

# THE COURIER.

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The Fargo Post advocates the providing of the firemen of that city with stimulents when on duty. It would be bad policy. Furnish them rubber coats, lunch and coffee, but liquor, never.

The Sandwich Islands sent about \$7,000,000 worth of sugar into the United States last year, and bought from us \$3,357,000 worth of goods of all sorts. That kind of "reciprocity" does not pay the United States. But it pays the San Francisco speculators immensely.

GOVERNOR BEGOLE, of Michigan is said to have entirely ignored his green-back friends, who had reason to expect a share of the patronage. Some of them spell his name Begile. They will hereafter know better than to build castles on the flimsy basis of ante-election promises.

"Hope springs eternal," etc. The town of Hope, which lost the county seat of Griggs, has a scheme in hand to be the center of a new county to be called Steele. —Fargo Post. Wonder if the proposed name of the new county is synonymous of the methods being pursued for the accomplishment of its organization?

MEN are indicted and reindicted daily in connection with the Star Route cases, and still the mournful farce goes on. Hundreds of dollars are spent each day by the prosecution, but nobody is very severely prosecuted, and certainly nobody is punished. There was much just complaint at the delay in the Guiteau trial, but the Star Route case is a funeral procession compared with it.

In the Territorial Legislature at Yankton, Delegate Walsh has given notice that he will shortly introduce a bill to define the boundaries and locate the seat of territorial government, and to provide for the removal of the records of the territory. There is dissatisfaction among a large number of the members at the action of the governor in attempting to interfere in legislation defining the boundaries of counties, and there is the strong probability that the bill for the removal of the capital will be passed. The bill will locate the capital at some point in North Dakota.

THERE seems to be disaster in the very air. One calamity follows another so rapidly that one can scarcely remember them from week to week. The long and frightful list has been augmented by a terrible gunpowder explosion in Holland, on the 14 ult, forty lives being lost; the loss of the Cimbria, an Atlantic ocean steamer, and over 400 lives; a river steamer explosion in Wyoming territory, eight lives lost; the drowning of 18 convicts by the capsizing of a flat-boat in North Carolina; the wrecking of a train on the Southern Pacific road at Tehacapa, California, and the killing and roasting of twenty-one souls; a railway accident in West Virginia with a loss of seventy-five human beings, added to the Newhall house affair, with its sacrifice of seventy-five lives and the numerous lesser casualties makes a most ominous record for the first month of 1883.

MR. GRIFFIN, a British statistician, believes that in one hundred years to come the population of North America, including the United States, Canada and Mexico, may reach eight hundred millions. There is no doubt but the United States alone can sustain that number of people without a very great pressure of population upon the means of subsistence. The progress of scientific knowledge year after year is wonderfully increasing the possibilities of the soil. The Malthusian theory is buried with the dead past. No more fear of over population. Why, the fertile acres of Griggs county alone will furnish sustenance and profit to over 8,000 farmers, to say nothing of her future capacity of supporting numerous brisk towns in various parts of the county, and a smart little city at the "hub." Lots of room in the great Northwest for all.

### PENCIL AND PASTE POT.

The Yellowstone National Park improvement company has a capital of \$2,000,000.

Mayor Palmer, of Boston, has received a letter signed "Charles Guiteau, 21," saying that the writer would kill Governor Butler within six months, and that Butler has a warning to that effect.

A large amount of new rolling stock is being built for the Northern Pacific, including fifty first-class coaches, thirty-seven second-class cars, ten dining cars, and twelve sleepers, also one hundred and twenty locomotives.

On the Northern Pacific construction force are 13,000 laborers, 8,000 of whom are Celestials, who are employed on the western division. The main line of this road is 1,950 miles in length, most of which is graded, and but three hundred miles remain to be railed.

There were fewer railroads sold under foreclosure in 1882 than for many years in the past. Only sixteen, having a mileage of 867 miles and a capital stock of \$39,295,000, and bonded and other debts of like amount, were sold out last year. Fewer rods are being built at public expense than formerly.

A specific appropriation of \$7,000 for survey, in Dakota, will probably be included in the sundry civil bill. Heretofore appropriations in this direction have been made for all the states, and afterwards divided. This same bill will probably provide for the re-survey of some townships inaccurately surveyed.

Small-pox is epidemic among the French and half-breeds at Portage, Man. Several deaths have occurred. The disease is spreading into the surrounding country. Schools are being closed and houses quarantined. Special constables have been appointed to prevent communication, and the government has sent doctors and nurses.

The meanest man in the world lives in Trenton, N. J. He recently engaged two boys to shovel the snow off his sidewalk. About 100 square feet of walk had to be cleaned. The boys worked like beavers for more than half an hour, while the man watched them from his window. When the work was completed he raised his window and handed them a cent apiece. We shudder when we think what might result to a man that would show up such sordid parsimony in Dakota.

The total eclipse of the sun on the 6th of May next will last six minutes, and no longer one will probably occur within the next 100 years. It will be partially visible in many places, but few will see it in its entirety, as its path lies almost directly through the ocean, touching land nowhere but at a little island in the South Pacific called Caroline Island, which is out of the track of any established commerce or travel. The French Government has determined to send an expedition to that island, and it is probable a grand international gathering of astronomers will meet there to take part in this scientific quest.

### Dakota Dashes.

John McCode, living near Howard, accidentally shot himself with a shot gun on the 26th ult., dying instantly.

The bridges across the Sheyenne at Marsh's and at Valley City, are very nearly completed.

The Dakota deaf and dumb asylum at Sioux Falls has eighteen pupils, who are making good progress in their studies, under the efficient charge of Mr. Simpson.

The Wahpeton Times has started the publication of a tri-weekly edition. Wahpeton is a booming young city.

The Fargo Argus has justly opened its batteries against the promiscuous use of school books in Dakota. It argues that one-third to one-half the price paid for text books could be saved by legislative adoption of some uniform system, requiring every school in the territory to use the same books. Such a law would be a great advantage in more ways than one, and the sooner it is enacted the better.

### A Big Bonanza.

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