

## MIDLAND ROAD CHANGES ROUTE

WORK WILL BE ACTIVELY COMMENCED ON MAY 1 FROM JAMESTOWN TO EDGELEY.

A change has been made in the survey of the Midland Continental railroad and it will run through Larimore and a portion of Grand Forks county, according to information received in Jamestown last week. The road will run northeast from Aneta. Recently there was strong pressure brought to bear by residents of Logan township to secure the road for that locality and it is believed that they have been successful.

It is definitely decided that construction work on the Midland Continental railroad will be actively commenced on May 1, and officials in Chicago advise the Jamestown engineers to engage 50 teams ready for grading operations. Three crews of men will be put to work according to Locating Engineer Beach, one working for Edgeley, one for Jamestown and the other between the two towns. It is expected that the grading will be completed by September.

Steel will be laid in the early fall and the James river will be bridged between Jamestown and Edgeley. After a season's work the right-of-way man has cleared the whole 40 miles of right-of-way, and it is reported that except in a few instances the right-of-way from here north has been secured.—Capital.

### Resolutions

We, the bankers of the Fifth judicial district of the state of North Dakota, in Convention at Valley City, North Dakota, this sixteenth day of December, 1908, do hereby oppose any and all legislation looking toward the establishment of Government Postal Savings Banks in any form for the following reasons:

First—Removal of funds from local investment and the consequent increase of interest rates, which would result in retarding local development and adding an unnecessary burden on borrowers.

Second—Removal of taxable property from the community and the consequent increase in rate of taxation of real estate in such community.

Third—Increase of government offices to be filled by political influence.

Fourth—Constant lobbying for the disposition of government funds.

Fifth—Removal of property from process of law and the consequent facility for evasion of debt.

JOHN TRACY,  
W. C. McDOWELL,  
J. J. EARLY,  
Committee.

### School Notes

When the weather will permit, all pupils living in town are expected to take their dinners at home and not to return to the school building before the ringing of the first bell.

The committee for the purchasing of books, recently met at the home of Mrs. H. N. Tucker. Books suitable for all grades were selected and ordered.

The Harvey basket ball teams are expected here to play the local high school teams Saturday, Jan. 30th.

The matter of school entertainment was discussed at teachers' meeting Monday evening.

Last Tuesday morning in the high school room the final obsequies of Caus Julius Ceaser were held and he was interred with due ceremony. The second year Latin class sincerely hope that his ghost will not rise to haunt them more.

The state high school examinations are being held this week.

The returns from the final eighth grade examinations held in December have just been re-

ceived.

The following pupils were neither tardy nor absent during the month of December:

Inez Atwood	Maud Kellogg
Lucy McWethy	Frank Hoffman
John Swanson	Edna Robinson
Mae Parsons	Edna Gorthy
Pierce Serrin	Paul Rogers
Geo. Nelson	August Nelson
Stella Beach	Hilda Larson
Orson McWethy	Bell Olson
Halmer Peterson	Hugh Ryan
Blanche Smith	Audrey Wilson
Robt. Beach	Oliver Offdahl
Ralph Willson	Willis Farries
Merrit Hoffman	Stephen Olson
Lawrence Peterson	Alice Walker
Irma Rapp	Alfred Farries
Minnie Lilly	Alta Ryan
Einer Peterson	Henry Rapp
Louise Lilley	

### Your Carriers Worst Trouble

I'm Uncle Sam's most favored pet,  
I'm hearty and I'm hale;  
I've nothing in the world to do,  
But glide around with mail;  
But one thing almost breaks my heart,  
And my nervous system shock,  
It's the everlasting pennies  
That I'm fishing from the box.

It's all right in the springtime,  
Or when the summer breezes blow;  
But a different proposition  
When it's thirty-two below,  
When all your fingers and your toes  
Are frozen hard as rocks,  
It's almost anything but funny  
Scratching pennies from a box.

And now, quite confidentially,  
I'll tell you something more—  
A rural carrier way out west  
Forgot himself and swore;  
Says he, I can stand the snowdrifts,  
I can stand the frozen locks,  
But blast the measly pennies,  
In the blasted measly box."

When the 'roll is called up yonder'  
And we shall gather there,  
They wouldn't let a mail man in  
If they knew he learned to swear.  
If you want the pearly gates to swing  
When your rural carrier knocks,  
Boy stamps and don't be guilty  
Of putting pennies in the box.

### THE GERMAN CENSOR.

He Was a Terror to the Dramatist a Hundred Years Ago.

The way the censor worried the German dramatists of a century or so ago is strikingly illustrated by a book on the censorship in Germany published by Dr. Robert Heindl at Munich. The German theater used to be terribly moral. In 1795 the Viennese censor laid it down that an engaged couple ought not to quit the stage separately, but that they should be accompanied by an official who should be understood to be about to make immediate arrangements for their marriage. Even in 1848 misalliances were prohibited on the Viennese stage, for, as the censor sagely observed, these misfortunes will occur in real life, but they should not be allowed in the theater.

At Stuttgart the "Iphigenia in Tauris" of Goethe was nearly prohibited because the Greek dress allowed the actors' bare legs to be seen. There was a long dispute over this point, but at last the censor permitted the play on condition that the actors wore yellow tights.

Few would have imagined that the Viennese censor was so careful of the morals of the population a hundred years ago, but Dr. Heindl shows that not merely political allusions were censored, but that the strictest decorum of word and of thought was insisted upon.

### Counting Postal Cards.

Of the many interesting machines employed by the government in its daily work there may be mentioned those used for counting and tying postal cards into small bundles. These machines are capable of counting 500,000 cards in ten hours and wrapping and tying them in packages of twenty-five each. In this operation the paper is pulled off a drum by two long fingers which emerge from below, and another finger dips in a vat of mucilage and applies itself to the wrapping paper in precisely the right spot. Other parts of the machine twine the paper round the pack of cards, and then a thumb presses over the spot whereon the mucilage has been applied, whereupon the package is thrown on a carrying belt ready for delivery.—Minneapolis Journal.

### Then He Subsided.

"I have made it a rule through life," he said at the table the other day to a man at his left, "never to meddle with another man's business."

"That's right—perfectly right," was the reply.

"But I see you have a new confidential clerk."

"Yes, sir, yes."

"He's a hard looking case. I have seen him intoxicated a dozen times, and I wouldn't trust him out of my sight with a sixpence. Took him out of charity, eh?"

"Well, not altogether, you know. He happens to be my eldest son."—London Mail.

### A Look Ahead.

Simon had just paid a long delayed bill at the grocer's, partly in response to many urgings and partly because he happened to have the requisite ready money. The grocer, an old friend in spite of his persistence in dunning, thanked him heartily.

"Good for you, Simon," he said graciously. "You deserve credit for paying up this way."

"I know it," replied Simon, "and I wish you'd give it to me sooner another time."—Youth's Companion.