

of the so-called professional mourners that attend almost every funeral and always weep—weep from a habit, and fill with utter disgust those who come out of respect for the dead, and not curiosity.

We say, down with this loathsome custom! Put an end to it. We have seen enough of it to justify our most wholesome contempt for it. Put an end to it. But, like a few other incongruous features of church custom that may be passed by without comment at this time, it is allowed and sometimes invited by many ministers who are apparently insensible to the absolute impropriety of it.

For heaven's sake, be done with it!—Edinburg Tribune.

### LOCAL HAPPENINGS.

Mrs. C. H. Johnson and two daughters, Edith and Stella, were visitors at the Buchheit home Monday and Tuesday. They came up from Cooperstown, where they have been visiting. Mrs. Johnson is the widow of our former county judge, who held office before Judge Carleton was elected. In the earlier days Mr. Johnson conducted a store in Willow township, north of here, on the land that is now owned by Otto Pritz. Since her husband died Mrs. Johnson has resided at Slayton, Minnesota. They are now on their way to Eugene, Oregon, to make their future home. The visit here was a very pleasant one.

Three auto loads left here last Saturday evening for Minot and Ryder, to register for land in the Berthold reservation. F. D. Cannon, Helmer Hanson and Allison Bowe rode with Elmer Krogfoss, A. J. Melgard, M. Norswing and Geo. Sundby with Albert Alfson, and J. D. Reid, P. E. Peterson and Chas. Patterson with F. G. Lewis. The first party returned Tuesday morning at one o'clock, and the other two at 1:30. Wednesday

ternoon. The roads both ways were in a frightful condition, which made it impossible to make good time. The trip was made without serious mishaps. The only accident being a breaking of a hind spring on Mr. Lewis' car. The crops from New Rockford west with the exception of an occasional spot, is about all shot to pieces—some of the fields might as well be plowed under, while others will about return the seed. The crops from New Rockford here will bring a fair yield. They were a fatigued looking bunch when they returned but none the worse off for the outing—besides, look at the chance they have of becoming one of Uncle Sam's greatest noblemen.

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