it, so much the better, though it is not necessary.

The friction has made the paper electric. Lift it from the table, lay it on the tea tray and approach a corner of it with the knuckles of your finger or with a sharp metal point. A spark will leap out from it immediately.

Now you have an electric battery in a most simple form. By rubbing the paper as often as it loses its electricity it is possible to get enough sparks to load a Leyden jar or any other form of small electric storage battery.

A very simple Leyden jar can be made by filling a tumbler half full with shot and sticking an iron or silver spoon into it. By letting the sparks from the tea tray leap continually to the spoon the tumbler jar finally will accumulate so much electricity that it will be extremely uncomfortable to get a shock from it.

Ready to Side-Step.

Miss Fudge—I wish you could hear Prof. Pedalle. His friends think he is bound to be the pianist of the future.

Mr. Grudge—Exactly. I wish I knew in which place.—Cleveland Leader.



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