

Contract Let.

Great Northern Let Contract For Building New Line Through Griggs County.

The cut-off on the Great Northern from Fargo clear across the state to Surrey, N. D., the first town east of Minot, is a sure thing.

The first absolutely definite information to this effect was received in Fargo late yesterday afternoon when it was learned that the firm of A. Guthrie & Co., of St. Paul, the well known railroad contractors, had received the contract to begin the work.

For months the papers of the northwest and especially of North Dakota, have been filled with rumors regarding the construction of this cut-off and there have been various theories and statements that the line would go through this town or that, but the railroad officials have been very reticent and have given out no definite information.

Mr. Guthrie's contract calls for the construction of 225 miles of railroad and the work is to be commenced immediately.

Fargo people are feeling more kindly than ever to the Great Northern since the contract for the new extension was let. The efforts of Wahpeton and other points to secure the eastern end of the cut-off have failed and Fargo will be the objective point.

The extension will mean that all the fast trains over the Great Northern will be operated over this line as it greatly shortens the distance between Williston and Fargo. It runs south of Devils Lake and Grand Forks and those cities will unfortunately lose the fast train service which they have heretofore enjoyed.

The new line opens up a lot of new

territory in Cass, Steele, Griggs, Foster, Eddy, Wells, McHenry and Ward counties and will make all that section directly tributary to Fargo.

The invasion of the Soo territory by the Great Northern extension may also be a factor in getting the Soo into Fargo as a retaliatory measure.—Fargo Forum.

Additional Locals.

Formaldehyde for sale at Almklov's Pharmacy.

Go to Larson's Department Store if you need a new hat.

O. B. Westley and family will move to Cooperstown in the near future.

Masury Nömar varnishes have been the acknowledged standards for 78 years.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Cooper arrived home Tuesday. They have spent the winter in Arizona and Colorado.

Wilmot Houghton returned from Minneapolis last Wednesday where he had been looking over the automobiles and trying them out. He did not buy while down there, being somewhat undecided as to the machine he wanted.

It rained on Easter Sunday so that new spring hats were not very much in evidence. They say that if it rains on Easter Sunday it will rain for seven consecutive Sundays thereafter, so that the ladies better wear their hats week days and leave them home on Sundays.

The Erickson Brothers, known as the Erickson Brothers Cement Co., have returned to Cooperstown and will take up the cement business again this summer. They are good workmen and guarantee their work. Their advertisement will be found in another column in this paper.