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THE COURIER.

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The republican state convention is in session at Fargo. The prospects are that the personnel of the ticket nominated will be about the same as two years ago, excepting two or three places on the ticket. Two congressmen are to be elected this time which will give North Dakota one more vote in the national house of representatives. It appears to be settled that Messrs. Marshall and Spaulding will be nominated and then there is no question of their election. The state could not send two able gentlemen.

This is the way the good people of Aneta crack the cocaine:

"We, the undersigned, citizens of the village of Aneta, knowing that at times, if not at all times, there is a violation of the laws of our state in the illegal selling of intoxicating liquors, and that such violation is detrimental to the financial and moral well being of our citizens, therefore be it hereby resolved that we, the members of the Aneta W. C. T. U., Aneta business men and citizens, do hereby pledge ourselves to give our influence and support toward the suppression of this evil and we hereby give notice to all "blind-pigs," "boot-leggers," gamblers and all other violators will be dealt with according to law both at the present time and for all time to come."

That's the way to go after them. Prohibition prohibits strong enough where the people are in favor of sustaining the law.

The political pot is commencing to bubble a little as the time for the county conventions draw nigh, and many are the conjectures being drawn by the sidewalk politicians as to the chances for election of this or that particular candidate. There is this much to be said of Griggs county and that is that it has been well officered and no matter what the politics of the officials are, every one of them has given good satisfaction. However, in the game of politics that cuts no ice. Party lines are drawn, conventions held and each party nominates a ticket. The best men in the county are usually nominated and no real objection can be made to any one in any way only on some personal matter that should cut no figure. Taking it for granted that what we say is true, why should the republicans of this county turn in and elect the fellows on the other ticket? That is just what has been done right along. The republican party is in the majority in this county and if its candidates are all right they should get every republican vote in the county, instead of the ax as has been the custom the past few years. Let the convention settle the matter and those of the candidates who get defeated in that convention want to throw away that sore feeling, take off their coats and work like beavers for the whole ticket and come up smiling in two years hence. That's the proper spirit and good politics. In the great game of politics this "oh, he's a good fellow," feeling should not enter into the deal at all. Just because a man nominated on the opposition ticket is a popular fellow and has more faces than a weather-vane is no good reason why any republican should scratch their ticket, providing your own nominee is competent and all right. United we stand, divided we fall. Let's get together and remain together until after the votes are counted. This paper is a republican institution, believes in the principles of that party and will work for the success of the ticket, but it wants to see republicans be republicans.

Mabel.

We were constrained to neglect to give publicity, through the Courier columns last week, to the more important thoughts and actions of the Mabel people, owing to the unfit conditions, for writing the Fourth of July celebration at Cooperstown rendered us, henceforth, intend to attend more strictly to our duty.

Wm. Martin, the veteran mason of Cooperstown was out here last week and cemented up a cistern for the right honorable John S. Byington. J. S. appreciates good work done, therefore, endeavored to secure the services of a reliable workman.

Christ Kelson, the happy school-director of Mabel, who attends to Prof. Bemis's care, is busily engaged this week in the aqua question on his premises.

Talk about your peddlers! Why, we have all kinds of them out here.

Miss Louise Kaas, one of our proficient educators of this district, attended the N. E. A. at Minneapolis last week. Miss Kaas evidently seeks the best there is along educational

lines, which is proper.

A certain enthusiastic young man of this pleasant vicinity donned his best clothes, engaged a young lady of moderate beauty, living not more than a thousand miles from here, and proceeded to take in the Fourth of July celebration at Cooperstown. After spending all his time and money on her, at the expiration of the third day of the celebration she gave him the marble heart and went home with a handsomer (?) man, leaving this poor fellow to brood over his troubles. Such reprehensible procedure on the part of the young lady cannot be too severely condemned, but after this I will venture to predict that my disappointed friend will bear the fact in mind that the female sex is a peevish one, and subsequently tampering with the fair sex will keep one fixed principle in mind, that is to take plenty of time and cipher out the probable consequence that follows such infringement.

C. J. Eriandson and family Sundayed with the Olson's.

Prof. Byron Bemis, of pedagogical fame visited with Geo. W. Graff last Saturday and Sunday, and if that powerful member, the tongue, ever had full sway, it did then. The following subjects occupied the most of their time. The baneful effects of tea and coffee and the elucidation of the principles of pedagogy. There seems to be the most contention over the pernicious effects of tea and coffee.

Road work has begun in full blast now in this township, and some commendable work is being done.

The following has cause: Say, how about that order?"

LATER.

We neglected to chronicle the fact last week, that during our absence from the township, a bright baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Frydenberg. Mother and daughter are doing fine, and Chas. says nothing in this mundane sphere of ours could entice him to part with the little stranger.

A. J. Anderson and C. J. Eriandson made a flying trip to Cooperstown last Saturday.

Miss Clara Feiring, our present and efficient county superintendent, visited the VanVleet school last Friday. It will not be necessary to say that her visit was recognized as matter of great importance, as her presence in the school-room always lends life and vim to the work. The spirit of common-interest, justice and benevolence that pervades all departments of her administration is very much appreciated by all classes, and Mabel will roll up an unheard of majority for her next fall and you just paste this in your hat.

Warren Posey, who does not take a back seat for any one when it comes to enterprise, is building a very commodious house. Mert Sheldon, an American soldier of the recent Philippine war, is doing the mechanical act.

Peat Peason went to Hannaford last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hinds, of Cooperstown were pleasant visitors of the neck of the neck of the woods last Friday. It is rumored that they enjoyed Mrs. Eriandson's fresh milk and radishes pretty much.

F. J. Tronsdal, of Eau Claire, Wis., has been traversing this part of the county quite extensively the past two weeks, delivering temperance lectures and selling a bible that he has helped to compile. He will deliver a lecture at the Lutheran church of Mabel next Sunday. Everybody is cordially invited to come and hear this momentous question of prohibition discussed.

Miss Louise C. Kaas called on Miss Eimon last Thursday.

Hans O. Lien drove to Cooperstown last Wednesday to transact legal business.

Happy Hollow.

As I haven't heard anything from these parts for a long time. I thought I would scribble a few lines for fear you might think we had left for Utah or some other hot place.

Land is being bough and sold so rapidly here now, that it is hard for a man to tell who his next neighbor is.

G. A. Gunderson and John Mulroy vieing with each other to see who can build the finest farm house, and they are succeeding admirably well as they are both putting up handsome and substantial buildings that is a credit to the country.

There is some talk about taking up a collection to buy either a tandem or an automobile for Yellow Tom, so he can take his best girl out riding in proper style, as it is extremely difficult for him to keep his arm around her waist as much as he would like as it is very hard for him to steer his bicycle with only one hand while thus engaged, and as he is of a very affectionate disposition he don't enjoy riding any other way. I hope it can be done as I am sure he would appreciate it, and I also think he deserves it.

Every other farmer around here now has a threshing rig. If any grain remains unthreshed this coming fall it won't be for want of machines. The latest is a new, complete Nichols & Sheppard rig, purchased by Broten Bros. & Nelson from O. H. West, of Dazey.

Any one in need of hired help for haying and harvest should leave their orders at John Wam's employment office where they can be supplied on short notice.

A strange accident happened to Ole Rois who has been working for Rev. Thoreson the past week. He was hauling out manure from the barn on one of those new style automatic wheelbarrows operated with compressed air, and as he was going down grade with a heavy load, he lost control of the machine, and in his excitement to stop it he mistook the throttle for the air brake and opened her wide open so it went flying over the road like greased lightning until it ran up against an imported giant mustard tree on Alec Broten's plantation, where Ole was found doubled up like a Jack knife with his Jack Albert coat pulled over his head, and the rudder completely telescoped the rear platform of his jeans the machine was supplied with an automatic self register speed indicator which showed a speed of 67 miles an hour, which Ole said was a great deal faster than his No. 13's ever traveled before.

Tom Olson of Hannaford is building a tower on his house. But whether it is to be an observatory or private insane asylum is not yet known.

HAYSEED.

Temperance Notes.

The Cooperstown W. C. T. U. kept "open home" for the public during the fair and celebration. Many visitors were welcomed to our tent and many tired mothers and infants found it a haven of rest from the hard seats and terrifying noise (to the infants) of the grand stand.

We are glad to have met these friends and trust that we are better known to each other and better understood by this near contact.

While we meant our ice-water to be a temporary benefit to the public, we believe far more in the permanent benefit and blessing which the literature distributed will prove if it is but read and acted upon.

We firmly believe that there can be "no reformation without information" and our object at present, is to get the people to read and educate themselves upon the vital question of temperance as regards the use and sale of alcoholic liquors. We are confident that the truth and facts upon which it rests are strong enough to convince the unbelieving and dispel the bitterest prejudice against it, if they are but well and carefully considered. We gratefully believe in and acknowledge the "power of the press." The "printed page" wields an untold influence upon the people. How important, then, is its contents. The fact that the general press of the country does not champion this course of temperance makes the exceptions to this rule all the more noteworthy.

While there are many more journals who do advocate it at the present time, than ever before, yet it is a fact that it still requires a good strong backbone to do so.

In the meeting of July 10th the local union by vote expressed its hearty thanks to the editors of the Cooperstown papers in gratuitously opening their columns to the temperance question from week to week and the kind mention given to our efforts during the fair and celebration.

Specials thank is due Editor Trubshaw for the valiant manner in which he champions the temperance cause, and the many kind favors he has shown the local union in its behalf.

Of the many state exchanges who complimented the Courier on its patriotic appearance in its issue of July 3d, not one so far as noticed, mentioned the fact that the leading feature of that issue was the Temperance Notes furnished by the Press Department of the Womans Christian Temperance Union of Cooperstown, nor added to the fact the union gave away 500 copies of the Cooperstown papers July 3d, 4th and 5th at its own expense. There are perhaps three papers in the state who openly favor the cause of temperance, but the above mentioned fact gives convincing proof of the fear in which the press at large stands of the liquor power in politics. It is getting near to election time and the press evidently believes that "an ounce of keeping your mouth shut is worth a pound of explanation." All honor to the editor of whatever party or creed who meets this issue with true manly courage instead of meekly dodging any positive contact with it. The editor who openly opposes it is more honorable than the moral coward who would like to champion it but does not dare.

The union also gave a vote of thanks to others of our citizens who so kindly and willingly "lent a hand" in the part we took in the celebration as follows: Berg & Larson for the donation of a barrel and a bundle of flags. Others gave flags and exceeded kind favors, among whom were, R. C. Cooper, P. E. Nelson, W. C. Jameson, Whidden & Koyl, Evenson & Allen, J. N. Brown, J. C. Flynn, John Syverson, Thompson Bros., Emil Marquardt, Mr. Foss, H. H. Bateman, O. W. Kerr and John Moffatt.

An error occurred in the convention report which appeared in the Courier of last week concerning the money raised. The special collection which was taken for the "Home" at Fargo amounted to \$10. The receipts of the two evenings of the convention amounted to something over \$60. This is the largest amount of money raised we think, by any previous convention of this or Barnes county.

At the annual meeting of the local union July 10th, the following officers were elected:

- President, Mrs. L. M. Brown.
 - 1st Vice-Pres., Mrs. Will Carleton, Baptist church.
 - 2d Vice-Pres., Mrs. A. Moffat, Congregational church.
 - 3d Vice-Pres., Mrs. C. A. Hughes, M. E. Church.
 - 4th Vice-Pres., J. E. Johnson, Lutheran church.
 - Cor. Secy. Mrs. M. A. Hartman.
 - Rec. Secy. Mrs. V. H. Ruring.
 - Treasurer, Mrs. W. H. Phipps.
 - Librarian, Mrs. Carleton.
 - Asst. Lib. Mrs. Moffat.
 - Organist, Mrs. E. W. Blackwell.
 - Asst. Organist, Mrs. Hartman.
- Press SURT.

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Of course you will. Read all of this ad.
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Duchess satin, beautiful patterns and colors. These goods have the heft of ordinary satin, but its wearing qualities is much better. For a tasteful and durable summer dress we know they will give splendid satisfaction. Former price was 60c per yard, reduced to **35c**

Silk Batiste, plain white, plain rose, plain linen colored. A word to you young ladies about these goods. For a nice party or dancing dress there is nothing you could buy that would be prettier than this material. It is sure to strike the eye of all who admire taste and neatness of dress. Former price was 65c, reduced to per yard **39c**

Dimities, Organdies, Batistes, Lawns in all colors and patterns, not goods that have been on the shelf so long that people have gotten tired of looking at them, but fresh new goods. Former prices 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ and 15c per yard, reduced to per yard **9c**

REMNANTS OF WASH GOODS.

There is always some attraction in a remnant pile, but more so than usual in this collection of short ends. There are some pieces enough for a dress and others waist patterns. You can easily find something for yourself or little girl in this lot that will strike your fancy and pocket book just right.

August Delineator 15c. Butterick Fashion Sheets Free.

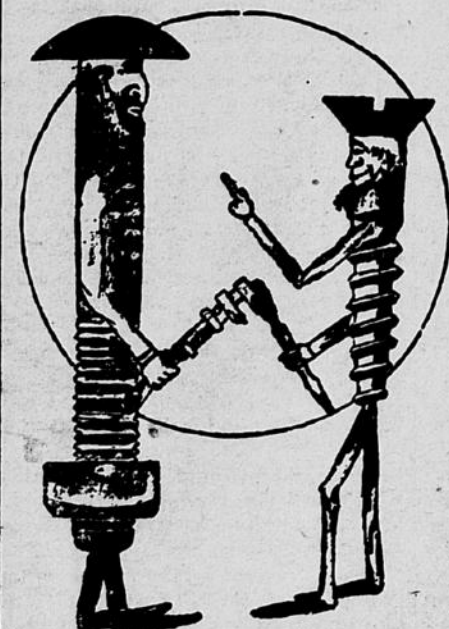
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Red Hot Bargains

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