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THE COURIER.

By Percy R. Grubbs.

Three hundred and forty-five ministers were blacklisted last year by the railroad companies for abusing their half-fare permit privileges.

Editor Stickley of the Fessenden News recently took a punch at Editor Hunt's face and the latter came back at the former with a milk pail. Yet there are a whole lot of people in the country who think that an editor's life is one continual round of pleasure.

Politics are warming up in Barnes county. We understand that E. T. Burke is an active candidate for the judgeship and is making a great rustle for support along these lines. It is too bad Bro. Burke, but we guess you will have to go way back and sit down this time—we want the judge to be from Griggs county this time.

The call for the republican national convention not only invites the republican electors in the several states and territories, the District of Columbia, Alaska and Indian Territory, but "all other electors, without regard to party affiliations, who believe in the principles of the republican party," to unite in the selection of the party candidates for president and vice-president. This general invitation includes all, and will doubtless be accepted by many of those who want to make sure that the conditions which have made the country so prosperous during the past seven years shall be maintained.

Colonel Benton's masterly arraignment of the wheat ring at the Grain Growers' convention, during the discussion of the wheat inspection measure, took the house by storm. As a leading democrat in an overwhelming republican state, his remarks in support of the measure introduced by Senator McCumber, North Dakota's republican senator, clearly indicated that the gentleman has no greater ambition than the upbuilding of the most vital interests of this young commonwealth. Whatever contributes to the success of the tiller of the soil—whatever assists him in getting what belongs to him as a result of his labors, should meet with hearty co-operation.—Call.

United States Senator P. J. McCumber is making a valiant fight for his bill providing for the inspection of grain by the government and is meeting with some substantial encouragement and he now has hopes of getting the bill passed, in spite of the determined opposition of the elevator and commission men. The bill is a worthy one and will be the means of saving the farmers thousands of dollars annually. The bill provides for the uniform system of grading and for inspection at terminal points by inspectors appointed by the national government instead of by the state inspectors as at present. Under the present system the elevators control the inspection greatly to the detriment of the shippers especially from this state. There is a hard fight being made against the bill by the elevator companies and it is reported that the Minnesota and Wisconsin senators are against it, but just why should be is a conundrum, especially the Minnesota men who represent a grain state. Maybe the elevator combine is somewhat stronger than the farmers.

The North Dakota Patriot looks more like a newspaper since Bro. Vallandigham took charge of it again. The old rag is greatly improved in every way. May Val's shadow never grow less.

With Judge Glaspell not a candidate our own townsman, Hon. David Bartlett, ought to come under the wire without a wind shield. Judge Bartlett sounds pretty good. Get on the band wagon you Valley City fellows.

The Courier has received a printed copy of the first state irrigation congress which was held at Bismarck, N. D., October 20 and 21, 1903. The pamphlet is nicely illustrated and contains much valuable information relative to the state.

The State of North Dakota cannot afford to turn down two good congressmen like B. F. Spalding and Thos. F. Marshall just for the sake of gratifying the political aspirations of a few politicians. These gentlemen are hard working representatives of the people and are doing all they possibly can for the good of the state. The same can be said of our senators. Let our republican state convention go on record as being in favor of their retention.

The friends of Senator Hanna—mostly those who are interested in Wall street—are howling loud and long against President Roosevelt and are trying to get Marcus to enter the field as a candidate for the presidency. If Mr. Hanna is gifted with the common sense he is credited with having he will quickly and emphatically decline to be a candidate instead of beating about the bush. Just as sure as the sun shines President Roosevelt will be nominated next June and will be elected by the biggest popular vote of any president that ever occupied the White House. His fearless fight on trusts and his honest administration has won for him the hearty commendation of the laboring classes of the country who will vote heavily for him. Theodore Roosevelt is a man of the people, for the whole people and will be elected president next November.

Hon. Nicholas Flagler is out with a card in the Wimbledon News in which he announces that Judge Glaspell is a candidate for reelection and urging the people to support him. It is believed that Mr. Flagler is wrongly informed as to the judge's intentions. During the recent term of court in this city the judge stated to a number of his friends that if the Valley City bar would unite upon a candidate he would not be a candidate himself, but on the contrary would cheerfully give support to the nominee of the Valley City bar. The judge has previously intimated on more than one occasion that he did not care to fill the office again, and his recent statements are in line with this understanding of his position. It is probable that Barnes county will have a candidate for the place and it is understood that several bright young local attorneys, fully qualified to fill the position creditably, are looking the ground over with a view to announcing their candidacy in the near future. Attorneys Bartlett, of Cooperstown; Hanchett, of Wells county; Ellisworth, of Stutsman, and Blackwell, of LaMoure, have also been mentioned in this connection. There is plenty of good timber in the district.—Times-Record.

Secretary Wilson says that Sir Thomas Lipton is buying our horses, sending them to Ireland, where he has them trained, and then selling them to Englishmen as Irish jumpers. He also buys the hogs in Chicago, prepares them as Irish bacon, and sells this in England at fancy prices. If this is so, we need make no complaint about it. He is only making English people who are willing to pay fancy prices for things with fancy names reimburse him for the money he has spent in trying to make them think they are good yachtmen.—Fargo Call.

The North Dakota Irrigation Congress has need of funds to pay the expense of getting out the necessary data in pamphlet form in relation to the feasibility of starting irrigation works along some of the streams of North Dakota. The Executive Committee of the North Dakota Irrigation Congress has suggested to the county commissioners of each county in the state that they appropriate at least \$100 to help pay the expenses necessary in placing the matter properly before congress and the different departments at Washington, D. C. Only a few of the counties have yet responded to this request. If the people in North Dakota want that \$3,000,000 that is now in the irrigation fund spent in North Dakota they should assist the executive committee of the irrigation congress in getting a proper statement of the facts before the officials at Washington. It is the desire of the irrigation congress that every voter in North Dakota become a member of the irrigation congress, membership fee is only \$2 for a year's membership. The secretary has the certificates ready when the \$2 is remitted him. We have an assurance from our representatives in Washington that some work will be done in our state this year.

We received a copy of the report of the proceedings of the "First Irrigation Congress" the first of this week. It seems to be principally an advertisement of Theodore Roosevelt, and if it is not intended to be that, the blaring of the Roosevelt trumpet should have been left out entirely. But it seems that in everything there must be a taint, but often a project is killed by the political rottenness that those who assume charge allow to amble in.—Sentinel.

Tut, tut, neighbor. Why is it that you cannot see the bright side of life occasionally? The Courier received the same thing as is mentioned by the Sentinel but we fail to see anything savoring of politics in it. The pamphlet contains the cuts of men all over the state prominent in the irrigation movement, irrespective of politics. President Roosevelt's picture appears several times, as a ranchman on the North Dakota prairies, as a soldier at San Juan Hill, and as president, and surely it is pardonable pride on the part of the citizens of this state to honor him as a former resident and proud we should be that Citizen Roosevelt, formerly of North Dakota is now president of the United States. If this is politics and rottenness then "if 'tis true, 'tis a pity, and pity 'tis, 'tis true." Bro. Rearick should partake more of the milk of human kindness, let his mind be freed from that spirit of despondency, extend the glad hand to everybody, look cheerful, take a couple of bottles of Peruna and then his genial nature will assert itself once again.

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