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THE COURIER.

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The Wheatland Eagle wants to know what is the matter of Sheils for governor. Too light, old man.

Editor Irysh of Wheatland wants somebody to call off General Standish because he is trying to resurrect the populist. Let the general alone, the farmers have had one good dose of experience and it will be some time before they vote for any more. The smell of the Shortridge administration still lingers around the corridors of the state house.

Opposition to an extra session of the legislature is growing stronger all the time. It is said that the governor does not intend to call the extra session until December. If this is the case it will be a mighty dangerous business for the finances of the state. As the governor will have no power to limit the time of the extra session the solons could make an all winter's job of the extra session and might also pass a lot of fool legislation that is not needed. A North Dakota legislature is a poor thing to monkey with as well as very expensive. In our opinion it will take considerable more than \$10,000 to pay for an extra session. This paper is against any such deal if there is any possible way to get out of it. The tax payers have about all the taxation they can stand now without piling it on thicker by extra sessions. The only way to cut down expenses on an extra session is to call it now when everybody is busy then the members would be glad to get through and go back to their farms.

In a decision handed down last week Judge Fisk has declared unconstitutional the law which provides that county commissioners may levy a tax of one-fifth of a mill for the aid of county agricultural fairs, held by associations that have been in existence three years and held three successful fairs.

It is claimed that such a law is in direct opposition to a section of the constitution, which prohibits taxing for anything except the natural county expenses and the care of the poor and needy citizens.

The case which reached the court, and which resulted in this decision came from Walsh county. Two fairs are held in that county, one at Park River and the other at Minto. The Park River association asked the county to levy the tax for that fair and it was done, amounting to about \$1,600. The Minto people brought the action to restrain the payment of this amount, claiming that the law was unconstitutional. The decision of Judge Fisk last week follows the contention of the Minto people and the officers of Walsh county are restrained from extending the tax. The decision will affect several counties in the state that have either received or expected to receive very shortly aid from the levying of the tax as provided by the law passed in 1901.

Herald: A Fargo correspondent of one of the Twin City papers reports that the state press appears to be opposed to the plan of calling an extra session of the legislature, and to prefer that the bankers of the state take care of the institutions until the regular session.

The statement is made that the banks will be glad to accept in-

stitution bonds with the understanding that they are to be legalized by the legislature. The statement of the attitude of the state papers is misleading, as the majority of those that have expressed an opinion are in favor of the extra session. Still more misleading is the reference to the acceptance of institution bonds by bankers and their legalization by the legislature. The correspondent ought to know, and probably does know quite well that the legislature has no power to legalize institution bonds for a dollar. That was one of the things decided by the recent suit. That was tried to do and failed. Trustees may, if they choose to take the responsibility now as in the past, borrow money and issue certificates of indebtedness and come to the legislature asking that these certificates be taken up. This has been done in the past. The legislature responded two years ago by authorizing the issue of \$200,000 of bonds which the board of school lands bought and paid for out of the money in the fund. A similar arrangement was made by the legislature last winter, and the result was the recent decision by the supreme court. Under that decision the bonds for which the treasurer paid \$200,000 two years ago are not worth a dollar as legal security. Under that decision the legislature is powerless to validate any bonds which may be issued in this manner. It can, if it chooses pay out of the general fund such money as is not otherwise appropriated. It must be borne in mind, however, that every dollar expended in any of the institutions in excess of current revenues is a dollar added to the taxes of the state unless the state chooses to repudiate the obligation.

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Something Concerning Griggs Co. Its People Improve Crops and Prospects.

Bonaparte, Ia., Record.

Farming in that country is done in the western style plentifully mixed with the methods brought in by the Iowa farmers who are locating there. Wheat, barley, flax, rye, oats, millet and hay are the main crops. The wheat is usually sowed in the spring, much of the plowing having been done in the previous year. This is one of the main money making crops for the North Dakota farmer. Barley does well there and is also one of the principal crops. Flax has been a very paying crop but the price has recently declined until the acreage is also much smaller than formerly. This crop is cut with a machine like the old reaper or dropper, the grain being dropped in piles instead of being bound in bundles. The flax straw was generally burned as soon as the threshing machine left but there are now flax mills that care for a great deal of it that is near to the mills to make hauling inexpensive.

Oats grow well there but at present is raised only for home consumption, the elevators not caring to buy it so long as they can get plenty of wheat, flax or barley.

The straw in North Dakota seems especially adapted to withstand the winds which are nearly always in evidence. In Iowa when the oats grows rank, and high winds come, the farmer has trouble with his harvest but in N. Dakota the straw grows stiff and strong enough to spring back to perpendicular again when the wind ceases.

Threshing is done by crews who do their own cooking, farmers and their wives thus being relieved of a very arduous part of the year's work. The farmers must arrange for feed for the horses and for wagons enough to take the grain directly from the machine to the elevator for there are very few granaries.

There are two seasons when the farmer must work. In the spring the ground must be prepared and the grain

planted. Then he may occupy his mind with other things until August when harvest begins. When the crop is placed in shock it remains there until the thresher comes, the grain is taken directly to the elevator and all is over except drawing his money and paying debts accrued during the year, most articles being bought on promise to pay at harvest. He may now occupy his time with the fall plowing if so inclined.

Very little live stock is raised except horses. Mr. Cooper has recently been shipping some black cattle from Iowa and disposing of them to Griggs county farmers. But very little of their land is fenced. Generally one field for horse pasture and two or three milch cows is sufficient and the rest is open.

The prairies there only yield one good crop of hay in two years but a good quality of roughness is out from the sloughs which in the spring are always too wet to cultivate.

Joe Israel has a good 160 acre farm adjoining Cooperstown on the north. It is all in cultivation and has a good crop.

George Shepherd lived near Cooperstown last winter but is now living about six miles north-east of town and likes the North Dakota farming.

Richard Workman is nicely located about one mile south of town on a good farm and well improved. He also is doing well and likes the country.

W. H. Roberts lives 1 1/2 miles west of the town of Cooper. There are no improvements in his half section but he rents 480 acres just across the road and lives there in a good farm house. He has 190 acres of wheat, 140 of flax, 260 of barley, 90 of oats and made 70 tons of hay. The Roberts family also enjoy living in North Dakota, the climate seeming to suit them and the busy spirit of the west having taken hold of them. They live in town in the winter and move to the farm in the spring.

Benj. Vance and Wilkin Roberts of Keosauqua recently went to North Dakota and they see many amusing things. Mr. Vance hunted for at least an hour trying to find a corn cob and finally whittled a jug stopper out of a piece of pine. They find no shade in which to rest unless under a roof, and no fence on which to sit except a fence of wire. There are no fields of waving corn, few hogs to feed or chores to do except to care for horses, and there are many things strange looking to the man from Iowa.

A Boy's Wild Ride For Life.

With family around expecting him to die, and a son riding for life, 18 miles to get Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds W. H. Brown, of Leesville, Ind., endured death's agonies from asthma; but this wonderful medicine gave instant relief and soon cured him. He writes: "I now sleep soundly every night." Like marvelous cures of Consumption, Pneumonia, Bronchitis, Coughs, Colds and Grip prove its matchless merit for all Throat and Lung troubles. Guaranteed bottles 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottles free at H. H. Bateman's drug store.

House and Lots for Sale.

House and four lots for sale on the corner of Roberts avenue and Eleventh streets, enquire of

PHIL REIMER.

There will be service in the Lutheran church next Sunday morning and evening.

Sealed Bids Wanted.

On or before Sept. 30, 1903 sealed bids will be received at the respective offices of the undersigned county superintendent's of Griggs and Steele counties on the following property, viz:

1. Wazieya schoolhouse and outbuildings.
2. One teacher's desk and chair.
3. One hard coal stove and 10 lengths of pipe.
4. One Webster's large international dictionary, as good as new.

Bids must be enclosed in separate envelopes and marked: 1. Bid on school house; 2. Bid on teacher's desk and chair; 3. Bid on stove; 4. Bid on dictionary.

By order of the board of arbitration for Wazieya District, Aug. 18, 1903.

CLARA FEHRING, Supt. of Griggs. T. A. HASSELQUIST, " Steele.

JOHN SYVERSON.

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New, handsome and fashionable, the more particular you are about the style and wearing qualities, the easier it is for us to please you. The materials especially favored this fall, are "Mohairs" and Zibelines," in black, blue, brown, gray and red. The "Dry Goods Economist" of New York, a recognized authority on everything pertaining to Dry Goods, has this to say "Dress Goods men generally express the opinion that black will hold first place, blues will be especially prominent, grays a strong favorite and whites very popular."

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It's worth your while to see what pretty things we have in trimmings. Bands of white and black silk braid, two to four inches wide, also bands of jet trimmings. Fringes, Drop Ornaments, Persian bands. If you will call and look, you will say as others "The Prettiest Ever."

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8.00	"	4.00				

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