

# The Cooperstown Courier.

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## THE COURIER.

Kernel Brewer, of the Fargo Forum owns a bull terrier pup that recently captured a first prize at Chicago. The newspaper boys are extending the glad hand as it very seldom any of their number gets a prize—they generally draw a blank.

Governor White appointed a new judge a few days ago and now the opposition is roasting the governor for not appointing the other fellow. It is mighty hard lines to be governor of this state—and yet there are several citizens who would take the office if offered to them.

The Nelson County Observer and Lakota Herald are scrapping over the number of judgments recorded against the respective proprietors of these papers on the Nelson county records. The boys better quit scrapping and go to work and try to clean up the judgments. Judgments are sometimes necessary on the best regulated print shops.

The Valley City Alliance is twenty-one years old, all but one year of that time being under the management of Old Man Bassett—part of that time—a very short part—the old man edited the paper in the Barnes county jail where he was put because he published a true picture of Judge Francis who called it contempt of court. However the Alliance has prospered through all this persecution and so has the old man, and the Courier hopes that he will see many years of prosperity before he lays down his editorial quill—and also remain out of jail.

The business men and citizens of Cooperstown have decided that the town should be lighted in some modern way, and have voted to grant a franchise for a first-class electric light system. We believe that this is a step in the right direction. Cooperstown is growing right along and is large enough to support a plant. The Northwestern Electric Company has plenty of capital to do business and will put in a first-class plant. This town is bound to prosper and progress and you can't keep it back. The new institution means more business, more families and a much lighter town. Cooperstown is on the map. Stick a pin here.

New Rockford is to be lighted by Acetylene gas, a Minneapolis concern having closed a contract with that town to put in the plant, which is to be capable of supplying 2000 24 candle power lights. The gas plant in itself will consist of a gigantic generator 18 feet long, capable of holding 1600 pounds of carbide at one time. From the generator the gas is piped into a dry well, thence into the purifier, scrubber and condenser, respectively, and thence into the large gasometer which is constructed of steel plate, 16 feet in diameter and 13 feet high. This gasometer sets in a concrete tank of water, ten feet deep and water-sealed, thereby making it impossible for any gas to escape except through the main pipe to the street mains, where there will always be an adequate supply for anybody who will be fortunate enough to have his place of business or residence piped for its use.

It is said that Gov. White has senatorial ambitions. If he has he had better put them aside. In our opinion Senator McCumber has the call—he should have at least on the good record he has made.

Gov. White publishes a very good answer to President Worst in the Fargo Forum of April 1, replying to Mr. Worst's letter attacking the governor's veto of the experimental station and in our opinion the position of the governor is well sustained and he should be given due credit. We regret that we have not the space to reproduce the article in question as it is well worth reading and is a good business argument and very fair. The governor vetoed a few appropriations because it was absolutely necessary to do so in order to keep the expense of the state within the limit and for so doing he should be commended. Whatever opinion we may have on some of his other vetoes we believe the veto of the appropriation for the experimental station was all right. Let us treat the governor with fairness and give him proper credit where it is due.

Newspaper men should assert their independence and emancipate themselves from the thralldom of the "complimentary." They should pay the usual price for what they get and demand a fair price for services rendered. They should pay their way into the circus like other men, and get cash for every line of circus advertising printed, or any other show or entertainment. They should pay for seeing a ball game and demand so much per line for baseball advertising. The church social for financial gain should pay its way like any other business venture and the editor should eat and pay like other men. It is a sad fact that the giver of a "complimentary" always imagines that he is bestowing charity, and as long as publishers submit to the "complimentary" evil they will be classed as semi-mendicants and fail to achieve their proper place in the business world. The Courier is through with "comps" and hereafter will charge for all advertising for entertainments, circuses, etc., etc. We prefer to pay our way and let others do the same.

## Electric Lights.

### Cooperstown to Have An Up-to-date Lighting Plant.

Pursuant to a call made to discuss the question as to whether the town council should grant a franchise or not to the Northwestern Electric Company, of Fargo, a very representative gathering of business men met at the Fire Hall Thursday night last to discuss the question. In the absence of Mayor Sansburn who had the meeting called, David Bartlett called the meeting to order and explained in a brief manner the proposed franchise and invited a discussion. C. J. Lucken addressed the meeting and said that he was in favor of putting in a gas plant and read several letters and testimonials from other towns and concluded his remarks by stating that he would ask the town for a franchise for a gas plant. The chairman stated that the granting of a franchise to

the electric company did not close the way for anyone else and that Mr. Lucken would receive favorable consideration at the hands of the board if he made application in the proper way. Those present evidently had their minds made up as they did not seem inclined to discuss the matter but were long on voting. A motion was made and seconded that a franchise be granted the Northwestern Electric Company and it was carried by only one dissenting vote. The company comprises some of the best men of the state, their proposition is very liberal and they propose to give Cooperstown a first-class, up-to-date plant. The town board will meet next Tuesday and grant the franchise after which the material will be ordered and work commenced just as soon as it arrives. At the conclusion of the lighting proposition the question of better railroad passenger service was discussed and the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

COOPERSTOWN, N. DAK.,  
APRIL 2, 1903.  
TO CHAS. S. FEE, G. P. & T. A.  
N. P. R. CO., ST. PAUL, MINN.  
DEAR SIR:

At a mass meeting of the residents of Griggs County, held in Cooperstown this date the following resolution was unanimously adopted, viz:

WHEREAS, The residents of Griggs county feel that the present R. R. passenger transportation facilities through these counties are inadequate to its needs, unsatisfactory, and generally detrimental to the development of town and country and,

WHEREAS, It appears that in the opinion of a few investigators, some R. R. employes and many commercial travelers that the present run of trains No. 7 and 8 from Sanborn west and return, does not cater to the needs of as many people or as important towns as lie on the line of the S. C. & T. M. branch, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That the management of the N. P. R. Co. is hereby requested to make such change in the present passenger train schedule as will give the residents of aforesaid branch road an exclusive daily passenger and express service—Fargo to McHenry and return—in preference to present card of trains mentioned above, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be circulated for approval and endorsement among the citizens of the towns and country along the line of the S. C. & T. M. branch, and that when so endorsed such copy be forwarded to Mr. Chas. S. Fee, G. P. & T. A., N. P. R. Co.

### The 1903 Laws.

The "Pocket Edition" of the laws enacted by the recent legislature is out, and a copy has been received. This little book is one of the real necessities among a large class of our citizens, as it contains all the enactments of the legislative body, and in addition a large amount of useful information. It gives a complete list of the state officers and officer force; a complete list of all the institution boards, with time when terms of office expire; directory of all county officers; terms of the supreme, federal and district courts of the state; list of attorneys in North Dakota; list of registered law students, etc. The book has over 200 pages, is well printed, thoroughly indexed, and should be in the hands of every farmer, business and professional man. Send 75 cents to the editor of this paper or to R. D. Hoskins, Bismarck, and a copy will be returned at once. The official edition gotten out by the state will not be ready for delivery for some time, and as "every person must know the law," there is no other way than to get a copy.

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