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THE COURIER.

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Insurance Commissioner Leutz has commenced his annual job of editing the state papers, and the Courier is one of the favored few, for which we return thanks. The genial commissioner's editorials are considerably more profitable than the ordinary line of editorials.

The crop prospects are very good at this time. The past two weeks have been very favorable for all farm work and our farmers have put in their best licks driving the seed into the ground. Grass has been backward in its growth this Spring on account of the cold weather the latter part of April and the first week in May, but the warm weather of the past few days has given all kinds of vegetation a great boost. Gardens are up and the tables of our citizens will soon be supplied with all the early vegetables. What is needed now is a good rain occasionally to make things jump up into the air.

The settlement of the difficulties between the Great Northern railroad and its employes is a matter of congratulation for the business interests of the country as well as for the men themselves. Had a strike been declared it would have paralyzed business in the northwest and would have entailed a large loss to the company as well as to the men themselves and there is no telling where the matter would end. Arbitration is the correct way to settle difficulties and the negotiations between the officials and the men were conducted in a very fair and gentlemanly manner and the men seem to have secured about all they asked for, they in turn making a few concessions to the railroad officials. It was a narrow escape from a big strike.

Ex-Mayor Ames, of Minneapolis, was on Saturday last sentenced by Judge Elliott to six years in the penitentiary at Stillwater. This does not end this noted case as a motion for a new trial has been made. The case will not be finished until the supreme court of Minnesota has passed upon it. In passing sentence the judge took occasion to remark that the fact that the prisoner had held high official position would have no bearing on the case and that Ames would be sentenced for his crime just like any other man convicted by a jury of his peers. Minneapolis juries will soon convince hoodlums that they will have to quit and the courts are also impressing upon the minds of that class that wealth and position do not count.

The amazing fact has come out that during the session of the Missouri legislature of 1901 the leading lobbyists, engaged in procuring legislation by dint of \$1,000 bills, were given a place just back of the seat occupied by the presiding officer of the senate, Lieut. Gov. Lee, with screen concealing them from view. Here they were able to watch the proceedings, write amendments to measures as they came up, which they sent to their chief agent on the floor to be introduced—and communicate to the chair their desires as to rulings. They thus attended to "the delivery of the goods" they had paid for, and saw that no "mistakes" were made by venal members. All this is testified to by several witnesses, including the now penitent ex-Lieut. Gov. Lee himself.

The Bismarck Palladium is making it so hot for the states attorney of Burleigh county that the paper almost sings our fingers when we take hold of it—and we like to read it, too. Go for them, Mac. You are from Missouri.

The editors will hold their annual meeting at Devils Lake July 13, 14 and 15, and an effort will be made to get a large attendance of the quill pushers at this meeting. The meeting will no doubt be profitable as well as pleasurable and the Courier scribe hopes to be present.

It is rumored that McHenry is to have a second paper. There is not business enough done in McHenry for two papers and we cannot see why anyone else should start one. The only thing in the deal is probably that a sorehead or two want an organ that won't yip if anything goes wrong—a paper in favor of boot-legging and everything that goes along with it. The Tribune fills the field, let the opposition buy it out.

Some newspaper writers are figuring upon what President Roosevelt will do when he is through with the presidency, and the suggestion is made that he be given the presidency of Harvard college. It is somewhat early in the game to be placing Mr. Roosevelt. He has two years yet to serve out his present term and the prospects are good that he will have four more years added to them. Then after that the question would be as to whether there would be a vacancy at Harvard or whether he would want the job if there was.

The Courier has received the first number of the Northern Review a monthly publication printed at Grand Forks by the Review Pub. Co. The new monthly takes the place of the weekly paper formerly printed by this company. The new publication is certainly a "peach" from a typographical standpoint. It is beautifully printed, nicely illustrated, and well edited. It devotes the first number to Cavalier county and does it up in good shape. President Ernie Kent and his associates have cause to be proud of their Review. The Courier wishes them success. It will certainly be a welcome visitor to this office and ought to be in every home in the state.

The establishment of rural mail routes has been abandoned for some time to give the department a chance to investigate the official acts of some of the high officials of the postoffice department. This is hardly fair to the public, however, who are in no way to blame for the irregularities. The free delivery of mail into the rural districts is what the farmers want and we cannot see why the establishment of these routes should be sidetracked pending the investigation. We had expected to see a route established in this county this summer but it is probably laid on the shelf for several months all on account of these high salaried fellows at Washington. We hope the postmaster general will soon clean house and start the new routes moving.

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WM. CAHILL.

Is to be put on Trial Charged with Murder of His Brother.

Case Against Dr. McLachlin, Charged with Murder, Goes Over.

Judge Glaspell will hold a term of the district court in New Rockford May 25. A jury has been called and a number of interesting cases will come up for trial. Among the number is the case against William Cahill a former Jamestown resident, who is charged with the murder of his brother, Richard. The latter was killed in a drunken quarrel and William insisted that he shot his brother in self defense.

At a recent session of court held in Carrington the case against Dr. McLachlin of McHenry for the murder of a man named Bigelow was put over to the fall term of court. There is considerable sympathy for the doctor. The reason for the postponement was that no jury had been called and it was not thought necessary to call one at this busy season for that case alone. Dr. McLachlin is out on bail.

The Messiah.

The Fargo Forum of last Thursday is responsible for the following:

"Among the auditors on Wednesday night was Mrs. T. F. Kerr of Cooperstown, a critic of more than usual discernment. When asked for her opinion of the rendition of the great oratorio, she stated that the city of Fargo and indeed the state had been considerably favored. In her own words Mrs. Kerr expressed herself as follows:

"Fargo and North Dakota were both honored last night in having Handel's great oratorio rendered so finely, under the auspices of an institution belonging to both city and state. We, who came in from the country for the event who perhaps had never heard great music before, or had heard it in those far away days when we lived 'back east,' will carry home with us such a deep and abiding pleasure and uplift as money cannot buy.

"To the artist soloists, to the chorus and to the orchestra, we owe our thanks. But above all we ought to thank Professor Penniman, the director, to whose fine courage we are indebted for the honor of having a 'May Music Festival' of no mean order 'way out west.'

"Such splendid singing of the great choruses could only have been brought about by endless patience and perseverance backed by a deep love for his art. The people in Fargo and throughout the state can do no finer thing than generously to forward with money and sympathy his efforts towards raising the standard of the finest of all arts, music. The solo artists needed no higher praise than the breathless attention given them. When Mrs. Porteous brings the tears as she sings of Him, who shall feed His flocks, and who was despised; when Mrs. Read so renders the "Come Unto Me" that she makes us feel that there is indeed One who will give us rest; when Mr. Smith's beautiful tenor voice sings with such pathos that most pathetic of airs: "Behold and See if There be any Sorrow Like Unto His Sorrow," so that our hearts bow down; what higher praise can they ask? The bass solos, mighty in themselves, and so powerfully rendered by Mr. Moneriff, form a sort of offset by their majesty to the pathetic tenderness of the other solo parts. These artists conferred a great honor on our 'May Music Festival' by contributing their talent and culture to its performance and will leave behind them many new and to them unknown friends in North Dakota."

Favors the Milwaukee.

The supreme court has handed down a decision in the case of Mrs. Brown against the Milwaukee Railroad Co., written by Justice J. M. Cochrane. The case was tried in Stutsman County before Judge Glaspell. Mrs. Brown, traveling from some point in Minnesota to Dazey, this state, on the Milwaukee railroad, was injured at Austin, Minn., receiving injuries which she claims were permanent. The district court jury gave her a verdict for \$1,500, and the court held that she was not required to undergo an examination before or at the time of the trial by the physicians of the railroad company. The higher court holds that the lower court should have allowed and required such an examination and sends the case back to the district court for another trial.



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