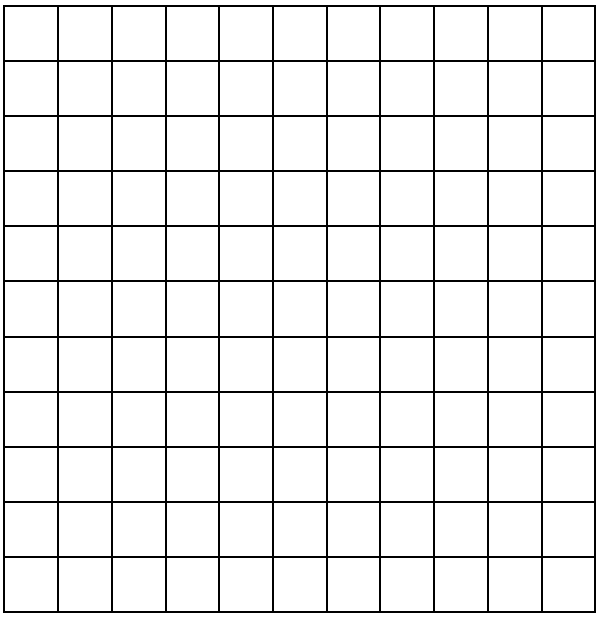
Puzzle #179 – April 2016 "Diarist"

Instructions: Guess the words defined by the cryptic clues (answers vary in length from three to eleven letters, and four are capitalized) then enter them in the grid one after another in the same order as their clues, starting in the upper left corner. Across words that don't end at the right continue on the next row, and down words that don't end at the bottom continue in the next column. Nine across words and nine down words won't fit in the grid unless one of their letters is omitted. Those eighteen letters, taken in order as they occur in across and down words, spell two words related to the mystery entry. Thanks to Kevin Wald for test-solving and editing this puzzle.



Across

1. Bicycle team riding around North Dakota
2. Write a treatise about pap
3. Timeless moment for cereal
4. A town in KS cultivated lianas
5. Note tiny speck far away
6. Fivesome involved in filming a movie *Ninja spy*
7. To deem ignoble and lower
8. Floppy front of airship must be removed
9. Died late in distress, to be specific
10. Voted to replace the last of old with new reproductive grains
11. Go around back for a look
12. *Mystery entry*
13. Wild pulse lacks energy as well
14. Beg to begin play with heavy metal
15. Wary realtor upset after loss of gold
16. End blocks agile Lester Smith
17. Separated, deseeded, ground, and set aside
18. Rap about King Arthur's first coat
19. Sort of bleary, but only just
20. End form in protein
21. Massage ranked unsatisfactory without resistance
22. Trump legally covers up mess
23. Put one in bad spot

Down

1. Inadequately netted and covered
2. Corkscrew rails twisted around pipe
3. Frame of comfort beginning to lull
4. Little friend's essay
5. A nasty goad keeps one slow
6. Thinker has time to get together
7. Man turned back in ancient land
8. Desire depicted in illustration
9. Fruit and fat without end
10. Claim princess will have a child
11. Little person embracing pariah
12. Pat's darned quick to learn
13. John Cuevas has this point
14. Allium plants end back in sediment
15. Inflate making five into five hundred and heavy
16. Taste of pullet's head with wings
17. Settler rebuilt framework
18. Remove batter included in bad diet
19. Leader of crumbling empire retired
20. Psychosis is a pain or a disorder
21. Powerless and upset, Ptolemy makes a mixture of clashing elements
22. Bird left shelter
23. Duck carrying egg in motorcycle
24. Satan's wicked present