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THE COURIER.

The Goose River Farmer is being run by the devil while the editor is at Bismarck—not in the pen, though last week the devil got funny and has been threatened with three whippings and more in sight. He now wants the editor to come home or send him a gun.

Senator Crane is working right in line with his constituency and the people of the state. His resolutions on the omnibus statehood bill and his anti-trust measure are strictly all right. Our senator has already received a blow from the mailed hand of Jud. LaMoure but that don't count. He has the people at his back and that's what counts.

The Fargo hustlers are going after the state fair hard. Leaving all joking aside now, boys, Cooperstown is really the best place to locate the fair. We have one of the finest fair grounds in the state already enclosed, fine track, sheds, etc., and have demonstrated that we can make a success of a fair. Of course if Cooperstown can't have it why then let it go to Fargo.

The resubmissionists are making a hard fight at Bismarck but they are doomed to defeat. On a test vote the prohibitionists won out by 62 to 43, which shows that the opponents of resubmission have plenty of votes. In the senate the dries also have a majority so that no liquor measures are liable to get through this legislature. The slope country seems to furnish the most votes for resubmission while the eastern part of the state stands by the present law.

The Fressenden Free Press, presided over by Mark Hunt, whose pen is sharper than a two-edged sword, in our opinion carried its hatred for the W. C. T. U. a little too far in its issue of a couple weeks ago when it roasted that organization. The COURIER will admit in short argument that there are many women in that body that are useless as that paper terms it, but that should not condemn the grandest organization of modern times. There are thousands of men belonging to different organizations that are also useless especially those whose sole aim in life is to try and get out side of as much liquor as possible and thus make themselves useless. Why don't the Free-Press jump onto that class of citizens? Because as a citizen of a town where the sentiment is against enforcing the prohibition law he dare not do it. As a justice of the peace he has recently rendered decisions that have allowed open violators of the law to escape with a fine when he knows that he should have sent them to the district court. It is time Mr. Hunt turned the searchlight upon himself instead of uncorking the vials of his displeasure upon a body of women. When he calls Frances Willard "a josh" he is rather overstepping common decency. It must be admitted however much a person may be prejudiced against the W. C. T. U., that Miss Willard's work for the elevation of man—and women too—was grand and her life has indeed been well spent. The organization of which she was the head so long, has done more to bring up our moral and social condition than any other agency, and although there are black sheep in the organization it seems to us that instead of try-

ing to tear down the good influence the W. C. T. U. extends, it would be far better to give it a boost and help along a good cause. There are none of us too good and before the W. C. T. U. or any other like organization are called "useless women" it might be well to look around and see how many useless men there are in every community. "Let him that cast the first stone, etc."

Nearly Forfeits His Life.
A runaway almost ending fatally, started a horrible ulcer on the leg of J. B. Orner, Franklin Grove, Ill. For four years it defied all doctors and all remedies. But Bucklen's Arnica Salve had no trouble to cure him. Equally good for Burns, Bruises, Skin Eruptions and Piles. 25c at H. H. Bateman's Drug Store.

AUCTION SALE.

February 27th, 1903.

I will sell on farm Section 31, Township 145, Range 58, the following personal property.
10 head horses.
9 head of cattle.
2 wagons.
1 steel truck.
1 buggy.
1 drill, Van Brunt & Wilkins.
1 Minnie binder.
1 Deering reaper.
1 Deering mower and hay rake.
1 Bradley gang plow.
1 stubble plow.
1 breaking plow.
1 disc harrow.
1 spring tooth harrow.
1 smoothing drag.
1 fanning mill.
1 wheel roller.
4 set working harness.
20 ton hay
Household goods and other articles too numerous to mention.
Terms: All sums under \$10.00 cash. All sums over \$10.00, notes at 10 per cent. interest, bankable paper due Oct. 15th, 1903. A discount of 5 per cent. will be allowed for cash.
Free lunch at noon.
F. GREENLAND, CHRIST LOHR,
Auctioneer, Proprietor.

THE BIG STORE.

The Good Old Summer Time

is coming, and don't you think it's about time that you were beginning your spring sewing? The early buyer has several advantages. You have more styles to choose from now, than you will have later! You'll have longer time to wear your clothes and get the worth of your money out of them! You endorse these views, don't you.

New Spring Goods.

And of a kind that's seldom seen outside the larger cities.

White Pique.	Swiss Muslin.	Fancy Zephyr.
Grenadine.	Swiss Novelty.	Fancy Madras.
Egyptian Tissue.	Mercerized Canvas.	Emerald Dimity.
Knickerbocker.	Jacquard Swiss.	Swiss Dots.
Chambrays.	Waisting.	Haniton Novelty.
Spiral Silks.	Silk Tissue.	Hop Sack.

New Dress Trimmings.

Used in innumerable ways. Fashion dictates more Laces, Embroideries, Braids, Ribbons, Buttons, than last year, and we have a more representation, varied and richer line of trimmings than was ever before brought together in this store.

New Lace Collars.

Lace collars are favorites of the season. Come and select one before they are all gone.

JOHN SYVERSON.

THE ONE PRICE

Department Store.

**Quality First,
Low Prices Second.**

That's our policy in dry goods selling, and it is winning the trade of economical buyers in this community. They realize that

Trash is Dear at Any Price,
and that an article in order to be cheap must have quality.

For goods that are reliable we charge prices on which we invite comparison. It is easy to see that this is a way of doing business which is very much in favor of the customer.

BERG BROS and COMPANY.
Cooperstown, N. D.



CRANE'S FIELD DAY.

Resolution Declaring Against the Passage of the Omnibus Statehood Bill.

La Moure Says It Is an Insult to the Congressmen and It Goes Over.

Bismarck, N. D., Feb. 5.—Senator Crane presented today an anti-trust bill prepared by the National Live Stock association and intended to adopt the Sherman anti-trust law to trusts within the state. The bill is aimed more particularly at the possible operations of the beef trusts, but covers all unlawful combinations in restraint of trade. It has been considered by Governor White, who says it is good legislation and in line with the proper regulations of trusts and combinations.

KNOCK AT CHRISTIAN SCIENCE.
Senator Voss today introduced an anti-Christian Science bill, which declares the practice of Christian Science unlawful and provides a fine and imprisonment for the practice of any faith cure, and that the death of any child under 16 where death results or is hastened by the practice of Christian Science shall be grounds for a verdict of manslaughter in the second degree against the Christian healer who may have treated the child.

A game warden bill was reported to day providing for two districts instead of four and the appointment of two game wardens.
The state university bonding bill and the bill to prohibit the scattering of drug samples were also recommended to pass.

CRANE'S HOT RESOLUTION.
Senator Crane presented a resolution declaring that the passage of the omnibus statehood is inimical to the best interests of the country. This provoked a hot discussion. Senator La Moure saying the resolution was an insult to the state's representatives at Washington. Senator Crane declared the resolution represented the

sentiment of the state and the north-west. Senator La Moure made a point of order and the resolution went over until to-morrow.

BILLS PASSED.
The senate passed the normal school sinking fund bill, the reform school bond bill and a bill providing maximum damages of \$5,000 for a death by the wrongful act of a corporation.

BUDGE BILL CONSTITUTIONAL.
Attorney General Frich today submitted to the house his opinion that the La Moure bill, making William Budge a life member of the state university board, was constitutional and valid. The house put in most of the afternoon in continuing the fight over the bill to increase the per diem of jurors, which was hotly debated.

DAILY WAGE OF JURORS.
The house passed the senate bill to increase the per diem of jurors to \$3 by 71 to 28.

A New Kind of Fuel.

Northern Iowa capitalists are planning to enter on an important movement for the development of the lignite fields of North Dakota. It is proposed to install briquetting machinery and turn out briquettes at New Salem, N. D. The company that is undertaking the project is the North Dakota Lignite Coal company. The men interested are A. D. Clarke Alfonsa, Mayor Eugene Schaffter of Eagle Grove and other capitalists who were associated with Clarke in the purchase two or three years ago of 434,000 acres of land in the region of Bismarck. The speculation turned out to be enormously profitable. The syndicate sold out about three-fourths of its land and plans to sell the rest, but it will retain about 20,000 acres near New Salem for coal lands.

Mayor Schaffter of Eagle Grove has taken a deep interest in the possibilities of briquetting; the lignite of North Dakota and has been making extensive investigations. He has carried on a correspondence for some time with the American consul-general at Berlin and with the German manufactures of briquetting presses. Samples of the lignite have been sent

to Germany. The experts in Germany who have seen these samples say that the experiments show the Dakota lignite can be made into clean and excellent briquettes, that are practically smokeless and dustless and without the use of any binder or matrix to hold the material together. Encouraged on every hand, the North Dakota Lignite Coal company will install a plant at New Salem that will turn out about 180 tons a day.

As a result of his investigations, Mayor Schaffter estimated that aside from the actual cost of the lignite it will not cost to exceed \$1.25 to make a ton of briquettes. A ton of this product would be twice as efficient from a fuel stand point as soft coal. The process of briquetting consists in pulverizing it through a machine which presses it into small bricks or blocks of coal. The briquettes are much more highly carbonized than the lignite, and in fact the briquetted lignite is a dangerous rival for anthracite.

The new company is confident it will be able to supply Minneapolis, St. Paul, Sioux City and other large cities within an easy radius of the Dakotas with an excellent fuel and at a low figure and that it will be able to do this in spite of the competition of Illinois and eastern coal and in spite of the gross discriminations in freight rates that the Northern Pacific and the Great Northern are said to be guilty of. The Northern Securities merger tends to hurt the prospects of the company and its officers indicates pretty plainly that they would like to see the merger dissolved. It is a common practice for coal coming to the system from the Burlington to be allowed to go through for an extremely low freight rate.—Minneapolis Journal.

Estrayed.
Two colts—One brown mare about 3 years old, weight about 1000 lbs., small star in forehead, white ring on right hind foot, heavy mane; one gray colt, about 2 years old, light stripe in face, light gray tail, quite solid built. Left about Jan. 18. Anyone hearing of same notify

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Hannaford, N. D.