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THE COURIER.

Half of the legislative session has gone. So far very little legislation has been accomplished but there have been several hundred bills introduced so that something will be done in a few days.

The February number of the Northwest Magazine is unusually attractive. A large share of the magazine is devoted to the interests of North Dakota—showing up its advantages in a very attractive manner. This excellent magazine is one of the best published and deserves the excellent patronage it receives.

Now that one man has been killed outright and another one lying near unto death as a result of drunken debauchery and blind piggism, several of the business men of McHenry have advertised to punish gamblers and violators of the prohibitory law, but we do not notice any great excitement in the offices of the sheriff or county attorney of Foster county who are sworn to do their duty. Might as well put wooden men in office. McHenry has had a reputation for its shooting scrapes as a result of boozing for some time and it seems to us as if it was about time the citizens made an effort to clean out all the joints and piggers and turn over a new leaf. McHenry is a live town, has some nice people and if the citizens want to can have an orderly and well appointed village, incorporate and elect a marshal who will go after the piggers right, then it will be safe for your wives and children to go around without danger of getting shot.

Representative Campbell of Kansas has introduced a bill into the house to tax all able-bodied bachelors between the ages of 40 and 65, \$50 a year, and all able-bodied spinsters between the ages of 35 and 50, who have no families to support, \$25 a year, these taxes to go into the school fund. A clause in the bill forfeits to the school fund the salaries of unmarried state officers. This provision is aimed at Gov. Bailey and Lieut-Gov. Hanna, bachelors, to whom several thousand strange women have lately proposed. Why wouldn't it be a good scheme to introduce a bill in our legislature taxing old bachelors?

We never heard of E. R. Pierce, of Fargo before, but we now feel acquainted. This is the style in which he harpooned the Washington Post, while on a visit to that city: "I love to see some of my old friends in the east open wide their eyes when I tell them of the big crops, the big farms, the big distances, and the big way we have of doing things in North Dakota. When I tell them that the county in which I have a wheat farm contains 2000 square miles more than the whole state of Massachusetts, they are amazed, but when I started to describe some of the big farms in the Red River Valley they are at first incredulous. There is the great Dalrymple farm and the still bigger one of the Grandins, which contains over 30,000 acres and which employ a small army of men in its operation. Year before last this place brought its owners a net profit of \$125,000. I consider North Dakota one of the choice parts of this great country and in some respects it

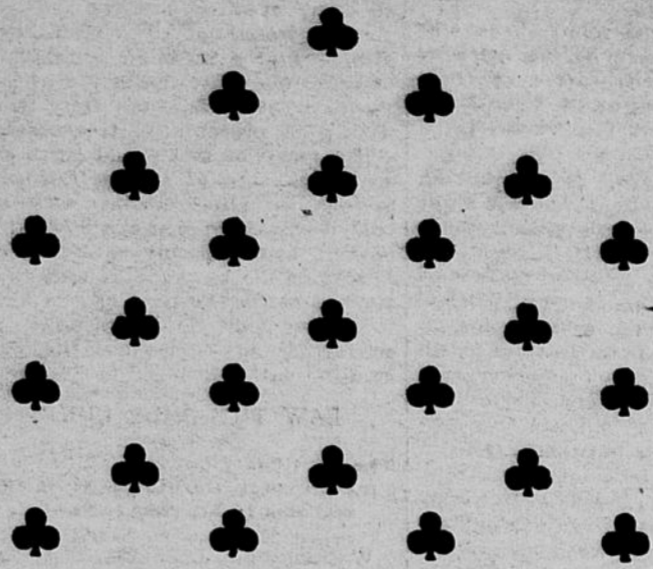
is unequalled. One could commence away down in the south-east part of the state, where Senator McCumber lives, and plow a furrow in a straight line for 250 miles without encountering a stone or any other obstacle except a water course. And the plow would go through soil as black as midnight, in many places five feet in depth and producing a cereal no other part of the globe can equal—our 1 hard wheat."

Musical.

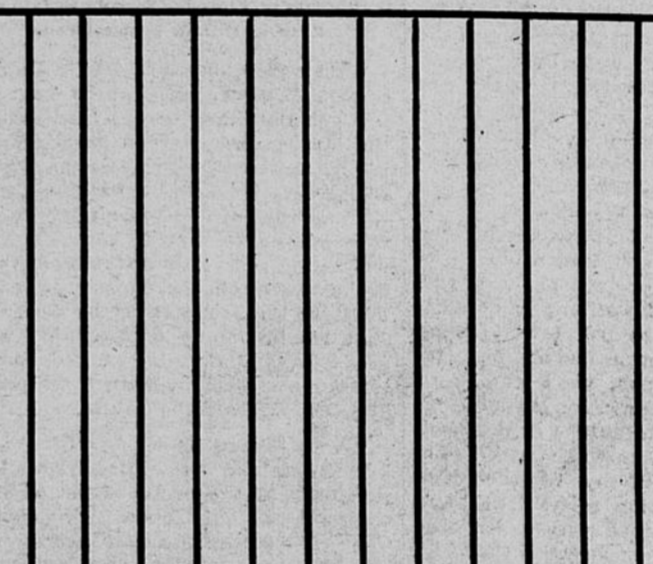
Mrs. Langile gave the second entertainment of the series at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. John O. Ole last Saturday evening. A lunch was served and a very pleasant evening spent. The following is the program:

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| Silver Bells, | Engelman. |
| BORGHILD OLE. | |
| Picnic Dance, | Mathews. |
| GERTRUDE SYVERSON. | |
| Schoolroom March, | Mathews. |
| ELSIE FLYNN. | |
| Poollight Favorite Balletto, | Suddo. |
| ELLA OLE. | |
| First Waltz, | Mathews. |
| MABLE LARSON. | |
| Little Duet, | Behr. |
| GERTRUDE & JOHNNY SYVERSON. | |
| Short Waltzes, | Behr. |
| HAZEL STONE. | |
| Recreation, | Mathews. |
| OLIVER LARSON. | |
| Song, Lullabye..... | |
| Happy Farmer, | Mathews. |
| CLARA HAMMER. | |
| Selection from Verdis Opera..... | |
| MAUDE TRUBSHAW. | |
| May Bells Peal..... | |
| EMMA BIER. | |
| Jacquelin Waltz, | Mathews. |
| MYRTLE ERICKSON. | |
| Recreations | Mathews. |
| EMELIA BIER. | |
| Flight of the Bees | Holst. |
| JOHNNY SYVERSON. | |

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JOHN SYVERSON.

We Are Ready For SPRING.

Most of the new Spring Goods are here and by the end of the week, our spring stock will be complete. We cordially invite you, to come and look at these "pretty" goods.

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| White Pique. | Knickerbocker. |
| Swiss Muslin. | Jacquard Swiss. |
| India Linen | Swiss Dots. |
| Fancy Zephyr. | Chambrays. |
| Grenadine. | Waistings. |
| Swiss Novelty. | Haniton Novelty. |
| Parker Novelty. | Spiral Silk. |
| Fancy Madras. | Silk Tissue. |
| Egyptian Chambrays. | Striped Linen. |
| Egyptian Tissue. | Emerald Dimity. |
| Mercerized Canvas. | Hop Sack. |

NEW BELTS FOR SPRING.

Ladies Flannel Waists.

Assorted colors and sizes. Don't waste money by paying more for your waist than we charge. These waists are all new and stylish. Nothing the matter with them and the prices speak for themselves.

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| \$1.25 waist for \$.75 | \$2.50 waist for \$1.75 |
| \$1.50 waist for \$1.00 | \$3.50 waist for \$2.50 |
| \$2.00 waist for \$1.40 | \$4.00 waist for \$2.75 |

March Delineator.

Here and There.

A state fair, conducted on business principles, free from political entanglements—same as in Minnesota—would be worth more to the state of North Dakota, possibly, than any institution in the state. And where is there so good a location for it, all things considered as Fargo.—Call.

That's easy Cooperstown of course. The many friends of Ellis Willoughby, who was the victim of a shooting accident at McHenry last week, will be glad to know that his physicians have positive hopes of his early recovery. The bullet has been recovered and his condition is such as to give his doctors much encouragement.—Fargo Call.

Iver Seim, who has lived six miles west of Finley in Bergen township for the last twenty years, has sold his farm lands and machinery and stock to his sons, Paul, Jens and Adolph, and has moved to Washington. Mr. Seim sold to the boys for one-half what the property was valued at, and the consideration was \$17,000. Mr. Seim has made all this property since he came to Steel county, having come here with nothing and had to borrow that. This simply shows what a man can do with Steel county soil when he tries. And this represents only a portion of what Mr. Seim has made since coming here. He has 100 head of cattle left, besides a nice bunch of money for lands sold last year.—Finley Beacon.

A Business Change.

A. Thompson & Sons have sold their business here to Messrs. Strandness & Furaas, of Hannaford, who are expected to arrive here and take charge the first of next week. It is with regret that the people of Finley part with the Thompson family, they having been identified with the business and social interests of the town ever since it was started. The new firm comes well recommended, as an enterprising, pushing business firm, and will be received by the people of Finley with open arms.—Finley Beacon.

Dover.

C. M. Kribb, left this week for Pennsylvania to be gone about two weeks. He has purchased the butcher shop in Wimbleton and will take charge of the same March 1st. He expects to be accompanied by Prof. O. A. Sanford as far as Pittsburg, Pa. Mr. Sanford is taking a trip to Europe and Asia and will be gone about three months.

Griggs county will lose three old settlers this spring: C. M. Kribbs, H. A. Willson and Henry Willson all moving into Barnes county. These are some of our best citizens and what is Griggs County's loss is Barnes county's gain.

We shall write again some day.
DOVER KID

Hannaford.

C. P. Schmidt is back at the key again after a month's vacation.

Eric Hyerdahl has returned from quite a visit in the Devils Lake country.

Hans Larson has taken up a claim near Minot and will move in the spring.

Quite a few of our young men are trying their fortune in the woods this winter.

W. C. Langdon lost his furniture and quite a few clothes in the recent Fargo Fire.

Nearly everyone will regret the approaching departure of Messrs. Strandness & Furaas and their families.

Mr. Hughes will hold a meeting in the school house Saturday afternoon to talk to our farmers on plants and flour food.

Steve Olson returned from the north last Friday, but went on to Wisconsin Saturday to see to the disposal of some property.

Which comes the hardest, to sell your grain and then see it go up or have a chance to sell at top market and then watch it go down?

Willard Markuson thinks that coasting is lots of fun and is equally sure that while coasting through a wire fence is exciting, yet it isn't as pleasant as it might be.

There is a sound of weeping and wailing at Rev. Carmine's, but it don't come from Mr. and Mrs. Carmine who are rejoicing over the safe arrival of a bright baby daughter.

Don't forget that the Woodman have arranged for a concert by the Hoyle Musical Co. for Feb. 25th. Concert will be followed by a dance. It will undoubtedly be the event of the season.

We have noticed quite a few articles in the Courier lately about patronizing home dealers. This is all right and is as it should be. But what is sauce for the goose should be sauce for the gander. Most of our merchants have farms. Does this grain always go to the local dealer?

Another year has begun and while things are naturally quiet yet there is every evidence that prosperity is still with us. Crops were not all that could be hoped for the past year, especially those that pinned their faith on flax exclusively, yet on the whole the farmer and merchant have no particular cause to complain.

The C. E. Dime (not dance) Social which was to have been held at Mr. and Mrs. Hydes' last Friday will be perpetrated next Friday, Feb. 6th, in form of a Hit and Miss Social. A mixture of silk, calico, cotton and cambric will be appropriate for the ladies, while overalls, felt boots, bare feet and macinaw shirts will be "as fair" for the gentlemen. If you don't hit the house on that night you will miss it. If your own best girl can't come take some other fellows Miss, but watch out that he don't hit you next day. Proceeds of these socials will probably go to purchasing a church organ. Don't miss bringing your pocket book. We will hit you for anything from a dime to a dollar.

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Our Grocery Department deserves attention because we offer Pure Food Products at Close Prices.

Every one desires to buy groceries as low as possible, they should also be particular in regard to quality and make sure they are getting the best.

If you give us Your Patronage in this line we will give you good value for your money.

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