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THE COURIER.

By Percy R. Erubshaw.

The Smoot investigation in the United States senate has progressed far enough so that the stench arising from it has travelled from one end of this country to the other. In behalf of good morals and common decency it is high time that the senate kicked Smoot out and sent him home to his several wives. This country cannot afford to put the stamp of approval on polygamy by allowing such men as Smoot to sit in the senate.

Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Bristow's postoffice report has stirred up a hornet's nest about his ears and now they are clamoring for his scalp. He claims that a lot of congressmen have been working a graft in getting appropriations for postmasters in congressional districts and the festive M. C.s are letting out a howl loud and long. Republicans and democrats alike are hot under the collar and want Bristow removed instantly—but the president "stands pat."

The board of penitentiary trustees at their meeting held a few days ago fixed the price of binder twine, this being the session at which such action is directed by law. The prices are one-half cent lower than a year ago—probably a larger drop than the trust concerns will make. The prices fixed upon are 9½ cents per pound for Sisal and Standard, 10½ cents for 550 foot Standard Manila, 11½ cents for 600 foot Manila and 12½ cents for 650 foot pure Manila. These are for carload lots, less than that being half cent per pound more.

Evangelist Jones.

R. L. Jones, the evangelist, has been holding a series of revival meetings here for the past ten days and will probably close the series next Sunday night. He has been drawing large congregations every night, the opera house being crowded to the doors and a number being unable to get in. Mr. Jones is not a ranter, nor does he jump up and down and tear his hair like unto some revivalists, but he has a quiet, earnest way of presenting the gospel that draws the attention of his hearers and holds that attention all through the service. His talks are interspersed with little personal stories that are catchy and humorous and he pleases the people greatly. There is no doubt but what his work here will be productive of much good. He is assisted by a large choir of local talent and the song services are much enjoyed by those who attend.

A Failure to Comply With Law is Charged.

James Weaver has commenced contest proceedings in the local land office against the entry of Edward Moe, known as homestead entry No. 25049 for the north half of the northeast and the southeast of the northeast of section 12-147-59, a tract of land in Griggs County. The contestant claims that Moe has abandoned the claim in question and that he has failed to cultivate the land or make any of the improvements required by law. A hearing has been set before the clerk of the district court at Cooperstown on April 16 and the final hearing before the register and the receiver of the local office will be held on April 22. Frank Gladstone of Cooperstown is the attorney for the contestant.—Forum.

GHOST STORY

A Neighborhood Ghost Batters A Family Nights.

A mysterious ghost is alleged to be disturbing the peace of Marion Shepard and family who live on the old Fenner farm now owned by C. F. Nelson. It is said that mysterious knockings and doors being rattled all over the house night after night has



The committee waits for the ghost to get busy.

been going on and the family living on the place with two hired men, the Jenson boys, are scared to death. The ghost dance usually comes between 12 and 2 a. m. and creates quite a disturbance for a time. Tuesday evening several citizens of the town went out there to "lay" the ghost. Fred Stone, Elmer Opter, Anton Christianson, Ingolf Wold and C. F. Nelson were in the party. They got out there about 10:30 and so as not to keep the boys up late the ghost started in about 11 p. m. There would be a rap



The hired man tell the committee he plays no jokes.

on the wall, which would be answered by another rap if you asked the supposed spirit a question. Then several doors would commence to rattle lightly and gradually increase in volume until they are going a good stiff gait. The committee found a binder twine attached to the stair door knob which twined up to the hired man's room but he says he put the twine on the door to stop it rattling and is not playing tricks on anybody. In our opin-



The committee seem anxious to reach home and stay not on the order of their going.

ion it is a fake and the ghost seems to have a binder twine attachment, but the people say that the noises occur when there is no twine—and there you are. One of the boys says he shook

awfully when they found the twine and hired man because he thought they had the ghost and would give him a good licking. The other fellows don't say what they shook for. The people are mostly from Missouri and will have to be shown.

The Village Election

The village election occurred last Tuesday and a large vote was polled, 166 votes being recorded. The large vote is accounted for by the fight on the marshalship between the present marshal, Anton Christianson, and Jacob Arnold, the latter winning out by a vote of 89 to 77. Mr. Christianson has been the most efficient marshal the town has ever had and has served the town well for the past eight or nine years. He goes out of office with the hearty commendation of the business men of the city. Mr. Arnold is a new man at the business and has a record to make. If he can make good it will be all right—if not the town has the power to take everything but the honor away from him. Give him a fair show. The following ticket was elected:

For Trustees:

E. W. BLACKWELL.
S. SANBURN.
J. E. JOHNSON.

Clerk:

W. H. CARLETON.

Treasurer:

S. FRISWOLD.

Assessor:

T. E. WARNER.

Justice of the Peace:

NELS P. NELSON.

Marshal:

JACOB ARNOLD.

"X" Apologizes.

We hasten to offer our apology to Mr. McCallough, for the use of his name in our remarks on farmers' elevators and assure him that we had no intention of conveying the thought that he was opposed to farmers' elevators. Far from it. Had we had any such idea, we knew that the people know too well how he stood on such questions, to attempt to convey any such idea. We simply expressed what we thought was his opinion—viz: that the need of such was not what it used to be. One does not have to go very far to find proofs in support of such statements. It was only a few years ago that the side track shipments from Cooperstown footed up to as high as 400 cars a year. 40 would probably cover them now. The farmer who ships his grain, does so at absolute cost, he has none of the expense that attaches to it whether it be farmers' elevator or otherwise. The very fact that the farmers don't ship, is proof enough that the margin is not excessive. The fact that the old line companies have been forced to this margin by shippers and independent buyers entitles them to no consideration, far from it.

For the farmer to save all expense that he can is only right and proper. But will he save the most by handling his own grain? With wheat at .90 the gross per cent of profit is about 3 per cent. Net about 2 per cent. Now lets figure. On machinery the per cent of profit between the manufacturer and the farmer is about 50 per cent. Any merchant will give his customers a discount of 10 per cent for cash. What is his per cent on time sales? On notions 100 per cent is a small profit. Is there not more than one way "to save the colts?" X.

Wanted—Cook.

A girl for general housework. Will pay good wages for good service. MRS. MAYNARD CRANE. At Palace Hotel.

New Spring Goods.

Yes, most of the new goods for Spring and Summer are here and by the time you read this, we hope to have our stock complete. Take a walk or ride to Syverson's this morning. If you don't want to buy, all right, come anyway. It's like getting a whiff of the "good old summer time," to look at these pretty things for summer.

NEW SHIRT WAIST.

Cotton and silk. They have already been on display a few days, and those who have seen them pronounce them "Exquisite" such beauty, and such style, are not often to be found in shirt waists.

New Dress and Walking Skirts.

Made of broadcloth, melton, chevot, etauine, mohair, Cicilian, etc. Trimmed beautifully, with a style and dash to them that is sure to attract your attention. You will buy one of these skirts, need one, no question about that. The quality and the price brings them onto the counter and over in the shortest kind of order.

New 'Cravenette' Rain Coats

If you, this spring, are going to buy a raincoat, please keep this in mind, "A most beautiful garment, with a dash and go to it which is simply irresistible. Can be bought at Syverson's for \$12.50.

New Wash Suits.

Only one and two of a kind. Pretty and stylish. Prices from \$4 to \$10.

JOHN SYVERSON.

The ONE PRICE Department Store.

Agent for Standard Patterns.

SPRING AND

Mail Orders Promptly Filled.

SUMMER DRESS GOODS.

Select your spring and summer dress and have it made before warm weather comes. Our shelves are well filled with spring and summer goods. We are always glad to show you through our store and show you the advantages of doing your trading here, where prices are always right.

Here Are A Few Bargains in Silk and Silk Waistings.

36 inch Black Peau de Soie, worth \$2.25, now \$1.39
36 inch Black Taffata, quality guaranteed \$1.25 to \$1.75
Corded Wash Silks, just the thing for waists, good colors, per yard 35c to 50c
Now would be the time to buy your silk and silk waistings as our stock is complete.

SILK WAISTS A new line of Silk Waists just arrived at our store. Latest patterns. Price \$2.75 to \$5.50

DRESS GOODS Fancy figures and plain colors. Mohair suitings, 75 to 85, now pr yd 58c
Voill Suitings. Color, blue and black. Worth 65c, now 48c

MEN'S FANCY SHIRTS Do you like fancy shirt patterns? If you do we have the Cluett Peabody shirts. Right thing for spring and summer.

OVERALLS, JACKETS, Shirts and Gloves. We have now a complete stock of these goods. It will pay you to look them over before purchasing.

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MEN'S FLEECE LINED UNDERWEAR Worth 65 cents now 48 cents.

ALBERT LARSON,
Cooperstown, North Dakota.