

John Burke is elected governor we firmly believe will be abolished to a large extent if not entirely. We believe it is up to the voters to elect this man, the representative of the people, if they ever hope to have a hand in the affairs of their own state government. This may sound rather radical, coming from one who has tried to be a republican and has been until it has become impossible to be longer, as we see it now, but we are interested in the welfare of the people and in the strict enforcement of all laws, and if we can not work for it consistently by clinging to the G. O. P. which has ceased to govern this state, then we must take up the cause of those republicans masquerading as democrats and fight the good fight of freedom. In national affairs we thus far favor the Republican principles and the policies of the Republican party, in our state we joined the insurgents early in the season and now that our reformers failed to nominate a ticket, we are not for party sake, going to turn round and support the element we opposed all summer, and should oppose all our lives. Therefore, we are in favor of the Democratic state ticket. See? In county affairs we believe in supporting the man best qualified in every way for the office, regardless of party. There is where the TIMES stands and we are of the opinion that we do not stand alone. Vote for Burke for Governor.

THE GRAND OPENING

Of Nelson's new hall last Friday night was a most decided success from every standpoint. The entertainment was as good as could possibly have been prepared in so short a time, and, altho it may have been somewhat brief, it was fully enjoyed by all present as was manifested by their remarks of commendation and expressions of satisfaction. The entertainment was given by the Commercial Club for the purpose of raising money with which to purchase chairs for the new hall, and the committee appointed from among members

of the club set about preparing for a farce, music, games and dancing in addition to making arrangements for lunch. Everything passed off most successfully and all connected with the affair feel fully repaid for the effort put forth to make a success of the undertaking. The club is truly grateful to all those who, not being members of the club, so ably assisted in the rendition of the program (and it's a cinch that they will have another chance as soon as the opportunity offers itself). A. D. Shaw furnished the supper at the building, and it was one of the nicest suppers ever served in our town, and there has been some very good ones. Mrs. Shaw and her force of culinary artists understand the wants of a hungry crowd to a certainty and they are deserving of special credit for the sumptuous spread prepared. In view of attendance there is no question but that there were as many present at this event as at any other meeting ever held in Binford. Good old Cooperstown turned out handsomely and patronized the affair most generously, and in addition to those from Cooperstown there were several from Hannaford, Jessie and Mose while commercial travelers having headquarters at Valley City, Fargo and other points were well represented with their patronage and presence. The Commercial Club as well as all other citizens interested in the affair are truly grateful to all our friends who so liberally patronized us upon this great occasion, and we feel that to them is due the principal credit for the positive success of the whole undertaking. All we can say is that we sincerely hope that they were all satisfied and that everybody had a good time, and we believe they did for they all said so. The receipts of the evening fully paid the expenses incurred. Binford is now fully prepared to put on a good entertainment of high order, we have one of the best halls on the line and the hall is well-seated, the scenery and curtain will soon be here and the ball is all ready then to begin to roll.