

# CAME NEAR BEING LABELED OLE BULL

**Man Who Introduced Bill Creating Griggs County Wanted That Awful Name.**

The Fargo Courier-News, reminiscing about early North Dakota history, reprints a news dispatch from a copy of the Fargo Republican in 1881, sent from the territorial capital at Yankton, which shows that the present Griggs county had a narrow escape from being labeled Ole Bull county. The following is from The Courier-News article:

The bills to create the counties of Traill and Walsh were also spoken of in this dispatch. The fact that a part of Foster county was to be taken to make up Trail county shows how some of the counties of this part of the territory were at that time. In the maneuvering done the erecting of new counties Foster seems to have had no friend at court, for, from having been one of the largest counties in the territory in 1881, it has been reduced to one of the smallest now in North Dakota. But it now lacks no champions, having some of the best fighters in politics in the state. The story relating to Trail and Walsh counties follows:

Mr. Nomland of Trail county, introduced a bill a few days ago to create the county of Ole Bull, taking for that purpose three tiers of townships from the western portion of Trail county, two tiers from the eastern portion of Foster and two towns from the northern part of Barnes. This bill passed the house after changing the name from Ole Bull to Griggs (in honor of Captain Griggs of Grand Forks,) and will probably become a law this week.

Traill county was afterward made by a division of Griggs county.