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THE COURIER.

The Fargo Daily Call has been greatly improved of late both in appearance and in news service. We are glad to note this as that paper is one of the most sought after that comes to this office. We couldn't do business without the Call.

Senator Hansbrough will succeed himself practically by a unanimous choice of the legislature. The opposition did not seem to stand any show. The COURIER congratulates Mr. Hansbrough on his success. We believe that the people of the state generally are satisfied with the result.

Mrs. S. E. Bates, who has been the talented editor of the Grafton News and Times for the past four years has laid down the editorial quill and will seek rest along different lines. Her successor at the helm of this excellent paper is Mr. H. P. Knappen, whose introductory issue gives evidence of a man trained in the newspaper work. The News and Times will undoubtedly continue to be one of the best papers in the state and the COURIER wishes Bro. Knappen all kinds of success.

The state legislature is now in session and the senatorial fight is on in all its glory with a half dozen gentlemen scrapping for Senator Hansbrough's toga. So far as the fitness of any of the candidates mentioned are concerned they are all good men and we presume each and any one of them would try and do his best for the people of North Dakota.

This legislature has lots of work to do and the sooner it gets down to business the better. The primary election law will

come in for a good share of attention no doubt. The lignite coal trust and the peddler question need some sort of legislation that will do justice to the people.

Says the Grafton News and Times: "A certain amount of credit is as necessary in the business of the country as a certain amount of blood is in the body of the individual. The banks extend credit to the manufacturers, the manufacturers extend credit to the wholesalers and jobbers, and these in turn give the retail merchant time in which to pay for their stocks of goods. The farmer and the laborer are constantly asking for credit, and then the home merchant is invariably the man to whom they go in the honor of adversity. And the man who helps you over a rough place in the road should be remembered when you have the cash with which to pay for what you want. Don't send your money to the catalogue houses, and beware of peddlers and fakirs." This same advice also applies to the business men who get their printing done by outside firms—and we are happy to say that there are very few of them in this town.

Supt. James T. Metcalf of the money order system of the United States says that over 6,000,000 was sent by foreign born citizens as Christmas presents to their friends in the old country. This amount will be swelled to between 8,000,000 and 9,000,000 when the accounts are all audited. This is an increase of 33 per cent. over last year and shows that the people are prosperous. Mr. Metcalf pays a very handsome tribute to the employee of the money order system of the United States and all whom it may concern, when

he shows by the books of the department that during the last two years \$602,596,934 were handled and the total loss from their dishonesty and carelessness was only \$251. This is almost incredible, and I do not believe there was ever a higher example of fidelity and accuracy either in private or in public financial affairs. This remarkable record is emphasized when we know that 34,127 different postoffices handled this money, and that it represented 78,619,705 different transactions and that the average amount of the transaction was \$7.73 for domestic and \$17.52 for foreign money orders.

With this issue the COURIER completes twenty years of life and will start on its voting year next week. The past twelve months has been a prosperous period for the old pioneer paper and we have earnestly tried to give value received for the splendid support it has received from the business men and citizens in general. The paper has always advocated measures which it deemed for the best interests of our town and if mistakes have been made they are mistakes of the head and not of the heart. The town and county has made substantial growth and progress during the year just closed and we predict that greater advancement will be made during the twelve months just entered. We are pleased to note a steady growth of our subscription list, which is a sure indication that the paper is appreciated and our business men have liberally used our advertising columns which is an evidence that they have faith in advertising. To our patrons, both business men and subscribers, and all well wishers generally, the editor sincerely extends thanks, hoping that in conjunction with the COURIER, each and everyone will prosper exceedingly the year just begun.

THE BIG STORE.

Customers Wanted

To carry away, what's left of the Holiday Goods. If the price should tempt you to buy so much that you can't carry it all, remember we have a big husky boy delivering for us, that is not afraid of a big job. And you farmers better hitch-up that crack team of yours to the grain tank and come along.

DRESS GOODS REMNANTS.

Some of them enough for a dress, and others shirt patterns. There is surely no trouble in finding what you want in this pile of remnants, and the price is a remnant price.

LADIES WOOL HOSE.

Heavy weight, merino heel and toe, ribbed top. A very good quality. Per pair 25c.

LADIES UNDERWEAR.

Heavy fleece, the kind that will keep you warm, when the North Pole climate sets in in earnest. You used to pay \$1.25 and \$1.50 for underwear of this kind. You can buy it now for 50c a piece or per suit \$1.00.

CHILDRENS' HOODS & CAPS.

A job lot, worth from 50c to \$1.00. Your choice for 25c.

Fleisher's Knitting Yarn

Black, White, Blue, Red, Gray, and Brown. For knitting stockings or mittens, there is no yarn superior to this. A skein of this yarn, will go farther than any other yarn per skein 25c.

JOHN SYVERSON.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK!

HEADQUARTERS FOR

FARM

LOANS.

The public, which pays the cost of all industrial disturbances and readjustments in the end, is just beginning to realize the bill it is going to have to pay for the anthracite coal strike. That event started an endless chain of causes, which promises to bring about the final effect of permanently increased price of all kinds of fuel. See how one event impinges on another and that knocks down a third brick of causation. Winter scarcity of anthracite puts up the price in spite of all efforts of the syndicate to keep it down. This increase of price will be a new argument for increase of wages before the commission. Should that decide for the miners, the increase would certainly be permanent as it may be in any event.

Meanwhile the scarcity of anthracite increases the demand for soft coal and dealers take advantage of this to put up the price, there being no trust in the way. The soft coal miners make this an argument for demanding increased wages, and

are threatening a strike if they should be denied. Should the soft coal wage scale be raised the higher price may be expected to be permanent. Other kinds of fuel will be affected in the same way, in their lesser degree.

In this way the final cost of the anthracite strike, to be paid by the public, will be many millions of dollars a year for an indefinite time. In these prosperous times, when everybody is making money, we don't think the public cares very much. There was general sympathy with the privations of the miners and we imagine a general vote of coal consumers would have raised their wages and the price together. Just now the general public is more concerned in getting coal to burn than in the price it pays for it. The increase will bear very severely only on the poor of great cities, already near to the starvation line. Charity is helping these through the winter; though charity is a bitter source of means of living. But the general public is entirely

willing to pay the price of a peaceful settlement.

Buy your shoes at the New York Store. You will be pleased with both quality and price.

Wonderful Nerve.

Is displayed by many a man enduring pains of accidental Cuts, Wounds, Bruises, Burns, Scalds, Sore Feet or Stiff Joint. But there's no need for it. Bucklin's Arnica Salve will kill the pain and cure the trouble. It's the best Salve on earth for Piles, too. 25c at H. H. Bateman, Druggist.

HANS AND BAKER.

A Combination Made at Bismarck Which Land Hans and Baker.

Senator Sharpe of LaMoure is To Be Made President of The Senate.

Bismarck, N. D., Jan. 5.—It's all over but the ratification. Senator Hansbrough is to succeed himself and Thos. Baker, Jr., of Cass is to be speaker of the house. In both cases the movement is the result of the action of Hansbrough's friends. On Sunday Mr. Hanna released the Cass county delegation from their pledge to

support him and there was a grand rush to sign up with Hans. Baker's interests were looked after by the Hansbrough forces and enough votes secured in short order to warrant the assumption that he was a winner.

The house and senate caucusses were held this afternoon and the following slates went through without a hitch:

In the house A. O. Anderson, Grand Forks, chief clerk; assistant, W. D. Austin of Cass; second assistant, G. M. Huff, of Emmons, bill clerk, Irish, of Cass; sergeant, Alex. McFadden, of Pembina; journal clerk, Donohue, of Stutsman; engrossing and enrolling clerk, W. A. Kelley, of Traill, postmaster, John D. Carroll, of Cass.

In the senate Sharpe, of LaMoure, president; Tuttle, of Morton, secretary assistant secretary, Townes, of Cass; second assistant, D. A. McEaren, of Cass; sergeant, Brown of Grand Forks; journal clerk, Miss Coleman, of Stark, enrolling and engrossing clerk, Twambley, of Grand Forks; postmaster, M. J. Freeman, of Ransom, clerk of judiciary, Charles Donnelly, of McHenry.

It is expected now the senate caucus will be held Tuesday night and Senator Hansbrough will leave for Washington as soon as matters are fixed beyond question.

The house and senate will convene Tuesday noon and the governor's message will probably not be read before Thursday.—Fargo Call.

Great Closing Out Sale.

Having purchased the business of A. Thompson & Sons at Finley, N. D., we must close out our entire stock. Rather than to move any of the stock, we will cut the price way down, and give the public the benefit of low prices. The stock will have to be closed out within a few weeks, and we invite you to come in and see for yourself that we mean business. The stock will be cut down to cost, and a large portion below cost, in order to save expenses moving. Come in early and reap the benefit of the bargains before the stock will be to broken.

STRANDNESS & FURAAS.
HANNAFORD, N. D.