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## THE COURIER.

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The man who dreamed that McKinley would be assassinated and of the Galveston flood has again got into print. He recently dreamed that the democratic candidate for president would be elected. Stranger things than this have happened. With all the trusts and monied interests against Roosevelt and working for the democratic candidate, the dream might come true. Anyway this ray of hope must make the democratic party feel good.

Ex-Mayor Ames, of Minneapolis, has been convicted for accepting bribe money from fallen women of Minneapolis during his term as mayor of that city. The judge can impose a sentence of from one cent to ten thousand dollars or ten years in the penitentiary or less or both. Considering the fact that other officers convicted for boodling under his administration got rather heavy sentences it would seem as if the head of the gang would get a stiff sentence. His age and health may help him get a light sentence. The work of cleaning out the gang of tough boodlers of Minneapolis should have a good effect on those who follow, and put a stop to such corrupt practices.

A Chronicle special from Boston says: A coterie of big Boston and New York financiers, including J. P. Morgan and J. J. Hill, but not including Mr. Harriman, are looking around for a candidate to beat Roosevelt because of his anti-trust ideas.

A careful canvass has just been completed for them, which shows that Bryan may not be able to dictate the next democratic nomination, and the combination has decided to finance the Cleveland boom. Judge Parker, it is said, has been used merely as a "chair-warmer" for Cleveland. The latter is to be pushed steadily from now on, if the financial interests confirm the news they have just received from a high democratic source that the next democratic platform will not be based on silver. So far Cleveland's direct assent has not been squarely asked. It has been rather taken for granted. Their aim is "anything to beat Roosevelt."

President Roosevelt will undoubtedly have the combined influence of the Wall street operators and trust magnates against him and even if he should win the nomination these same interests would spend millions of dollars to accomplish his defeat at the polls. Mr. Roosevelt has a mind of his own and will not cater to the monied interests or to the professional politicians, therefore it has been decreed that he must be downed. If Cleveland is nominated we cannot see how the people can vote him into the office again. His record the last term certainly cannot have faded out of the minds of the people. With a record of making millions for himself in four years and leaving a legacy of \$262,000,000 of bonds for the people to carry should not inspire much enthusiasm from the masses—but then the people are fickle and may want a change, with its free soup houses, Coxey's army, no employment, more bonds and 30c wheat. Let the motto of the democratic party in the next campaign be: "Grover and Wall street, four more years of Grover, down with Roosevelt, and the people's friend."

James B. Eaton, democratic committeeman from North Dakota, has declared himself favorable to the nomination of Grover Cleveland for president. Two other committee men have also expressed themselves favorably to his candidacy, seventeen have out strongly against him while come eight have said that he made a good president but would not declare themselves.

Judge Palda, who was recently appointed to the bench by Gov. White, is making a good record on the start, and, contrary to all expectations, is giving the blinding pig element a touch of high life. When a pigger is convicted he gets a \$400 fine and 90 days for the first offense which is \$200 more than is usually imposed. Prohibition should prohibit some in the eighth district while Judge Palda wears the ermine.

The Carrington papers are still sending up piteous appeals for more sidewalks. From this distance it would seem as if a place like Carrington with a full city government, electric lights, telephone exchange etc., ought to have pride enough to build a few sidewalks. Send your back number aldermen over to Cooperstown, boys, and let them see a town that has miles of sidewalk—a town whose board does not hesitate to order a walk where it is necessary and then sees that it is built after it is ordered. GINGER UP THERE, you Carrington aldermen or else resign and import a few Minneapolis aldermen—they would build sidewalks for you.

The gas and electric light proposition has finally been decided and we sincerely hope this will end the matter for some time to come. The meeting held last Saturday night to vote on the proposition as to whether the town should grant a gas franchise to C. J. Lucken & Co., unanimously voted not to grant the franchise. This leaves a clear field to the electric light company which will now be given a chance to make good. If this company does not do the right thing it will be very easy to grant another franchise after giving a fair trial to the electric light fellows. So far as the Courier is concerned we believe that the North Western Electric Co., will not only put in a first class plant but will do the right thing by the town and citizens. No business will come in here and put in the amount of capital to install a plant of this character with any other idea than to do what is right.

This from a Ramsey county paper, the Edmore Herald, will furnish food for reflection to that portion of the state press, at least, that has made a practice of annually donating many columns of valuable space to aid in booming the Devils Lake Chautauqua:

"There is no institution in the state that has been given more free advertising than the Devils Lake Chautauqua. That institution is owned and controlled by stockholders who are in it simply for the coin. Now that the institution is on a paying basis, and is making big money each year for the owners, we believe that they should pay the newspapers something for their work, and we are of the opinion that every newspaper in the state should refuse to give it any more free advertising. If it were a state institution we would feel differently towards it, but as we said before, it is a private institution and is run for the money there is in it." Let's cut it out, boys.

Miss Alice Roosevelt has suffered a collapse as a result of too much social life. She evidently cannot stand as much of this strenuous life as her distinguished father.

With hundreds of miles of new railroad being built in various parts of the state, new settlers coming in by the thousands, there is no section of this grand country of ours that is developing as rapidly as North Dakota. It is only a question of a few years until all the free homestead land will be gone. The rush of settlers into Canada is offset several times over by the new settlers from the eastern states that are pouring into the state by the train loads.

The first issue of the Binford Times lies on our desk with an X at its heading asking for an exchange. We gladly comply with the request and the Courier will hereafter be a weekly visitor at that office. The Times is a very creditable paper and starts out with substantial support from the business men of that place. That it will be a great help to Binford there can be no question. Politically it is with the majority—republican, but says that it will be non-partizan in county affairs. The Courier certainly wishes the new paper and its editor, Theo. K. Curry a successful career.

The May number of the North West Magazine comes to us in a different style. It is now printed and bound the same as other literary periodicals and is much more handy to handle. The magazine will not be changed any in policy and its field will still be devoted to the great west, and, as in the past, its pages will reflect life on the prairies, on the mountains and in the mines—depicting in word and picture the most interesting features that have caused the eyes of the east to gaze longingly at the broad western domains. The Northwest Magazine in its new dress and style is very handsome and is a magazine that should be very popular with the western people.

### New Management.

We understand that the First State Bank of Binford, passed into the hands of new management, on the 25th of April. The new officers are, R. C. Kittel, Pres., Casselton; Hon. R. M. Pollock, Vice-Pres., Fargo; D. W. Thomas, Cashier, Minneapolis, and A. G. Bonhus, Asst. Cash'r, Binford.

From our knowledge of the new proprietors, we would say that they will be a valuable acquisition to the institution. They are all successful business men, and having business interests here, will do all in their power to make Binford a prosperous little city. With such financial backing as Kittel, Pollock and Thomas, the bank will be able to supply your wants. The institution will, in a short time be supplied with more help, and will thus be enabled to better take care of your needs. If you want a farm loan, they have the money; if you want to sell your farm, they can sell it for you; if you want to buy a farm, they will help you to get what you want; in short, if you want anything at all, tell your troubles to the First State Bank, they will help you.—Times.

### Auction Sale.

I will offer for sale at public auction on Saturday, June 6, 1903, at 2 p. m., on the platform next door to the post-office, all my household furniture, piano, etc. Also two horses and one surrey, one buggy, double set harness, one single harness, other articles too numerous to mention. Terms: \$10 or under cash, over that approved notes payable Oct. 15, 1903.

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