

Greetings, folks! Back on the job and glad of the chance to dig up a laugh.

C. O. Johnson of Cooperstown was a Jesuit visitor on Friday.

Alfred and Oscar Johnson were business visitors in Binford on Saturday.

C. E. Lepper and Gus Snow were Binford callers between trains last Saturday.

January is one-third gone—well it will be May in a few weeks. Cheer up, the worst is yet to come.

Looks as though old North Dakota was as busy as ever. Smile and frown. But 90 and 92 is worse.

Mrs. Norman McCulloch left on Saturday for Carpio, where she will spend a short time with her sister.

Mr. and Mrs. John Howel entertained on Thursday evening for a number of friends from town and country.

Louis Pimbleigh, of Hartington, Neb., returned Saturday from a trip to Missouri. He is staying with his sister, Mrs. Fred Hale.

Arthur K. Olson returned on Saturday from a vacation spent with a brother and family at Glenfield. Art looks fit for a fight or a frolic.

They tell you in the Twin Cities that the Fords are cheaper now as they don't need a brass band around the radiator. Slow music, please.

August Rickford spent a couple days of the past week with E. A. Retzlaff and family. Mr. Rickford is in the hardware business at Pekin.

Louis LaPlante returned Saturday from a visit with friends in the Twin Cities. He enjoyed every day of his vacation and is now ready for hard work.

The N. P. carpenters have now finished the work on the bungalow for Magistrate Dalton, who will soon take possession in a few days. Congratulations.

Oscar Johnson, of Maple Creek, Sask., is a guest of his brother, Alfred. He will return to his home in a short time. Come again when the ducks are flying.

Miss Edna Hougren and Miss Bertha Tweed returned the past week to the Oak Grove seminary at Fargo to resume their quest of knowledge. We shall miss them.

A well known business man was seen on Saturday busily engaged about the store unconscious of the fact that he was carrying around a "tale of woe." 'Twas sad.

Olai, Jim and Mac were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Larson at dinner, Saturday evening. Mrs. Inches said she wondered why Mac did not eat his usual dinner that day.

Walter Sigge, our "light foot" artist, played with the Binford orchestra for the firemen's dance Friday evening, returning Saturday. He ports a splendid time and a royal welcome from the Binford bunch.

Jimmie Strand sure deserves the commiseration of the town. He has been so busy the past week soliciting spring orders for ready made post holes, that he simply could not eat his meals at the noon hour. The rush is over for the present at least.

Mrs. H. Kvam has accepted the position of teacher at the Jas. McCulloch school for the remainder of the term. She will stay with the McCulloch family and return home each week end. Miss Minnie Ragner has taken up school work in Cooperstown.

A merry bunch of young people from town and country made up a sleigh party and surprised the Erick Watne family, Thursday evening. Under the watchful chaperonage of Carl Rickford, who was also the "sufferer" of the "one horse show." Everyone had a very pleasant time.

When you ever feel that the place you live in is not what you like, and is like the game of "How do you like your neighbors?" just take a little trip for a few weeks and see how the other fellow likes his home. A recent poem in a business magazine comments on the above and says, "When you are disgruntled with your town, your business and your neighbors, just remember, it's not your town, it's you."

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Thorn entertained a number of friends at their home Sunday evening. After the music came a delightful lap luncheon. Col. Mark was chosen toast master and called upon one of those present to present a brief speech. As a result it was resolved that our school needs a new organ. Plans are being made for a basket social on Friday evening, Jan. 19th. Every

body who is at all interested in our school is asked to help make it a success. Fuller details will be published in The Times next week. In the meantime plan to come. Our school is your school.

O. H. Ragny was busily engaged on Wednesday evening "counting his eggs" Fred Tellefson dropped in for a quiet chat and finally walked home with him. When they reached the porch they beheld a bunch in the room enjoying a game of whist. When O. H. under the careful guidance of the solicitous Fred, reached the food foundry he found a large company of ladies busily engaged. After a struggle he regained his breath and responded to the many congratulations on their twelfth wedding anniversary. As the rush for mails and postage stamps it had never occurred to him. After an enjoyable evening of games, music, and a splendid repast the bunch was called together and in a few brief remarks Mr. McIntosh congratulated the young couple upon the occasion and expressed the wish that there might be many more such events, and that their only troubles might be little ones. Mrs. Ragny, being the custodian of the "First National bank," the evening's remembrance was tendered to her. A feature of the evening was the dancing by Max Wild, illustrating some of the old time steps in the most approved fashion.

No. 514.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF  
**The State Bank of Jenie**  
at Jenie, in the state of North Dakota,  
at the close of business Dec. 31st, 1916.

RESOURCES

Loans and discounts	\$180,233.26
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	161.63
Warrants, stocks, tax certificates, claims, etc.	88.50
Banking house, furniture and fixtures	4,560.00
Revenue stamps	98.00
Due from other banks	\$11,363.02
Checks and other cash items	106.51
Cash	6,473.06
	<u>21,522.77</u>
Total	\$191,844.61

LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid in	\$12,000.00
Surplus fund	6,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	1,246.14
Individual deposits subject to check	\$25,822.96
Demand certificate of deposit	2,243.64
Time certificate of deposit	79,522.77
	<u>117,538.47</u>
Total	\$191,844.61

State of North Dakota, County of Griggs,  
ss—  
I, H. St. John, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true, to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
H. St. John, Cashier.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of January, 1917.  
Olof Barath,  
Notary Public,  
Griggs County.  
My commission expires March 10th, 1922.

Correct Attest:  
S. O. Hansen }  
O. E. Thorn } Directors

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**"Marrying Parson" Lays Down Set of Ten Rules to Guide Husband Seeker**

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"Shut the roving pet, copy the cat, avoid witticism and keep silent like a clam" is the advice given to marrying girls by Rev. John H. Pierce, the "marrying parson" of Oakland, Cal., who has wedded 4,000 couples in his lifetime. Rev. Mr. Pierce has laid down the following ten rules for feminine guidance:

1. Plan your campaign with the wisdom of the serpent, conceal it with the silence of a clam, execute it with the strategy of a Machiavelli.
2. Avoid all witticism about marriage.
3. Veil with alluring helplessness the iron of self-sufficiency.
4. When a man declares "I shall never marry" mark him for easy prey.
5. Be inwardly bold as a lion; outwardly timid as a young fawn.
6. The loudest flattery is the silence of attention. When he speaks, listen. It is incense to his pride.
7. Shut the roving pet, and powder puff, for many a maid has lost out by selling under false colors.
8. Pick out a chemical affinity. Remember, oil won't mix with water, but it will with myth.
9. Copy the cat, for it is squireable; and the dove, for it coos carelessly; and the whip-poorwill, for it seems elusive.
10. Remember that the supreme test of a man is a kiss. If he will not yield under its pressure, scorn him; he is either a brute or an idiot.

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