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THE COURIER. By Percy A. Grubshaw

The druggists are going to test the constitutionality of the Shields law which goes into effect July 1. The druggists evidently don't like this law from the way they are kicking.

The Hannaford doctor has become involved with the Fargo Forum's editor and Col. Brewer heads one of Dr. Leslie's productions "Hannaford Kicker." This is a very charitable way of looking at it Col., but it strikes us that the genial doctor is working up a very successful scheme for getting free advertising.

Another \$1,000,000 has been apportioned between the states for the benefit of the various militia organizations. Of this new allotment North Dakota receives \$7,979. The amounts allowed is in addition to that recently allotted to the various states. It may be drawn in cash by the respective states for the purpose of paying some of the expenses of the annual state encampments. This was made possible by a provision inserted in the military appropriation bill at the last session of congress.

There are three kinds of citizens in every town, says a Wisconsin exchange. Those who have big philanthropic hearts, work for the good of the town and spend money for it whether they are directly benefitted or not. Then there are those who work for a town but expect to be benefitted personally for all money or work expended. Then there is the third class, that never contributes a cent in cash or work toward the public welfare, but reaps the benefit of the labor and cash, of his more progressive neighbors. The last named may get to be called a noted financier when he could not discount a note at two per cent a month for six months, if his life depended on it. His name may always be good when attached to the business end of a check. But there will never be a time in that man's life when he won't have the well merited contempt of every man who is capable of a feeling of friendship.

The first assistant postmaster general has completed a readjustment of salaries of presidential postmasters throughout the country, based on receipts for the four quarters ending March 31. The showing for the northwest is a very good one, indicating, as do all other pointers, that the past fiscal year has been very prosperous. In Minnesota 110 postmasters will have their salaries increased, and only three will draw less than during the current year. Of those increased ninety-five will draw \$100 more and fifteen \$200 more; the three reductions will be for \$100 each. In North Dakota, salaries of twenty postmasters will be increased \$100 each, seven by \$200 each, three by \$300 and two by \$400. Two postmasters will each draw \$100 less than formerly. In South Dakota the increases will be: Twenty nine by \$100; six by \$200, one by \$300. There will be no reductions. Ninety-five Iowa postmasters will each draw \$100 more next year than this, five will draw \$200 more and one \$300 more. Thirteen will be reduced to the fourth class. The changes in Wisconsin will be sixty-eight increased \$100 each, eight \$200 each, and five reduced \$100 each.

We have failed to notice any congratulatory cablegram being sent by President Roosevelt to King Pete of Serbia. Our "Teddy" can be depended upon to do the right thing in the premises.

The program for the editorial meet which convenes at the Chautauqua, Devils Lake, July 13-14-15 is out and is made up of good subjects of interest to the craft. The Courier editor would certainly like to be present, but it is hard to get away.

The crop conditions are not improved any since last week the weather being cool but very dry. A light rain fell last Saturday that helped out very little and the crops are in need of a soaking rain. Late sown grains need moisture badly and unless they get plenty of it right away it is doubtful if they will amount to much. Early crops are looking very good yet, but are commencing to show the want of moisture.

At the rate the chiefs are being bounced out of the postoffice department at Washington it won't be long before an entire new set of officers will be in charge. The department is receiving a severe shaking up and the President and his post-master general are bound to "hew to the line let the chips fall where they may." A corrupt gang has been pilfering the government for years and it is about time the house cleaning was done—and done right.

One of the American "institutions" likely to be transplanted to Europe as a result of the visit of a group of German agricultural experts and scientists to this country is popcorn. These gentlemen first saw popped corn and the process of popping it when in Iowa, and were immensely tickled with it. They will carry back packages of the seed corn and of the popped article; and no doubt, ere long, in many a German kitchen will be heard the music of bursting kernels, while the air carries to the nostrils the ministries of a new delight. Whatever debt we owe Germany for her gift of wienerwurst and pretzels will be more than cancelled when we make her acquainted with popcorn.

Peter the First has ascended the blood stained throne of Serbia after the place was made vacant for him by the most cold blooded assassinations at the hands of political tricksters ever recorded on the pages of history. Army officials have murdered the king and queen and several others and they will murder Peter if he offers to do anything contrary to their wishes—he is a king with a collar around his neck and might just as well jump into the creek. Serbia is in the hands of military despots and the land is fouling with the leaven of murder and political trickery. The powers of the old world are falling all over each other in giving the glad hand to the new king instead of joining together in demanding the punishment of all those who took part in the recent bloody tragedy. Just so long as the participants of that terrible affair are allowed to live and dictate the policies of Serbia just so long will Peter or his successors wear a collar. What is needed is to wipe the whole bunch of assassins off the face of the earth and then fire the monarch, dump the crown, scepter and other gimeracks in the scrap iron pile, make a republic out of the country and give the people a chance to run their own affairs and elect their own officials. Peter get a tomb proof vault to sleep in.

The way the Fargo ball team has been sliding down the ladder lately is enough to make Colonel Brewer of the Forum grey headed. Better discharge the whole push, Col., and come up here and hire some players.

There is an ordinance in effect at Valley City compelling the council to let the city printing to the lowest bidder. The printing offices have bid twice and on both occasions all the bids were rejected. Inasmuch as the printing will not exceed \$75 per year the Time-Record thinks that the council is afraid that the newspaper graft so aptly termed by Jud LaMoure, is liable to get too much rake-off from the city especially as the council has spent \$20,000 for other things the past year. The T-R is afraid that the rake-off is greater in the \$75 deal than in the other as viewed by the town council Montgomery, Ward & Co., will probably get the printing. They pay the taxes—nit!

If public sentiment is reflected by the press the democracy in Iowa is getting ready to line up for William R. Hearst, as the presidential favorite of the Hawkeye state next year. It is certainly a sign of political degeneracy, this talk about Hearst. Eighteen months ago this man's name was a by-word and a hissing, because of the malignant manner in which his newspapers have vilified the martyred McKinley. But the Iowa democrats seem to have forgotten all this, and are booming Hearst for the highest office in the land. A greater calamity than the elevation to the presidency of such a man as Hearst is, can scarcely be conceived. A newspaper is a reflection of its editor. The Hearst newspapers are the most wild and reckless of all American publications. They advocate every sensational thing that can enter into the imagination of men to conceive. If the advice of these newspapers had been followed at Washington, this country would have been involved in a perpetual war during the last eight years. It would have had armed conflicts with every first class nation in Europe. If the Hearst newspapers could have had their way we would even now be embroiled in a war with Russia. Of course there is no danger that Hearst will ever be president. But the mere fact that he is being endorsed as a presidential candidate as remarked above, is a sign of political degeneracy.—Cedar Rapids (Ia.) Republican.

To whom it may concern:
The undersigned entered Aaker's Business College, Fargo, N. Dak., about the middle of February. I like the school very well, and take pleasure in recommending it to others. As I was a student in another business college previous to my enrolling, I had had a good chance to make comparisons, which are decidedly in favor of the A. B. College.
Respectfully,
Christine Emily Quamme.
Hillsboro, N. Dak.

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If you have not yet bought material for your summer dress, you ought to do it now. The Fourth will soon be here, and one of the best attractions in Cooperstown this year (at least to the writer of this) will be the prettily dressed girls walking along the street. There is a remnant pile of wash goods on our counter, that will help you out, at a very small cost.

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