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THE COURIER.

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The congress of the United States convened again Monday. This will be the short session but there are many important acts that can be passed in the meantime. The trust question ought to receive vigorous treatment at the hands of congress.

A few years ago the populists had quite a lot of members of the national congress, and a few years ago they held the balance of power in the United States Senate. At the recent election not one populist was elected to congress which only shows too well that that party is practically wiped out. In the coming presidential campaign another party will have to be raised to bunco the people and we presume it will fly its banner under the head of socialism. Any kind of anism will catch thousands of those restless voters who are never satisfied and want a change.

The press reports from Washington say that Major Edwards is soon to be remembered by the administration by a fat job, and that the position will be one of the good appointments to be made by the president in the new department of commerce, a bill to create such a department being before congress and will undoubtedly be passed. Major Edwards has done more for North Dakota than any man in it, and the Forum of which he is the editor, has kept the advantages of North Dakota ever before the people all over the United States. The COURIER will certainly rejoice with hundreds of other editors in the state when the genial major lands the plum and has his commission securely locked in his office safe.

The North Dakota Press Association has been successful in arranging for another delightful trip for the hard worked quill pushers. The boys will rendezvous at the wicked city of Bismarck Feb. 10-11. The party will then visit Helena, Seattle, Tacoma, Portland, San Francisco, Ogden, Utah, Salt Lake City, Denver, Colorado Springs, Omaha and back home by the twin cities, arriving home March 4. The itinerary will be made in Pullman coaches and the trip will certainly be delightful. All trains will be sidetracked in order to give the editorial train the right of way

and extra section men will be employed to see that the tracks are safe and to avoid accident to the editors. The committee has done exceedingly well in arranging this trip and the COURIER editor regrets exceedingly that he will be unable to make it.

It should be kept in the minds of all persons who use the United States mail service, and this means everybody, that during the year covered by the current report of the dead letter office, 9,300,351 pieces of mail failed to reach their respective destinations and were turned into the sepulcher for defunct correspondence. Of this mass of undelivered matter, 6,446,600 pieces were letters, each of which was important, if not valuable, to sender or addressee. Fifty thousand of these unclaimed letters contained money, \$48,490 in the aggregate. Eighty thousand were mailed without being addressed. These facts demonstrate that a vast amount of carelessness exists among the people who address mail matter.

The state legislature meets at Bismarck the first week in next month and for a time the election of a United States Senator will undoubtedly sidetrack all other business. When this important work is accomplished and the country again saved, the attention of our law makers from this district is invited to the fact that it might be possible with a little judicious work on their part to secure for Cooperstown the location of the state fair. Senator Crane might make a bill for this purpose, his ential start at law making. He is a rustler and we feel sure that if anybody can get such a bill through the senate he surely can. Then in the house there is the Hon. M. B. Cassell, a power in himself, and, if he can't hypnotize the house members sufficiently to get the bill through the house it is no use applying elsewhere, and he will no doubt be ably assisted by Messrs. Stavens and Palfrey, his colleagues. Cooperstown is centrally located, has fine enclosed fair grounds, cattle sheds, etc., and a board of fair managers that will make the fair a hummer and no mistake. Let's go after it hard and land it.

Jubilee Singers at the Opera House next Tuesday night. Reserved seats now on sale at Marquardt's.

LOCALS.

Photographs! Photographs!!

Come to the gallery now and have your photos taken; do not wait until the big rush is on just a week before the holidays, and then expect your pictures for Christmas. Presents. Come early and avoid the rush.
VON BLOX.

The Orpheus Jubilee Singers are the finest colored singers on the road. At the Opera House next Tuesday evening.

WEDDING BELLS.

A quiet home wedding was celebrated at the home of Mrs. Andrew Carlson, 10 miles east of town a week ago yesterday where Miss Emily Carlson, the only daughter of Mrs. Carlson was joined in marriage to Mr. Martin Grunseth, a young man who has lived in that neighborhood for a number of years. Both are well and favorably known in their community and their many friends wish them many happy days in their married life. They will make Velva, N. D., their future home, where Mr. Grunseth has large farm interests. The ceremony was performed by Rev. E. T. Silness.

On Sunday afternoon last, a home wedding was celebrated at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. Hilstad, 12 miles east of town, when Miss Mary Hilstad, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hilstad was married to George Johnson, of Ackley, Minn.. The ceremony was performed in the presence of a few friends and relatives, Rev. E. T. Silness officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson will make Ackley, Minn., their future home where Mr. Johnson has a good position with a lumber company.

E. Marquardt has been improving his opera house both as to looks and comfort. He has had the building covered with iron and painted. In the spring he contemplates further improvements. He will build an addition to the building and will double the size of the stage and also add some dressing rooms, then he will have a very good hall.

Why wear the old watch any longer? Old watches mended cost little less than new before their end.
EVENSON & ALLEN.

THE BIG STORE.

CHRISTMAS GOODS NOW DISPLAYED.



It's a little early to buy Christmas presents perhaps, but it's not a bit too early for you to be looking around, and such a lot of pretty things to look at, it makes one wish he had a barrel of money and friends lined up a mile long. Wouldn't that be a picnic?

Jackets, ladies and childrens. There will be a "hurry up" sale of jackets here from now on. This southern climate we can't regulate, but there is something we can regulate, and that's prices. What do you think about this jacket? Ladies double breasted, of fine al wool kersey cloth in black, brown or castor, has deep storm collar, revers and entire garment is trustfully trimmed with numerous rows of stitching, is lined with good quality satin, six ornamental buttons, two pockets, new style sleeves with cuffs, half fitted back, 27in long **9:00**

COULD YOU DO BETTER?

Ladies flannel shirt waists, a large stock of all sizes in black, red, blue and green, \$1.50, \$2, \$2.50, \$3, \$3.50 and \$4.

Fleece Lined Wrappers, Made up neat, of good quality flannelette, waist lined, 12in. flounce on the skirt, yoke and sleeves trimmed with braid
\$1.00, 1.25 and 1.50



Wrapper patterns of heavy fleece lined goods, 10 yards to the piece **\$1.00**

JOHN SYVERSON.

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Do you remember the ad. the FIRST NATIONAL BANK had in the paper last year?

You know we were the first to make you a liberal loan on your land.

WE ARE IN THE SAME POSITION TO-DAY.

We can save you money if you will figure with us as there is no expense to you in paying the interest. We can also loan you money if you wish to hold your grain.

Again We Wish to Announce

That we are the only National Bank in the county and under government inspection.

That we have money to loan on approved collateral;

That we carry burglar insurance to protect our depositor's money;

That we have deposit boxes in fire-proof vault for YOUR use;

That we buy and sell farm lands;

That we sell fire insurance, steam-ship tickets on leading lines;

That we have remodeled our bank and the rear room is for the use of the public;

That we are the local agents for the American Bonding Company of Baltimore City, making a specialty of furnishing bonds whenever required.

DON'T FORGET TO CALL ON US FOR YOUR FARM LOANS.

Make this your headquarters while in town. Udgard is the cashier and you know all the men back of the Institution are responsible and reliable business men.

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