

## THE NEW ESTRAY LAW.

Section 1973—Notice of Taking up Estray. Each person taking up an estray horse, mare, colt, ass, mule or meat cattle, hogs or goat shall within ten days thereafter give notice of the finding of said animal in a weekly newspaper published in the county, if not, in the nearest newspaper, which advertisement shall give the description of the estray and the marks and brands thereon. Any person taking up such estray shall also file within ten days with the county auditor of the county in which said estray was taken up, a description of such estray and the marks and brands thereon. Such person shall also within ten days from the time of taking up said estray, mail to commissioner of agriculture and labor at his office at Bismarck by registered letter a true copy of the notice hereinbefore required to be given to the county auditor of the respective counties. The receipt of the registered letter and proof of the publication of the notice as herein provided must be filed with the county auditor of the county wherein such estray can be appraised or before appraisors can be appointed. Any person taking up such an estray or who fails to advertise such estray or who fails to file a description thereof with the county auditor or who fails to mail a copy of said notice to the commissioner of agriculture and labor as herein provided shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be liable to the owner of such estray stock for all damages caused by neglecting to advertise as herein provided; provided that if any person shall take up an estray which is apparently worthless it may be destroyed. A person taking up such an estray shall notify some justice of

the peace of the county and such justice shall immediately choose one disinterested freeholder as one appraiser and the party taking the estray shall choose one disinterested freeholder and the two so chosen shall appoint a third person living in the vicinity where the estray was taken up and the three persons shall constitute a board of appraisers who shall act without compensation. If such appraisers shall appraise the estray as worthless it shall be destroyed by the party taking it up.

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## DESTROY THE WEEDS.

Fargo Forum: Travelers over the state this summer are forcibly impressed by the difference in the methods of farming. There has, perhaps, never been a year in which the benefits of good farming stood out so prominently. The late season enabled the weeds to get a good start and they have been unusually in evidence this year. On some farms they seem to be the chief product. On others, frequently adjoining the bad fields, the grain is clean and there is scarcely a weed in sight. It's the difference between the painstaking agriculturalist and the slipshod, careless fellow who is merely after immediate returns with the least possible effort. Even in this he is following a mistaken policy, for the weeds destroy, not only the yield, but the quality of the grain grown on fields which they infest. The conditions this year present in a striking manner the necessity of a change in agricultural methods. Most land owners have been attempting to do too much and have not succeeded in doing anything well. Less wheat acreage and more attention to the quality of the seed used, the prepar-