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## THE COURIER.

A large number of state papers have been giving Cooperstown a good lift in its effort to secure the state fair. If the tone of the state press counts for anything the general sentiment is for having the state fair located at Cooperstown.

The Cass county members of the legislature, twelve of them in number have decided to support Hon. L. B. Hanna, of Fargo, for United States Senator. This is supposed to be a measure to cripple Mr. Hansbrough, but that gentleman's friends insist that he will be reelected in any event. Politicians who claim to know whereof they speak, claim that the field will unite on Senator Little, of Bismarck, but whether they can get enough strength together to defeat Mr. Hansbrough is doubtful. The fight promises to be a merry one.

The Venezuelan question has been agitating the country for some time and many feared that as a result of the stand taken by England and Germany that the United States would be again involved in war perhaps with these nations. Their fears however are groundless as those nations have done nothing to in any way infringe on the Monroe doctrine and therefore this country does not need to chip in. Venezuela insulted and abused English and German citizens and tore down the English flag. No country would stand for that and the yellow papers that are calling England and Germany big bullies on making this revolutionary country respect their flags would be the first ones to yell for war had the stars and stripes been insulted. Venezuela is always in a state of revolution and trying to get other nations into trouble, and in this case the punishment is merited. When the English war ships lined up alongside of Dewey in the late unpleasantness and cleared the decks for action to stop German interference England wasn't a bully then. The yellow journals don't want to let their prejudice against that country overshadow their good sense.

One of the biggest drawbacks that our merchants have to contend with today is the peddler. There has been from ten to twenty of these peddler

wagons scouring all over this county all summer and fall and this has very materially injured the business interests of every town in the county. Our business men are compelled to pay hundreds and thousands of dollars taxes every year for the privilege of doing business, while the peddler can come here after the assessor has got through and peddle and sell from house to house without paying a cent of tax or a cent towards the support of public affairs. This is a rank injustice and the coming legislature should pass laws remedying this defect. We had a license law once but the supreme court knocked it out by saying that it was unconstitutional inasmuch as the goods sold had been taxed once before somewhere in the state. Now as a matter of fact most of the goods now sold by peddlers are purchased in the twin cities and not one cent of that tax inures to the benefit of any county in this state. While the farmer or citizen who buys from these fellows may save a few cents once in a while they lose on shoddy goods in the long run. In event of a crop failure the merchant is asked by the patrons of the back door peddlers for credit to help him over the difficulty. Why not get credit from the peddler? Now citizens, be fair with your business men and patronize them. They pay the taxes the other fellows don't. The legislature should pass an amendment to the constitution or something else to remedy this matter in justice to the business interests of the country. If the peddlers want to do business let them pay for the privilege just like the rest of us and no kick will be coming.

Latest, popular and classical music, latest songs and dances, comedy, sketches, humorous impersonations and oriental magic. Opera House, New Year's eve., Wednesday, Dec. 31.

Bees and Ants. Bees will place their honeycombs in any place regularly or irregularly shaped, and when they come to corners and angles they seem to stop and consider. Then they vary the shape of the cell so that the space is exactly filled. It could not be done more satisfactorily if the whole thing had been worked out on paper beforehand. Ants make hard and smooth roads and drive tunnels compared to which man's efforts in making such things are insignificant. —Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

## HE TOOK THE CAKE.

A Story of William Black, the Novelist, and Mary Anderson.

One time when Mary Anderson was playing in "The Winter's Tale" in Dublin William Black, the novelist, who was very intimate with Miss Anderson and her family, insisted upon assuming the part of one of the supers, who was dressed as a very old man with a venerable beard and locks that fell upon his shoulders. When Black went upon the stage in this disguise, he walked about among his fellow supers with unceasing restlessness and, judging by the wild motions of his arms, seemed to be addressing to each in turn an impassioned harangue. The audience began to wonder who the new actor was and what on earth he was doing in a play in which neither Shakespeare nor the stage managers ever intended him to appear.

Presently came the time when it was the business of Perdita to distribute flowers among the peasants, among whom Black had his place. Miss Anderson, carrying on the practical jokes of the family circle, had prepared a surprise for this moment, and, having distributed flowers among the less favored supers, she handed to Black a large cake crowned with a wreath of laurel, saying as she did so, "You take it," in allusion to his triumphs in the contests of wits at the supper table.

To her consternation, Black showed that he was quite prepared to carry out the jest, for, taking the cake from the hands of Perdita, he immediately distributed it in substantial portions to his hungry fellow supers, who, finding it to be of excellent quality, began to munch it greedily under the eyes of the house. —Exchange.

## A Kicking Horse.

A writer in the National Stockman gives this method of treating a kicking horse: Put on him a strong surcingle and crupper. Have one ring where the check book comes and one eight inches lower on the right side. Now run a strap from the lower ring to the crupper about where the hip strap passes through. Now take a five-eighths inch rope fifteen feet long, fasten it to the ring at the check and then hook back through the ring in the halter and back through the lower ring in the surcingle. Strap up his left fore foot. This should be done in a straw yard. Now you have him ready. Take your rope and go ahead of him a few feet, a little to the right, and begin to pull. Hold him steady and let him fight this hard, but keep drawing his head to his side and he will go down to the ground. Now you have him where you want him. Show him you can do as you please with him. Keep him there until he gives up. If it takes all day show him you can handle him.

# THE BIG STORE.

A Merry Christmas  
and  
A Happy New Year.

Santa Claus, obviously, don't carry originality for distribution if he did he would have dumped off a little in our think tank. Oh well! somebody has said: An honest tale speaks best being plainly told." And ours is this: Thank you all for what you have let this store do for you during the year. Our promise for the future is best summed up in this: To do just right in every transaction, to refrain from protestation and perform things.

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### Musical.

A very pleasant evening was enjoyed at the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. John Syverson last Friday night by the parents of Mrs. H. A. Langlie's music students. The program given was by the pupils ranging in age from 5 to 16 years, and was the event of a like series that will be given. The parents are thus enabled to note the progress of the children and the children are urged and encouraged on to take more interest in their music. The program rendered was as follows:

- Duet, "De Carrillon".....
- Mrs. LANGLIE, ELLA OIE.
- Piano Solo, "Picnic Dance".....
- ELISE FLYNN.
- Piano Solo, "A Pleasant Morning Ride".....
- MAUD TRUBSHAW.
- Duet and Solo.....
- Mrs. LANGLIE, GERTRUDE SYVERSON.
- Piano Solo, "Forest Sprites".....
- MASTER JOHN SYVERSON.
- Piano Solo, "The First Waltz".....
- JANNETTE OIE.
- Duet and Solo, "Christmas Festival".....
- Mrs. LANGLIE, MASTER JOHN SYVERSON.
- Piano Solo, "Triumphal Polka".....
- BORGHILD OIE.
- Piano Solo.....
- HAZEL STONE.
- Piano Solo, "Idyll".....
- ELLA OIE.
- Duet, "A May Day".....
- Mrs. LANGLIE, BORGHILD OIE.

gram, Mrs. Syverson furnished the party with refreshments. It was a very interesting event and a pleasant evening was spent with the host and hostess and the efficient music teacher, Mrs. H. A. Langlie.

### About a Lighting Plant.

There is considerable talk about electric lights and gas these days. Here is a letter from the Mayor of Dodge Center, Minn., highly recommending the gas plant, recently received by F. A. Haskell. He has several others which we intend to publish later:

DODGE CENTER, MINN.,  
Nov. 19, 1902.

MR. F. A. HASKELL,  
COOPERSTOWN, N. D.

DEAR SIR:  
Your letter received and contents noted in regard to lighting plant. We have just installed a plant here and are very much pleased with it. We think that it is very much ahead of electricity as we have light any time night or day and it only costs about 50 per cent. as much as electricity, and is the finest light inside that I ever saw and only costs about the same as kerosene lamps.

We bought this plant of the P. G. C. Co. I will write the agent at Mankato and have him correspond with you and he will give you any information you want. They are a very

nice company to do business with and will be glad to give you any information you want at any time. As to the cost of lighting street lamps can tell you a little later on as we have not lit them only two or three weeks.

Respectfully Yours,  
W. H. FRANKLIN,  
Mayor.

A rare musical treat by Prof. Sherry for years instructor of string music at the Colorado State University where faculty say of him. "He cannot be excelled." Opera House, Wednesday, Dec. 31st.

C. M. Silver returned from Iowa last Saturday accompanied by his bride. He was married about three weeks ago and liked it so well out in North Dakota that he decided to come back and grow up with the country. The COURIER hopes that Mr. Silver and his wife will be happy and prosperous all through life.

The COURIER received a pleasant visit from A. F. Pierce, of Valley City, Tuesday. Mr. Pierce runs a first-class laundry in that city and has made arrangements to get the work at this place, J. H. Morris being his agent.

## Farm Loans.

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