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THE COURIER.

The Sentinel says that the COURIER is undignified because we said that we were sorry that the school house did not burn down a few days ago. If Bro. Henrik kept his ears open he would have heard most of our best business men express themselves in the same undignified manner. We can't all be Chesterfields and some of us have got to let go our dignity occasionally much as it may jar the sensitive nerve of our dignified brother up the street.

Hon. Geo. M. Young, of Valley City, is one of the most prominent candidates for speaker of the house of the coming session of the legislature. Mr. Young was chairman of the judiciary committee during the last session and made a splendid record for himself. He is eminently fitted for the position and would make a splendid speaker. If our Mr. Cassell cannot land the plum, Mr. Young would certainly be the COURIER's choice. He is certainly worthy of any honor that can be bestowed upon him and we wish him all kinds of success.

The president's message to congress was just such a document as the people expected of him—full of business and good hard sense. Mr. Roosevelt has a way of expressing himself in that strenuous manner for which he is noted. He wants the trusts regulated and says so in unmistakable language. Tariff revision and reciprocity are important features of his message. The fact that his message to congress has excited very little comment from the opposition is evidence enough to us that the document is a good one. The country generally is pleased with it at any rate.

The Mandan Times opines that in event of Gov. White's election to the United States senate that the succession of David Bartlett to the governorship would not be such a dreadful calamity after all. This coming from the Times is a deservedly handsome compliment to Mr. Bartlett, and the COURIER desires to supplement that endorsement by saying that if Mr. Bartlett becomes governor of North Dakota he will grace that office with dignity and make the state the most capable executive it ever had.

He has the courage of his convictions and nothing would stop him from doing his duty as he saw it regardless of fear or favor.

Cooperstown wants the state fair. It is an indisputable fact that its present location at Mandan is not satisfactory to any considerable number of people in the state. Naturally, Fargo is the best place for it, taking into consideration the question of accessibility, but if it is not thought desirable to locate it here, by all means let it go to Cooperstown—a city and county which has given the best county fair held in the state in recent years.—Fargo Call.

The COURIER is pleased to get this friendly boost from so good a paper as the Call, and can assure that paper and its numerous readers in this state that if the state fair comes to Cooperstown it will be handled satisfactory to all and will be a good one. We have hustlers here who will put the state fair ahead, and don't you forget it.

The members of the legislature for the fifth judicial district met at Jamestown a few days ago and decided to support Hon. George M. Young for the speakership. This action gives that gentleman a pretty good lift for that position and it now looks as if he would be the man. It is said that a number of representatives have requested Senator Beecher Cox to introduce a bill at the next session of the legislature by the provisions of which representatives who may in the future be sent to the pen, will have the time served as members of the legislature deducted from the sentences. We take it for granted that these members of the house expect to land in the pen and that they consider it punishment enough to serve as a member. It is likely that such a measure will pass the house almost unanimously excepting by the votes of the democrats, as they get no chance to elect a United States Senator their chances for getting into the pen are somewhat slimmer than the other fellows.

Concordia College.

Mr. P. N. Brereg returned to school Monday.

The Concordia Literary Society will render a program next Monday evening.

Mr. A. V. Johnson, of Turtle River, Minn., called on his daughter Mable Sunday.

Mrs. M. Surley, of Comstock, accompanied her daughter to school Monday.

Prof. Bogstad expounded the cause of education in and about Granite Falls Sunday.

Mr. Louis Foss, of Wilder, Minn., accompanied his two daughters, Ella and Tillie here on his way to Ulen where he called on his sister.

Norden Debating Society gives interesting programmes Saturday evenings. It has the following officers: E. A. Norson, Pres., Alma Larson, Vice-Pres., Bertha Peterson, Secy., B. R. Ostrem, Treas.

We spent an enjoyable Thanksgiving like all other good people, we assembled in the chapel at 10:30 for services. Prof. Bogstad led in scripture reading and prayer. Prof. Rogne read President Roosevelt's Proclamation, and Prof. Busby delivered the sermon. Thanksgiving evening we assembled in Commercial Hall for a program and social. The following was the program given:

Piano Solo.....Anna Thompson.
Recitation.....Emma Norbryhn.
Mandolin Solo.....Louis Borgan.
Recitation.....Sarah Ness
Songs by.....Vocal Class.
After the program pleasant games were participated in by all present. Refreshments were then served after which an impromptu programme was given. It consisted of declamations by the Misses Alma Larson, Emma Norbryhn and Bertha Peterson. A German Class then favored the audience by singing the "Lorelei." Prof. Bogstad and Miss Sinnie also sang a duet in German.

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 BLON.

On Nov. 15 the Cooperstown Roller Mills changed hands. The new proprietors, Cussons Milling Co., are practical millers, having followed milling all their lives. They have put in new machinery and remodelled the mill and are now making flour excelled by none. Every sack guaranteed. Every one should give it a trial. For sale at all stores and the mill.

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From Washington.

SUMNER, WASH.,
Nov. 30, 1902.

DEAR SIR:
Inclosed find money order for three dollars to apply on your subscription to the COURIER. I beg pardon for allowing my subscription to get so far in arrears. I was under the impression that about two years ago I committed the unpardonable sin of remitting twice in one year for my subscription and thought it paid up to October, 1902. However your books will show. "Dry rain" did I hear you say? Oh yes, certainly, and it originates in the same regions as do the "calm winds" and "warm blizzards" of Dakota, viz, the grey matter of the prevaricator's cerebrum. However, I must confess the rains are not as disagreeable as I had feared they would be, and I am informed that they have been rather heavier than usual this year. When it rains it turns warmer instead of colder as it does in the east, and it usually comes straight down so that one has some chance to keep it off. The grass is as green as in mid-summer, and dandelions are in blossom along the roadside. While most deciduous trees have shed their leaves, berry bushes and many other kinds of shrubs are yet as green as in June, and flowers may often be seen in bloom even an occasional bunch of roses. We have had but two hard frosts as

yet, and these seem to have but slight effect upon vegetation. The reason that frost does not kill vegetation here as it does in the east is due to the fact that it is usually followed by a fog in the morning. Vegetables for family use during the winter are often left in the ground and dug as wanted.

In regard to cost of living we find clothing and groceries, as well as fuel, cheaper than in Dakota. Butter and eggs are dearer here. Creamery butter and fresh egg each selling at from 35c to 40c. And who do you suppose spent the day with us yesterday? Mr. Iver Seim and Mr. John Olson. It seemed like ye olden time to shake hands with those old Griggs county pioneers. They are looking for desirable property and canvassing all bargains carefully. Indeed there seems to be a small army of people from Dakota coming here this winter and they are pushing real estate prices up rapidly.

You may recall a body of fresh water lying about three miles east of Sumner and known as Lake Tappis; this is to be utilized as power for generating electricity and work will be begun on the plant soon. It is estimated that it will supply fifty thousand horse power the year round. The power houses will be located near Sumner and the power distributed to Tacoma, Seattle and other desired points. Another twenty-five thousand horse power will be developed near Orting,

about ten miles up the valley. This will result in a complete system of electric railways for the valleys and will make Tacoma the greatest manufacturing center on the coast. This entire valley will in a few years, be cut up into acre properties and support a dense population.

I like Sumner very much as a home; the people are an unusually intelligent and moral class, and the community unusually free from the evils so prevalent in the larger places. We all send regards to the old friends in Cooperstown.

Respectfully Yours,
C. W. HODGE.

B. N. Herigstad died last Saturday evening from a brief attack of pneumonia. He was taken sick the Tuesday previous. The funeral will take place tomorrow.

The Orpheus Jubilee Singers gave a concert in the Opera House last Tuesday evening, a very fair sized audience being in attendance. There are nine in the company. The program consisted mostly of plantation melodies and the audience evidently liked that kind of singing judging from the generous amount of encores given. The company is all right.

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