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THE COURIER. By Percy R. Grubshaw

Mark Hunt in a very undignified manner, calls Mike De-la-Bere's Sheldon Progress, the "shuttlecock." This is enough on the genial president of the press association, who publishes one of the neatest and best papers in the state. The Sentinel must be shocked again at this wanton disregard of the laws of dignity.

The senatorial war dance will commence at Bismarck in a few days and then several scalps of favorite sons will be dangling from the totem pole of the successful candidate. Steele and Griggs county are "agin Senator Hansbrough" but no reason for it is stated by those who have a vote. The district just wants to be "agin" the government on general principles.

Says our contemporary: "The republicans are already worrying over the next presidential campaign, and that they think the socialists will lend a hand which is doubtful." The republican party's splendid victory all over the country last fall settled the next presidential election without a doubt, and there publican party will do no worrying. It always sail's under one head "republican" and will look for no backing from socialists. It is the democrats that will probably fly that banner next trip as that party will need a new issue of some kind.

The Griggs County Fair Association met last Saturday and cleaned up all the bills and business up-to-date. The association has paid all its bills and has a surplus left on the right side of the ledger. This fair has been held now for three years and has been well managed and successful in every particular. It is a good thing for Griggs county and will be made better every year. The board decided to have a fair next year and will need financial assistance to put it on a stronger basis than ever, and in view of the fact that it has been operated so successfully the past three years we think that the county commissioners should give it financial aid, the statutes giving them the power if they so feel like it. We believe that it would be money well invested and money that the taxpayers would not begrudge.

The President's message to congress lacks much of the eloquence and force that was contained in the President's address delivered last summer just after congress had adjourned. Then, Mr. Roosevelt intimated that the republican party would rip the trusts up the back p. d. q. Now, congress must exercise great care—lest someone is hurt.—Sentinel.

"I believe that monopolies unjust discriminations, which prevent or cripple competition, fraudulent overcapitalization, and other evils in trust organizations and practices which injuriously affect interstate trade can be prevented under the power of the congress to "regulate commerce with foreign nations and among the several states" through regulation and requirements operating directly upon such commerce, the instrumentalities thereof, and those engaged therein.

I earnestly recommend this subject to the consideration of the congress with view to the passage of a law reasonable in its provisions and effective in its operations, upon which the questions can be finally adjudicated that now raise doubts as to the necessity of constitutional amendment. If it prove impossible to accomplish the purposes above set forth by such a law, then, assuredly, we should not shrink from amending the constitution so as to secure beyond peradventure the power sought."—President Roosevelt

There seems to be quite a difference of opinion between the Sentinel and the president, with the odds greatly in favor of the latter.

Milwaukee, West Superior and North Dakota want a combine against the Minneapolis grain market as they claim they are getting the worst of the Minnesota inspection law, and want a higher and more satisfactory inspection.

W. H. McPherson, of Valley City furnishes an extended argument to the Milwaukee papers tending to show that the farmers of North Dakota are suffering from the present system. Seven-tenths of the grain grown in North Dakota, Mr. McPherson asserts, is good enough to grade No. 1 hard. But only a small proportion of wheat shipped into Minneapolis from North Dakota grades No. 1 hard the inspectors, it is claimed, purposely grading it lower in order that the Minneapolis millers and elevator men may buy it at lower prices. If there

was a system of grading in North Dakota or Wisconsin, says Mr. McPherson, by which this good North Dakota wheat could be prevented from getting into the hands of Minneapolis "manipulators," and could go upon the Liverpool market without having to pass Minnesota inspectors, it would sell higher in Liverpool and the North Dakota farmer would be benefited greatly.

That, in brief, is the North Dakota part of the argument. It is not new.

Superior has been dissatisfied with her relatively unimportant position among the grain markets of the country, and has been sending out numerous complaints. With big elevators capable of carrying 20,000,000 bushels of wheat, Superior thinks she should rank as an important wheat market, but the wheat that goes into her houses takes the Minnesota inspection the buying and selling is done at Duluth, and Superior does not appear prominently.

Milwaukee has been declining since the subsidence of the speculative boom of a year ago, and would like to find some way to increase her cash trade. By perfecting an arrangement enabling North Dakota wheat going into Superior houses to take a Wisconsin grade, and by making this Wisconsin grade a standard in the export trade, Superior would be benefited. And if direct trade between Superior and North Dakota could be established and Duluth and Minneapolis ignored, a similar arrangement might be perfected between North Dakota and Milwaukee. The two Wisconsin cities would rise into prominence as export points and Duluth and Minneapolis suffer proportionally. This is what the three-cornered combination hopes to bring about if one may judge from the tenor of the opening attack upon the present system.

There is considerable truth in his statements and North Dakota farmers would be benefited by a higher and better system of grading and inspection. The Wisconsin grain men are working hard for a change of some sort, and while McPherson undoubtedly has an eye on something that will materially help the independent buyer. There is Milwaukee, West Superior and North Dakota who want a combine against the Minneapolis grain market, as they claim they are getting the worst of the Minnesota inspection law, and want a higher and more satisfactory inspection.

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Our merchants are selling piles of holiday goods, which is an evidence that there is some money in the country yet.

Miss Anna Gunderson, of Binford, left Friday afternoon for Watson, Minn., to visit her grandmother until after the holidays.

The sixteenth annual meeting of the North Dakota Educational Association will be held in Fargo, December, 29th, 30th and 31st.

Go to STRANDNESS & FURAAS and see for yourself how easily and economically you can get nice presents for your relatives and friends.

Rev. E. S. Shaw arrived in town last Friday and attended the Congregational fair. Mr. and Mrs. Shaw left Saturday afternoon for Jamestown where they remained over Sunday.

The Bismarck Tribune will cover the proceedings of the legislature and the gossip of the lobby during the coming session of the legislature more completely than ever before. Experienced newspaper men will handle the matter and reliability and thoroughness may be depended upon. During the session the Tribune will be issued in the morning instead of evening so that each issue may be a complete record of the previous day's proceedings. The special \$1 rate to all outside mail subscribers may be taken advantage of at any time—costs no more to subscribe now than later on.

The COURIER would like to invite discussion in these columns from our business men in regard to a lighting plant for Cooperstown, something that we are bound to have inside of a year. There are now two applications in to the town board for a franchise for putting in an electric light plant. One member of the board is in favor of the town putting in some kind of a plant, another member leans toward a gasoline gas plant instead of electricity—and there you are. There are three propositions to be discussed. 1st: Shall the town grant a franchise to an individual to put in an electric light; 2d: Shall the town put in a plant itself; 3rd: Shall we have electricity or gasoline gas. Let us hear from some of you.

Rev. E. S. Shaw, Field Secretary of Fargo College, reports that at a recent meeting of the Board of Trustees reports were made from the field workers and from the president in the east and also from the committee of trustees soliciting in Fargo, and that the sum still remaining to be raised has been reduced below \$15,000. Rallies were held in nearly all of the Fargo churches last Sunday and a vigorous canvass is to be pushed in Fargo from now until the close. Revs. W. H. Gimblett, Wm. Griffith and H. S. Wiley will continue to assist Mr. Shaw until the close of the canvass. All these workers have been meeting with generous responses. The time is growing short and it will be necessary to keep up the present rate of progress

in order to secure the whole amount. It will be necessary to secure an average of \$500 a day for the rest of the time.

Hon. G. W. Wolbert one of the best known hardware men on the road, now representing the Simmons Company, of St. Louis, was in the city yesterday selling the trade, and favored the COURIER with a pleasant call. G. W. has made Cooperstown for fourteen years and has many friends here.

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VON BLON.

Warren Roberts returned from Keosauqua, Ia., last Monday and has accepted a position with F. J. Stone in the Palace Hotel.

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