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Furnished by F. L. Griffith agent for Monarch Elevator Co.

	1 NOB	2 NOB	3 NOB	4 NOB	RECEIVED
Friday	96	93	88	78	70
Saturday	97	94	89	79	71
Monday	96	93	88	78	70
Tuesday	96	93	88	78	70
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Barley 57 to 71. Oats 39. Flax 1.01

Miss H. R. Hood of Hannah is a guest of Dr. and Mrs. McQueen for the holidays.

Dr. Lemery of Inkster was a Christmas guest at Chas. Full's.

We are pleased to report Mrs. Spiller very much improved and out of danger.

Judge Kneeshaw left for Langdon yesterday to finish some left over court work there.

Frank McCullough has moved from the Quackenbush place near Neche to the Churchill farm east of the Iceland coulee.

The Emerson skating rink was formally opened Thursday night, attended by a large number of young people from Pembina.

A row at Leroy last Sunday resulted in one man being badly beaten, who swore out a warrant against three parties, who were tried before a justice at Cavalier on Thursday.

Editor Ballentyne writes us that he is preparing for his annual vacation, and expects to leave next week. In the meantime the Emerson Journal will suspend for two weeks, and his subscribers are advised accordingly.

Christmas trade was exceptionally good in this city this year. It began early and continued to Tuesday evening, but without any special rush. Our merchants express satisfaction and thanks. Many of the customers came from long distances.

Mrs. Caroline Diamond, sister of Mrs. F. C. Myrick Sr., of this city, died on Wednesday at her home in Montello, Wis., aged 64 years. She was the mother of ten children and grand mother of twenty-eight. Mr. and Mrs. Myrick visited her a few weeks ago.

Again we are reminded of the passage of time and the beats of the good heart of neighbor brother Deacon by the receipt of the annual box of cigars—which have been the regular thing for 10, these many years. May all our good brother's troubles disappear as will these cigars—in smoke.

The young folks should not forget the Masquerade at the City Hall next Tuesday evening—and the old folks should also remember that they can look regrettably from the gallery—for fifteen cents. It promises to be a swell affair. T. R. Shaw will have a supply of masks on hand.

J. J. Eriendson of Akra has been appointed as one of the door keepers in senate gallery in Washington. It is a meritorious position, and Jake's many friends in town will be glad to hear of his good fortune. He left for Washington on Wednesday morning from Hensel and will arrive at his destination on Saturday.—Edinburg Tribune.

The many friends in this county will be pleased to learn that Rodney Anderson has purchased an interest in the Grafton Roller Mills and is elected secretary of that institution. The Grafton Roller Mills was sold to the new proprietors a year ago for \$85,000 and is one of the best properties of the kind in this state.

Stephen Birch, proprietor of the North Dakota Tile Works of Fargo, has returned from Salt Lake City, Utah, where he has been filling some large contracts with that city. He reports things in a bustling condition and says that he has over a million dollar contract with the city for sewerage and drainage. Mr. Birch has several other important contracts in the west.—Forum.

Gene Beaudry and Misses Annie Resler and Florence Beaudry drove over to Pembina, Tuesday evening and attended the production of "Down in Maine" by a home talent company. All the parts were well taken, and Pembina sustained her reputation of having more first class amateur histrionic talent than any other town in the county.—Chronotype.

The regular jury term of the district court should occur in this county on January 7th, but as practically no criminal business appeared on the calendar and but little civil business of importance, Judge Kneeshaw had concluded to get along without a jury for the present; but it may be that the developments in the homicide case at Neche last week may require the trial of the guilty parties at the ensuing term and if so a jury may be called. A court term will be held at any rate.

The weather of November and December has been almost ideal. Not a bad storm, but little snow, no sleighing, most every day sunshine and warm, but not too warm. Gradually growing colder. The day before Christmas was the first cold snap of the month and Christmas morning it was twenty-five below, but the day was still quite pleasant. Farther south, beginning at Drayton, the day before Christmas was quite stormy and at Winnipeg Junction there was a heavy snow fall.

The fire department has ordered a new chemical engine that is expected here in about two weeks. While our fire protection is one of the best in the state, as compared with other towns the size of Pembina, there is need for something for quick action at outlying places in case of fire. With four cisterns at different parts of the town, each holding several hundred barrels of water, a gasoline fire engine, and a chemical this city ought to be well protected against fire. Through good management the department has cash on hand to pay for it, \$260. The engine comes from Elmira, New York.

Postal clerk Olander of the N. P. who who came north on Christmas day, remarked that he he was glad it was over. As a sample of the Christmas presents that the postal people get, he said that he worked without cessation from three o'clock in the afternoon until two in the morning, eating a cookie or two for lunch while still handling the mail. He says the packages were in better shape this year than ever before and that those from this city were all well wrapped. He had 100 registered packages at Winnipeg Junction. While giving thanks for Christmas favors don't forget the postal and express people.

After many years of remarkable peace along criminal lines the citizens of this county were greatly shocked this week to learn that the festivities and pleasures of the Christmas season were marred by a death from violence. The fact that this occurrence is likely to be court matters in the near future makes this paper somewhat chary of publishing any more than a brief outline of the facts as they are now supposed to be. It is hard at the time of this publication to distinguish between facts and mere rumor, and thus far the coroner's jury has not reported. Hence what we give is but heresy, from which the actual facts will have to be sifted by the courts.

Horse Estray

Left my premises about two weeks ago, two horses. One mare, red with specks of white, white nose, three years old, weight about 1,000, rat-tailed. One bay horse, coming two-year-old. Reward paid for information.

FRANCIS DEFOE,
Pembina, N. D.

Christmas Visitors

The home comings were numerous the past week. Among them are the following:—Miss Florence McDougald, from Valley City Normal; Pauline Kneeshaw, Hulda Anderson, Ed Conny, from North Dakota University; Ralph Chisholm, from Carlton College; Dudley Full from University Minnesota; Fred Ryan, University Chicago; Isabel Douglas, Mayville Normal; Vinnie Full, Winnipeg; Pauline Branchaud, Bagley; Rose Conny, Winnipeg; Hector Branchaud, from Cavalier; Lucille Switzer, from Ada; Edgar Horr, Minneapolis; Alex. Hart, who runs on the new line from Grand Forks to Morden; Frank Hart who has been on duty on the line in Alberta near Lethbridge for some months to which he expects to return.

Mr. and Mrs. McCargill spent Christmas with friends at Drayton.

F. C. Warner and son Lawrence left for Warner, Ill., in time for turkey with relatives there.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Cockburn of Drayton were at the parental home for Christmas and Mrs. Cockburn will remain some days.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Fairbairn of Winnipeg came up to eat Christmas dinner with relatives.

Entertainments

Christmas Eve and Christmas night were gala nights for the Sunday school children of Pembina. The reporter was not able to take them all in, in person, but the reports as made by the little ones show that they filled the bill and that the birth of the Christ child was celebrated in Pembina at least to their supreme satisfaction—and they were those for whom satisfaction was especially intended. The Presbyterian church was filled to the doors on Tuesday night to listen to the cantata "Santa has the Grip" which was finely rendered and every child was provided with a present notwithstanding the indisposition of the old gentleman. Wednesday night a large audience was at the City Hall to take in the Methodist program of which "Saint Claus Sr." and "Saint Claus Jr." were the features. The music of this cantata was very finely rendered, and the cantata is a very good one. The Episcopalians had a party at Mrs. Feldman's while the Icelandic Lutherans enjoyed themselves at their church. O yes, the various denominations "Santas" were here all right, in spite of "grip" and the "infirmities of age."

"Sunny Southern Alberta" Wheat.

Geo. McCabe, ex-sheriff of this county who lives at Grafton, and who with his brothers, James and John, run a line of elevators in this state and Canada, was in the city last week. He was here interviewing the customs officers in reference to the importation of frosted wheat from Alberta. The wheat of which he had samples, was so badly injured that it was fit for nothing but feed and not too good for that.

But the former decision of the Secretary of the Treasury was brought up, which rules out anything that is "wheat" except on the twenty-five cent revenue rate. As the stuff was hardly worth twenty-five cents for grinding, of course there will be no importations. It was not a good advertisement of "Sunny Southern Alberta" either. Another gentleman named Bell who happened to be present, also showed some samples from Saskatchewan, which were pronounced by Mr. McCabe and two of our local buyers as a good grade of No. 1 Northern. Mr. Bell said that he had sold the same wheat as grade No. 3 and that he had to fight to keep it from being graded as No. 4. He only got 73 cents a bushel for it when the same kind of wheat was selling for a dollar or more at Pembina.

A Foul and Brutal Murder

Arthur LeClaire was murdered at Neche on Sunday night last. LeClaire was a fireman on the G. N. Ry., living at Grand Forks and had come home to visit at his father's at Neche for the holidays. He was about twenty-four years of age and was popular among his friends. According to the evidence given at the coroner's inquest, the story in brief is about like this:

LeClaire and young O'Brien had been around town the evening previous, at various places, until about 11 o'clock when they parted. LeClaire saying that he was going home. O'Brien went home arriving there about 11:15. Both of the young men had been drinking beer but neither was intoxicated. In the early morning LeClaire's father went to look for his son who had not arrived at home. He went to the residence of Wm. Folker, and told him about it and together they went on the search. Mr. F. thinking the missing man might have gone to the rink on the river, went that way. They soon found a pool of blood in the snow, then another pool and a trail as of a body being dragged that led down the river bank. Below the dam where the swift water prevented freezing, they found LeClaire's hat. Then getting an ax they cut away some of the ice and found the body of the murdered man. At the post mortem it was shown that the back of LeClaire's head had been battered in by about ten blows from a blunt instrument, presumably from a lathing hatchet which was found near the scene. It was also shown that LeClaire was dead before he was thrown into the river.

As LeClaire had a considerable sum of money, something over a hundred dollars on his person the night before and only some small change and his watch when found, robbery is supposed to be the motive of the crime. His watch stopped at 11:19. When placed in water at the inquest the watch ran seven minutes.

Two men were arrested on suspicion, both strangers. One was a German named Schneider and a mulatto named R. T. Duggan. There seems to be but little beyond the fact that the former is a stranger and a sort of hobo to connect him with the murder. In the case of the negro there are some rather suspicious circumstances.

The next morning the negro went to a restaurant early and wanted some beefsteak for breakfast, he seemed to be in a hurry, and when told by the proprietor that he would have to wait to have it cooked, then ordered eggs, and while the preparations were going on went out and went so that he could see the dam. Immediately after breakfast he left town on foot and went to Bathgate where he was arrested and brought back to Neche where he and the German are held in the village jail. The coroner's jury adjourned over Christmas until Friday. LeClaire was buried yesterday.

Marriage License

Albert Laferty and Alvina Daphonie Leyden, N. D.
Ora D. Cannon, Inkster and Frances Gilroy, Drayton.

Local Wants

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A. H. ANDERSON,
Photographer.

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A. D. 1908

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