A few days ago the manager of the North Dakota Independent Telephone Company was in the city in company with L. A. Jacobson, of Hope. They came over to see if the local telephone company would join with them in putting in a copper line between Griggs and Steele counties which would give us direct long distance service with the other line instead of having to go around as I at present which makes a very 11 unsatisfactory service for the public. We are told that the lo- d cal company will build half the proposed line and the North Da- fi kota company their half. This will be a great improvement to is those using the long distance n phone and one that will be greatly | C appreciated. The local company in is spending considerable money M this season in trying to build up th and improve the service.