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THE COURIER. By Percy R. Grubshaw

Republican State Ticket.

For Congress—
THOMAS F. MARSHALL.
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FRANK WHITE.

For Lieutenant Governor—
DAVID BARTLETT.

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For Attorney General—
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For Superintendent of Public Instruction—
W. L. STOCKWELL.

For Commissioner of Agriculture and Labor—
R. J. TURNER.

For Railroad Commissioners—
C. D. LORD,
J. F. SHEA,
ANDREW SCHATZ.

Silver Dick Shadrick was the main spoke in the wheel at the late democratic convention and his eloquence carried the day for the resubmissionists.

There is a new time card on the branch again, the train arriving at Cooperstown at 11:20 instead of 12:15, going north at 12:05. Southbound the train leaves here at 4:05. Mails going north are made up at 11:30 and going south at 3:35.

Be it said to the glory of our Griggs county populist, fusion, independent-democratic, anything to get their representatives to the democratic convention they voted against resubmission. They are to be heartily commended for this if they were against the government on everything else.

The Grand Forks Republicans have the courage of their convictions and in their resolutions come out strongly for a primary election law, the continuance of the present prohibitory law, initiative and referendum and in fact everything for the good of the people. The resolutions have the right ring.

Editor Tonsley, of Hillsboro, succeeds the late E. J. Jennings as manager of the North Dakota Newspaper Union with headquarters at Fargo. Mr. Tonsley is certainly equipped for that work and we are pleased to see him advancing. His paper, the Traill County Times, is for sale. Here is a good chance for a rattling good newspaper man.

The Litchville Bulletin editor says that the W. C. T. U. column in the Griggs Courier is mighty dry reading. It probably is Bro. Wells, but if you would soak in a few of the truths set forth in that column and profit by the same, it would not be necessary for the people of Litchville to have to hunt for you when you go away from home. This advice is free and given in a kindly spirit.

Our Griggs county populist leaders participated in the democratic state convention, and as nothing has been said about fusion, we presume it can be taken as an indication of the passing of the populist party, so that hereafter it will be simply republicanism with a record of progress and good government or democracy with a record of poor financial management with a resubmission millstone hitched onto the party's neck. Gentle reader, which flag are you going to march under?

The only kick that the democrats can muster against Gov. White is his attitude on the merger. The Courier kicked just as hard as the democrats and is still of the opinion that he made a mistake, however developments have since shown that his attitude resulted in no harm to the people of the state and while, as a public servant he is open to criticism on that score, he is also entitled to words of commendation when they are deserved. Gov. White has made North Dakota an able, clean executive, and the one mistake made should be more than offset by his economical administration. The state during the past two years has been run in the interest of the taxpayers and our financial condition is the best it ever was. The governor will be re-elected by a larger majority than ever. The people have

not recovered from the Plymouth Rock Pants Shortridge deal yet and will be very loth to support the resubmission and other issues dished up by the democrats. The fact that the democratic candidates were coaxed to accept a nomination—the usual leaders could not be induced to accept at any price—is evidence enough to the people that it is a forlorn hope. The only time the democratic bosses went accept a place on the ticket is when they know they have no chance of winning.

Without a caucus and without a convention, and still further, without the consent of any, a small coterie of so-called populist leaders had the nerve to go to Fargo last week and take part in a straight democratic convention. This is rather a peculiar way of doing business, and had it been done by republicans, such a howl would have gone up from these same populists that you could have heard from one side of the county to the other. This is only another case of "without the consent of the governed" only worked by the populist leaders themselves.

We understand that Steele county has practically decided upon three members of the legislature under the new apportionment leaving the lone senator to Griggs county and have practically decided upon Messrs. Cassell, Stavens and Palfrey as the three members. The Courier will put in a big kick on this arrangement and ventures the prediction that the republican party of Griggs county will not stand for such a deal. Steele county had better take the whole works and be done with it and if they want anything more just mention it. It seems to us that this is displaying considerable hoggishness. Steele county is entitled to a little the best end of the deal which is conceded by Griggs county, and if they so desire can have the senator and one representative. If they don't want that they will have to be satisfied with two members of the lower house. All we want is a fair division and no more and just because Steele county cast a few more votes than Griggs is no reason why it should hog it at this time. The argument was made in the Steele county convention that Griggs county had the lieutenant governor. This office is a state affair and has no more to do with it than when Steele county had a railroad commissioner. Our brethren over in Steele county want to go a little slow and do the right thing.

The democratic party, as usual took another backward step last Friday when they incorporated the following plank into their state platform:

"We condemn the republican party for its failure to enforce the prohibitory law and we recognize the right of the people to believe they should have a chance to change the laws of this state, and we therefore favor the resubmission of this law to the people that they may change the present system either by the adoption of a state dispensary system or the Gottenburg system or local option by townships, cities or villages, and we favor the legislation and enactment of laws in that direction."

The people of North Dakota are satisfied to let the present conditions exist and are not in favor of the open saloon. The prohibitory law is all right. It is the people that are wrong in the places where the law is not enforced. It is enforced in Cooperstown and can be enforced at other points. The taxpayers of Griggs county should turn to the court records of the county and see the difference in costs since and before the saloon days. In the days of open saloons our jails were full and drunken men could be seen lying in our streets and alleys with poverty stalking abroad in the land. Today we have empty jails, nothing for our judge to do practically, and peace and plenty everywhere. The people cannot be fooled any more, and surely those of our old time friends who deserted republicanism can hardly swallow the dose administered by being swallowed up by the democratic party and made by the bosses to vote for resubmission. It is about time they came out of their hypnotic state and get into line where they belong. Of the two evils why not chose the least.

The Grand Forks Herald, the father of the primary election law agitation in this state, offers the following as a simple and convenient form of primary law resolution for the adoption of legislative conventions. Voters who are in favor of direct primary nominations should insist on the election of delegates who will pledge themselves to secure the adoption of this or some similar resolution:

PRIMARY LAW.
Whereas the present system of nom-

inating candidates for public offices is direct, complicated and unsatisfactory depriving the people of the power which they alone have the right to exercise, and placing great power in the hands of a few individuals, and

Whereas, as a direct result of this system conventions frequently fail to represent the people and pass into the control of persons who use them for the gratification of personal ambition and the furtherance of personal interests, therefore be it

Resolved that this convention demands of the general assembly the enactment of the primary election law which shall, so far as possible, remove all obstructions to the full and free expression of the popular will in the choice of party candidates. That such law should provide among other things.

(1) For the use of the Australian ballot at all primary elections.

(2) For the nomination directly by the people of all candidates for local offices.

(3) For the nomination directly by the people of all delegates to conventions for the selection of legislative or state candidates if it is deemed advisable to nominate such candidates by means of conventions.

Resolved further, that the senator and representatives from this district be and hereby are instructed to work and vote for the enactment of a law along the lines suggested above.

Temperance Notes.

The meetings of Mrs. Mabel L. Conklin in Cooperstown Friday, Saturday and Sunday were marked by increasing interest up to the last one.

Sunday morning Mrs. Conklin occupied the Congregational pulpit preaching a strong and beautiful sermon from the text "Jesus Christ the Same Yesterday, Today and Forever." Sunday night a large audience listened to her able and convincing lecture on "Personal Responsibility," in which she made practical application of the various phases of responsibility devolving upon the citizen—particularly the christian and moral citizens. Mrs. Conklin won golden opinions from her hearers and generous financial endorsement for the cause she represents. She made personal calls upon the people, securing 22 new active members, 3 honoraries—(she counts none but paid up members) and \$41 for the state W. C. T. U. work given by business men and friends of the cause. The following names are those who contributed to the state work:

John Syverson, R. C. Cooper, Wm. Glass, Hammer & Condy, J. N. Brown, J. H. McDermott, Mrs. A. H. Berg and Mrs. Robt. Jones.

The following named persons are new members of the local union, secured by Mrs. Conklin:

Mrs. Summerville, Mrs. Israel, Mrs. Patterson, Mrs. Washburn, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Elliot, Mrs. Goff, Mrs. Upton, Mrs. Hodgeman, Mrs. Dyson, Mrs. Ayrea, Mrs. Stevens, Mrs. Flynn, Mrs. Spicer, Mrs. Stringer, Mrs. F. A. Haskell, Mrs. Tipton, Mrs. Klein, Mrs. Retzlaff, Miss Stadig, Miss Vinjum, Miss Tuffeland.

Honoraries—Mr. Garborg, Mr. Ayrea and Mr. Walter Lewis.

A reception will be given the new members by the local union as soon as it can be arranged for.

The Minneapolis Journal's correspondent says of the republican platform: "Outside of its neglect of prohibition, the platform means nothing." Of course temperance people would be better pleased and feel more assured if the platform contained a distinct prohibition plank. But as long as the republican party does not "neglect" to protect the prohibitory law when it is assailed it can hardly be called into question upon this issue. When it votes down a resubmission resolution by an "overwhelming majority," as it is said to have done in its late convention it is declaring itself with more power than a mere plank could do. Acts are ever more effective than words.

The democratic party has now a resubmission plank in its platform which offers consolation for the wounded (spirits) of the disaffected ones, if they can find it nowhere else; and, doubtless, there are those who will find no longer kindred spirits in the democratic party. Let the sifting process go on; it is a process for which politics is never the worst when the dividing question is a moral one.

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