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## THE COURIER.

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Jeffries succeed in putting Corbett out of business in ten rounds last week but up to date William Jennings Bryan has not succeeded in putting in a knock-out blow upon one Grover Cleveland.

A letter received by a Jamestown party from E. Stolterfoht, a German investor in lands in this and other counties of the state from Vancouver, B. C., says that lands in North Dakota are yet cheap compared with land in that state that is suitable for farming. It costs \$100 an acre to clear it of trees and then the soil is so poor that it will raise but little grain. Mr. S. thinks his investments made here in early boom days will yet make him a handsome profit counting the interest and taxes. Some of the lands he has held for years have been recently sold to net him 5 per cent covering a long period of time since the purchase.

The Kensal Journal kicks about lawlessness there and says: "Kensal is known from Chicago to Canada as the toughest, most wide open town on the Soo Line. We are told \$250 a month will not pay certain freight bills. Ladies and oftentimes men are not safe on the streets of Kensal."

And now the fellows over there in favor of that kind of a town want another newspaper at Kensal. The minute a newspaper goes after these fellows and advocates law and order, then they go after his scalp. The McHenry and Kensal editors should sympathize with each other. Stick to the willows boys, it is the only road to travel and you will win out in the end.

Just to show you how things look at Bismarck the capital of the state, here are a couple of items from the Settler and they are tame to what you get in the Palladium from time to time.

Benighted wayfarer holding on to a concrete curb on west Main street up to his chin in mud. Sidewalks along west Main street are a fright and street crossings are not there. Get a pair of stilts before visiting the first ward west of Third street otherwise get an accident policy from Byrne's agency.

The city officials are to be complimented, not censured for the strict enforcement of the stray stock ordinances. Impounding is a humane act and saves the lives of cattle and horses which would otherwise mire and meet slow death on any of the principal street crossings of the city.

McHenry is said to be slated for a new paper to be started no doubt by a few soreheads who are "agin" the government. That town has no more need of two newspapers than the promoters of the deal have for two coffins—for one will be enough to lay away both the paper and the promoters after awhile. Newspapers started by soreheads never amount to much anyway and no paper will live very long where there are a dozen or so would be journalists who are continually kicking because they are not allowed to run the town. The fact of the matter is that McHenry has a few fellows who want to run the town on a wide open basis and they have it in for the Tribune editor because he has the courage of his convictions and the nerve to go after bootleggers and the like. The Tribune is good enough for that town or any other town and the people ought to stand by it and give it their support.

Mr. Bryan is very bitter in his denunciation of Mr. Cleveland and every time the latter gentleman is mentioned favorably in the presence of the latter it generally brings out some choice remarks from the brain of the twice defeated candidate for president. Mr. Bryan made a speech recently in which he called the ex-president and expert fisherman a "bunco-steer. Mr. Bryan's latest gems of thought on Grover are as follows."

When told of the belief that he was misquoted he laughed, and when "bunco-steerer" was mentioned he quickly replied:

"Well! That's what he is. I was correctly quoted. I said it and I mean it."

"What would you and your followers do if Grover Cleveland should be nominated?"

"Suppose the moon is made of green cheese, and suppose it should fall at your feet, would you stop to consider now whether or not you would eat the cheese? There is no more probability of the nomination of Cleveland than there is of the moon falling at your feet, as a hunk of green cheese."

In a recent interview with Mr. Shiels, the framer of the present prohibition amendment, he is reported to have said: "It was not my intention to embarrass any legitimate druggists who were conducting good first class drug stores and had a good reputable stock of drugs on hand, in any way, shape or manner. I know full well that it is impossible to conduct a drug store without handling liquors, therefore it is my purpose to communicate with the leading prohibitionists in the state and recommend that they sign all petitions for permits for good reputable druggists who have good stocks, in order that they may obtain a permit. I shall further impress upon them that they are casting no disgrace whatever upon their belief by signing the same. My intention in framing this bill was to cut out the blind pigs, and thereby lessen the evil of the same in the state." The Bismarck Tribune thinks if prohibitionists generally adopt Mr. Shiels' views it will make some difference with the resubmission movement.

The Tribune might go a little further and tell us just in what way it would make a difference in the resubmission movement. We are of the opinion that it would have been better for Mr. Shiels to rest on his laurels and let the prohibitionists use their own judgment about signing petitions. This idea of getting a law passed and then afterwards "hedging" is a poor business and shows a lack of stamina. Reputable druggists are all right on the start but they sometimes get careless and lose their reputations along these lines.

Grand Forks Herald: Speaking of the report that Secretary Root would recommend the repeal of the anti-canteen law, Senator Hansbrough, the author of the law, who is temporarily sojourning in this city, said yesterday:

"Reports emanating from official army circles that the anti-canteen law is to be repealed have been circulated very industriously every year just before the convening of congress. The reason for these reports is based upon the stereotyped statement that in consequence of the abolition of the liquor feature of the canteen a few years ago, many vile saloons have sprung up in the vicinity of military posts and drunk-

ness has increased in the army. Impartial judges who have observed the working of the anti-canteen law advance the opinion that under the law the moral effect in the army has been beneficial rather than detrimental. That there is drunkenness in the army no one disputes, but it is not confined strictly to the enlisted men. The law will not be repealed. Congress will not take any backward steps in this respect. The first anti-canteen law was nullified by a remarkable construction placed upon it by Attorney General Griggs. In construing the law to death as he did General Griggs took no notice whatever of the intent of congress but based his opinion wholly upon the wording of the statute. It was a famous case of quibbling. Congress lost no time in curing the alleged defect. The same influences that opposed the law at that time are opposing it now, but they will fail. Since the present law was enacted \$1,000,000 has been appropriated by congress for the construction of army post buildings in which the enlisted men may hold social intercourse and spend their sparetime in reading and writing and other healthful recreation. Congress has entered earnestly upon the policy of establishing these places at all army posts, and as a result the enlisted men are being drawn away from the vile outside resorts. If the army officers would work in harmony with congress and be more strict with respect to leaves of absence the vile resorts would have less patrons."

### A Golden Wedding.

It is very seldom that the Courier has the opportunity of writing up an event of this kind as they are few and far between. Last Saturday, August 15, 1903, Mr. and Mrs. John Nicoll, Sr., had been married fifty years. The neighbors and friends of this worthy couple thought it would be a very fitting occasion to make the day one long to be remembered by them, about twenty of them sprung a surprise party on the Nicolls, completely and effectually accomplishing their purpose. The company was given a very hearty welcome, however, and the worthy couple were soon enjoying a very social time surrounded by their friends and relatives. A fine dinner was served and nothing would do but the company must also remain to supper and more good things. During the day some time two nice easy chairs were presented to Mr. and Mrs. Nicoll as a token of esteem and good will, and you know how you would feel when your friends do something nice for you—too full of gratitude to say anything—and that is how these good folks felt, but they are proud of the presents just the same. It was a grand good time that everybody had and on departing the guests wished their host and hostess many happy wedding days yet to come, to which sentiment the Courier most heartily joins. May Mr. and Mrs. Nicoll live many years in which to rest from their day's works in their easy chairs.

### Suicide Prevented.

The startling announcement that a preventive of suicide had been discovered will interest many. A run down system, or despondency invariably precede suicide and something has been found that will prevent that condition which makes suicide likely. At the first thought of self destruction take Electric Bitters. It being a great tonic and nerve will strengthen the nerves and build up the system. It's also a great Stomach, Liver and Kidney regulator. Only 50c. Satisfaction guaranteed by H. H. Bateman Druggist.

## JOHN SYVERSON.

Say! We Are in a Fix.

Here the summer's most gone, but, unfortunately, not our summer goods. The money tied up in these Shirt Waists, Wash Goods and Underwear, we are going to get out, and you will get the benefit. We will, if you give us the chance, "point out and hand over" such bargains as will make you chuckle. Yes marm, honest Injun, we will.

Women's Underwear. Cotton ribbed union suits, short and long sleeves, worth 75c a suit, Now 39c

Women's Shirt Waists. When you see the pretty waists we are selling for 75c you will say "my goodness! let me have that one before anybody else gets it." Just think of it! \$1.25 waist for 75c.

Wash Goods. Say! You wouldn't knowingly pass up a good thing, would you? Well, then take this tip and carry the news to your neighbor, too, it will do them good to know about it: Best bargains to be had in wash goods are found at Syverson's.

JOHN SYVERSON,  
COOPERSTOWN, N. D.

## The ONE PRICE Department Store.

Agents for  
Standard Patterns.

Mail Orders  
Promptly Filled.

## New Fall Goods.

Our fall goods are beginning to arrive. We are getting in shape to show you some very desirable patterns in both suitings and waistings. Aside from this line our general stock is gradually merging into its autumnal garb. Our stock is larger now than ever before and we solicit your judicious inspection. Our aim has always been to place before our trade a good value at a low price and find from limited experience that this treatment is what the careful and conservative buyer appreciates.

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Cooperstown, North Dakota.