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## THE COURIER.

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**Republican State Ticket.**  
 For Congress—  
 THOMAS F. MARSHALL,  
 BURLEIGH F. SPALDING.  
 For Governor—  
 FRANK WHITE.  
 For Lieutenant Governor—  
 DAVID BARTLETT.  
 For Supreme Court—  
 JOHN M. COCHRANE.  
 For Secretary of State—  
 E. F. PORTER.  
 For Auditor—  
 D. H. HOLMES.  
 For Treasurer—  
 D. McMILLAN.  
 For Commissioner of Insurance—  
 FRED LEUTZ.  
 For Attorney General—  
 C. N. FRICK.  
 For Superintendent of Public Instruction—  
 W. L. STOCKWELL.  
 For Commissioner of Agriculture and Labor—  
 A. J. TURNER.  
 For Railroad Commissioners—  
 C. D. LOBB,  
 J. F. SHEA,  
 ANDREW SCHATZ.

The latest trust is the binder trust in which the McCormick, Deering, Champion and Milwaukee are in the pool.

With a senatorial election on hand votes ought to be worth something next January. Is that why our Steele county friends have the big mit out.

"Take the Free-Press—fifty-two doses for \$1. The best known cure for an attack of soreheadness." That is the way Mark Hunt advertises his paper, so that we should judge that like begets like.

The Sherbrooke Tribune accuses us of putting in "an expected kick" on the legislative deal over in Steele county. The Tribune undoubtedly expected us to sit still while the bristles sprouted on the backs of our Steele county friends.

The Litchville Bulletin editor admits that he sprung a joke on us a couple of weeks ago. Seeing that it was so his apology is accepted and all is forgiven, and the "solemn" individual of the Courier will retract the unpleasant expression used then. After this if the Bulletin man will label his jokes it will make it much easier—the jokes being as dense as our understanding of them.

While some of the "agin the government" papers of the state are jumping onto Gov. White on the merger question and accusing him of being in with the railroad corporations, they seem to overlook the fact that he has just been instrumental in raising the railroad assessment in this state in the face of hard protests of the railroads. The position of the kickers doesn't appear to us as being very consistent. The increase of valuation of railroad property in this state this year is about two million dollars. If Frank White wanted to help out the railroads he had a good chance to do so. He has voted for a raise of assessment every year that he has been governor. Compare his record with that of Shortridge then go away back—and lay down.

The total valuation of all property in state for the purposes of taxation is approximately \$133,000,000. The total valuation last year was \$124,500,000, the increase being nearly ten million dollars. This is a heavy addition to the valuation of the state, and the increase in taxes for state purposes will be about \$40,000.

The principal increase in valuation is in real property, which is equalized this year is more than \$7,000,000 about the total value last year. The total value of real property this year is \$85,195,926. Last year the total was \$77,858,024.

Personal property shows the smallest increase. The total personal valuation of the state as equalized this year is \$27,739,423. The reduction of the assessed valuation of live stock kept the total of personal property down.

The equalized value of real property in unorganized counties for the current year \$237,408.

Railroad property is valued this year at a total of \$19,970,000. Telegraph property is equalized at \$219,405, telephone property at \$125,865 and express companies at \$143,665.

Some of the state papers are using space in telling why the prohibition law should not be submitted but not one of them offers any reasons why the people should not vote on it again. The government is supposed to be of the people, by the people, and for the people, and if the people want the prohibition farce continued there is no surer way of getting an expression of their opinions than by a vote under the Australian system. The idea of forcing the present population to abide by an offensive measure, just because it was enacted by the population of a decade ago is unjust. Neither the paper nor the man who advocates that principle has the proper conception of the rights of others.—Harvey Herald.

Will the man with the proper conception of the Herald advance some good reasons why this law should be resubmitted any more than any other law on the statute books? Many people would vote against sending a man to the pen for horse stealing, yet we don't hear any clamoring for the people to vote on the question, and the law is on the statute books.

The Cooperstown Courier registers "a big kick" because the Steele county republicans at their convention decided upon Messrs. Cassell, Stevens and Palfrey as candidates for the legislature and seems to think that we are displaying considerable hogghishness in leaving but the lone senator to Griggs county. The Courier acknowledges that Steele county is entitled to a little the best end of the deal but is not satisfied with letting us have the three representatives—perhaps they would like the "whole works." The three men named were the choice of the convention in case the representatives fell to Steele county but if the legislative convention all right and good. There never has been a clash in the legislative convention in this district and we cannot see why there should be at this time. Harmony is the prevailing element that has won our battle and we cannot see why there should be a call for any greater clash now. We have confidence in the judgment of the delegates to the legislative convention and we leave it to them to make satisfactory arrangements and we believe there is no question but what the matter can be fixed up to the satisfaction of both counties. Be patient, Percy, and all will be well.—Hope Pioneer.

That's all we want my Peppery friend. But don't you think that three votes to one for a United States senator is somewhat one-sided. Don't talk about wanting the whole works. The Courier will not support any one sided ticket as advocated by Steele county.

The following from the Grand Forks Herald is timely and should result in one of the three states responsible, or the three jointly, taking steps to assume the care of this unfortunate woman: "For several years a poor demented woman has been going up and down through this and several of the adjoining states under circumstances which are not creditable to the people of the northwest. Marie Ricks, who by her penchant for breaking glass has earned for herself the title of the "Window Smasher," should be an object of sympathy, but instead she has been the butt of ridicule. Technically she may not be insane, but her condition is such that she is not capable to take proper care of herself, and she ought to be under guardianship of some sort. There has been a dispute as to the location of her home, and neither North Dakota officials nor those of Minnesota or South Dakota have cared to assume the burden of her maintenance. She has therefore been sent here and there, driven from pillar to post, unwelcome wherever she goes, leading almost literally the life of a dog. The efforts of state and county officials to rid themselves of her unwelcome presence have given rise to many a jest, and the whole case has been treated as a rather good joke. While several states were laughing at the rich humor of the situation the lust of a man for whom the race should blush became responsible for the birth of an infant of which the half-witted creature is the mother. This child is now about two years old. With the innocent babe at her breast the unfortunate woman resumed her wanderings, and as the child has grown the pair have continued their strange and comfortless life. Two human beings, the mother with a clouded brain and the child barely weaned, are homeless amidst the civilization of this great northwest. The woman is at the mercy of the next villain who has too little conscience to respect her infirmity, and the child is being given the best possible chance to follow a career of crime. Three states refuse to assume a burden of a few dollars a year, and as a result there is presented to the world a spectacle of inhumanity and indecency too revolting for thought. Is it possible that we have progressed no farther than this at the beginning of the twentieth century?"

The sale of the Milwaukee Harvester Company to an eastern syndicate for \$5,000,000, taken in connection with the organization in New Jersey of the International Harvester Company, with a capital of \$120,000,000, is suggestive of a gigantic trust in agricultural implements. The McCormick Reaper and Mower concern of Chicago is supposed to be interested in the New Jersey corporation. Whether the latter is the purchaser of the Milwaukee concern is not stated, but there is ground for suspicion. It is natural to expect that this new "octopus" will be reaching its tentacles into Minnesota and the Dakotas before long.—Minneapolis Tribune.

Miss Emma F. Bates, formerly state superintendent of public instruction for North Dakota, is just recovering from a serious illness lasting over a period of three years. For the past two years she has been bed ridden and part of that time too weak to lift her hand or feed herself. She has spent part of that time at a sanitarium where the doctors told her she could not recover and gave her up to die. During the past year she has gained very slowly until now she is up and around and hopes to be able to visit North Dakota by next spring. She is planning to accept a situation in California as soon as her health permits. The many friends of Miss Bates in North Dakota will be pleased to learn that her health is being restored.

Silver Dick Shadrick, who seems to have a faculty of being on hand every time there is a democratic convention seems to be the chief "speller" for that party in the state. He attended the Barnes county convention recently and in his speech took occasion to condemn the republican party for not assessing the railroads still higher. He is a bright fellow all right, but somehow or other when he is arraigning the republican party along this line his mind does not seem to carry him back to the time when the populist administration run the state and only assessed the railroads at \$3,000 per mile. These are mighty small things to Dick but are large to the taxpayers—who will hesitate a long time before they will entrust state affairs to a party who runs the business into the hole. From the ardent manner in which Dick advocates the resubmission question we should judge he draws a salary from the whiskey dealers as well as the XXXX coffee firm. Dick will make his mark in the world yet.

They had what is called an independent-democratic convention in Barnes county last week, and our old friend Majors, of Steele county was doing a little "rubbering." The chairman spotted him sitting on one of the mourner's seats—which in this convention is usually close to the door, so he thought he would call on Majors for a speech, hoping to get a great big gob of encouragement for the few faithful present. He got it, and here it is:

"Mr. Chairman and gentlemen; I have gone out of politics and I am now in the race horse business. I was a democrat, but my party is dead. I don't know whether this one is or not. I got riled because Bryan was turned down so hard when he was working for the good of the party rather than himself, as many supposed. I don't believe there's enough pops left in my district in Steele county to hold a half way decent funeral over the remains of the party that fairly whooped 'er up a few years ago. I've been shot at so many times in politics that I'm full of holes and I don't want to be shot any more. I don't like the Fargo convention doings and I won't support the ticket. I don't know where I'm at; maybe join the Salvation army yet. Where are you at?"

The silence at the close of the speech was very oppressive. Mr. Majors is a populist first, last and all the time and cannot stand for a change of front every new moon. The old man is truly a political orphan. The only consolation the Courier can hold out to him is the saying that "while the lamp holds out to burn, the vilest sinner may return." Get back where you belong and get into the game with both feet.

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