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## THE COURIER. By Percy R. Grubbs

Now that Cooperstown is to have a Fargo concern put in our electric light plant, Fargo might ship us up that street railway franchise. They don't seem to need it down there.

The Sentinel opines that the snowstorm of a few days ago is only a forerunner of what the republican presidential candidate will get in 1904. If our neighbor means a snowstorm of votes we heartily agree with him.

The United States court has decided that the merger is illegal. Gov. Van Sant of Minnesota no doubt feels good over the decision, while our governor probably feels that the people of North Dakota are not interested.

A special telegram says:—Reports from towns in Kansas which held elections yesterday disclose that the vote in favor of enforcing the prohibition law is the most overwhelming in the history of the state. A special effort was made by the opponents of prohibition to make a good showing at this election and thus pave the way for a re-submission campaign two years from now. Only six towns of any importance in the state voted in favor of a liberal policy toward the saloons. This is not very comforting for the saloon element, but it is certainly very gratifying for the prohibitionists. Kansas is coming up alongside of North Dakota on this question.

A curious feature of the fireworks program during the dedication ceremonies at the World's Fair, St. Louis, will be the release of a large balloon made of the finest and lightest oil silk, and filled with the best quality of hydrogen. To this balloon will be attached under proper safeguards to prevent injury, a notice directed to the finder that on return of the notice to the exposition officials a season pass to the Fair will be given. It is estimated that the balloon under moderately favorable conditions will travel a thousand miles before returning to earth. It is likely that much interest will be displayed on the night of the balloon's release as to the direction of the wind and that localities in the fortunate direction will be on the lookout for the treasure laden messenger. The Courier hopes that the balloon will drop around here somewhere so that a Griggs county citizen will draw the pass.

### Attention Farmers.

The committee appointed at a citizens meeting some time ago to show up the resources of Griggs Co. at the St. Louis exposition to be held next year met last Friday to lay plans for the work so as to make the best showing possible.

It was decided at the meeting to select a patch of ground near town particularly fitted for that purpose where the different grains can be raised for samples and also to ask every farmer in the county to co-operate with the committee in getting samples of the best grain raised. Cash prizes will be offered for the best sample of each kind of grain during the summer and fall of 1903, and during the early summer of 1904. As a further inducement the name of the producer will be on each sample so that any premium awarded at the exposition will go to the producer as well as the committee's prize. Samples

of grain in the straw should be a week or ten days before it is ripe enough to cut. The grain should either be carefully pulled without breaking the straw or cut close to the ground so as to show the full length and tied in bundles one quarter to one-half the size of the regular grain bundle. It must be brought in just as pulled from the field without any attempt at trimming.

Samples of threshed grain must be brought in in quantities of not less than half a bushel of each kind. Color, plumpness and uniformity in size of grains will be considered.

Now is the time to prepare for this while the grain is being sowed, and the committee earnestly requests that every farmer and other parties interested make a special effort to raise a good sample of at least one kind of grain.

Samples will be received at any time by the members of the committee as follows: J. G. Mills, C. F. Nelson, H. P. Hammer, J. N. Brown and Wm. Glass.

### CATTLE FEEDING.

#### Advantages North Dakota Has Over Wisconsin.

Down in Wisconsin, Illinois Iowa and other states when a farmer sells a steer or beef, it represents a lot of care, labor and expense as well as considerable thought in how to get the most out of the money invested in the animal in the way of feed and in some cases how not to lose money. In this part of North Dakota it is different. A farmer turns his steers and other stock out to range on the rich native grasses and a herd boy does the rest most of the time. But the North Dakota farmer does not as a rule get the best results from his steers and in order to do so will be obliged to more closely follow the example of the eastern feeder. The following extract from a paper read at the Farmer's Institute in Marshfield, Wis., shows how a Wisconsin farmer has to feed and figure in getting a steer ready for the market and the preliminary remarks are also of value to every meat raiser in the state; for improved methods and more care for stock will be absolutely necessary in the near future in this state and will pay such profits that the Wisconsin farmer feeding on high priced grain over 2-3 of the time, can not compete with the North Dakota stock raiser: The speaker said:

"The truth of the matter is, there are few good beef cattle in this state, but so long as farmers undertake to raise beeves it behooves them to raise the best quality, and fit them for the market in a manner for the greatest returns. No farmer is rich enough, or even poor enough to afford to raise cattle that will go begging for a purchaser. The largest room in this world is the room for improvement, and if a man thinks he can make money by raising cattle with no breeding he will be disappointed, for that day has passed never to return.

"As in everything else, the feeder must have an ideal beef animal in his mind's eye, else he knows not what to strive for. The beef eating nations rule the world, and the people are getting more and more particular as they learn the difference between nice, juicy, toothsome beef with fine flavor and taste-

less, tough beef, such as is the result of ill-breeding combined with poor feed and neglect. Flavor is one of the essentials to promote digestion, applicable to all food for man or brute, so if we may expect good digestion we should have fine flavored hay, cut in season and cured as much as possible in the shade. Every man that keeps track of the greatest meat market in the world at the Union stock yards of Chicago, knows the reputation of Wisconsin beef. Most of our cattle sell for from \$1 to \$3.50 per 100 pounds, and but few get anywhere near the top, so there is ample room for lectures and improvement in this line. Cattle sell all the way from \$1 to \$3 or \$3 per 100 pounds alive. When a feeder can clear \$2 per 100 pounds when he sells his steers for from \$5 to \$6 per 100 pounds, how much can he make when he sells for \$2 per hundred pounds is a conundrum. Experience proves that a well bred sire is more than half the herd. A sire that is admitted to registry is the least that can be asked, but this is not sufficient. He should be good in all desirable points for beef, and so bred that by tracing his ancestry you may find these same points prominent in all, and thus insure prepotency. This is one of the parts of good breeding and cannot be ignored. The sire should always be kept in a vigorous condition from birth with plenty of exercise and sunlight. Animals, like plants, flourish best in the sun. Darkness means death to every living thing except bacteria, and here this flourishes at its best.

"I feed grain all the time except on flush feed in summer, and always aim to have a full bite of well matured grass, that has the saccharine well in the stalk. This is the kind of grass beef cattle demand and best conserve the fertility of the soil.

"A miser can't raise beef. No man can succeed with beef cattle who begrudges them their feed.

### Bismarcker Found Dead.

Bismarck, April 8.—Edward M. Bidwell, clerk in the landoffice here, was found dead this morning beside the railroad track in this city. His head was crushed and he was badly injured about the body. It is supposed he fell from a train at midnight while returning from Mandan. His body was found by the crew of a freight train several hours later. He was a Knight Templar and a Shriner, and well known and popular in the city. He is a nephew of E. W. Blackwell of the Gull River Lumber Co., of Cooperstown. A coroner's inquest is being held today to ascertain the manner of death.

### A Great Sensation.

There was a big sensation in Leesville, Ind., when W. H. Brown of that place, who was expected to die, had his life saved by Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption. He writes: "I endured insufferable agonies from Asthma, but your New Discovery gave me immediate relief and soon thereafter effected a complete cure." Similar cures of Consumption, Pneumonia, Bronchitis and Grip are numerous. It's the peerless remedy for all throat and lung troubles. Price 50c, and \$1.00. Guaranteed by H. H. Bateman, druggist. Trial bottles free.

### Seed Grain for Sale.

N. J. Olson has for sale at his elevators, at Cooperstown, Hannaford and Jessie, seed wheat, flax and barley. Farmers in need of seed grain should apply to any of these elevators at once.

### For Rent or Sale.

Subject to breaking nw 1/4, Sec. 33, Town 148, Range 58, containing 160 acres. Please state terms and direct all correspondence to  
WM. LAMBY,  
3-13 State St.  
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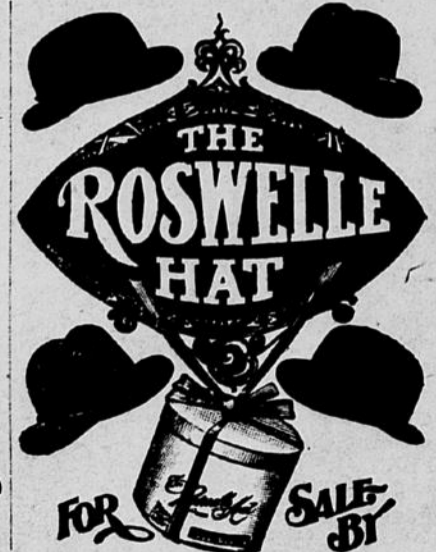


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