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THE COURIER.

By Percy R. Grubbs.

This is the day of the bond election. Turn out and give a big majority for bonds.

Wonderland for 1904, issued by the passenger department of the Northern Pacific railroad has been received at this office. It is even better this year than previously if that could be possible and contains many beautiful illustrations and much valuable information to those interested in the Pacific Coast country. Anyone wishing a copy of Wonderland can get one by sending six cents in stamps to the general passenger agent at St. Paul, Minn.

It is rumored that Hannaford is to have a newspaper, Bro. Arbogast, late of the McHenry Free Press, being the captain of the new enterprise. Hannaford has some good business men who will give a paper good backing—yet we rather think that town small to support a newspaper. If the rumor is correct we wish Mr. Arbogast success and congratulate our Hannaford neighbors. There is nothing that helps out a town like a good newspaper.

Bro. Arbogast who has edited the McHenry Free Press for the past seven months has fired the paste pot and shears over the back yard fence, laid down the editorial quill and quit the job, glad that he is alive, and convinced that trying to run a paper to accommodate a few sore heads is a poor business. We understand that the states attorney of Foster county owns the plant and will run it as a political side issue. The two papers had better consolidate. There is only room for one at McHenry and the Tribune covers the field very nicely.

As the time for the state republican convention draws nigh, it is becoming more and more apparent that there is a popular demand all over the state regardless of combinations for the reelection of both Messrs. Marshall and Spalding to congress. These servants of the people have certainly made good records at Washington and deserve to be returned. When we have representatives who give satisfaction it seems to us to be foolish to turn them down just when they are becoming useful to the state. Let the state convention endorse good work and good men and nominate them both.

Washington correspondents are calling attention to the profligate expenditure of public money at the White House by Theodore Roosevelt during his accidental presidency of the United States. The correspondent of the New York Herald, for instance, points out that during the term from 1892 to 1896 the White House expenses were \$139,000; from 1896 to 1900, they were \$144,000. During Roosevelt's reign at the White House—less than three years—the White House appropriations thus far exceed \$784,000.—Anoka (Minn.) Free Press.

Yes, but why don't the Free Press and other papers of the same breed of cats be honest and tell the people that most of the money "spent by Theodore Roosevelt during his accidental presidency" was not spent by him at all, but was spent by the United States government in remodeling the executive mansion. Some of these measly editors will get out and bark at the moon next.

We understand that the board of education has decided upon plans for a new schoolhouse. The COURIER has seen the plans and we certainly approve of the choice made by the board as regards a building. Architect Albrant, of Fargo, drew up the plans and he certainly has provided a very neat, tasty and substantial school building—one that will be as good as any in the state according to size. In this matter we believe the town will be unanimous. There is one important feature about this matter though, that we are not united on and that is the matter of location. A petition signed by a majority of the business houses of the town has been presented to the board asking for a straight vote as to whether the town wants to build on the old site or buy a new one. So far we have heard of no action being taken on this petition. The COURIER does not believe that the board will be so arbitrary as to go ahead and build on the old site without letting the people themselves decide. While the board has the power by law to go ahead we don't believe the five gentlemen constituting the board should settle so important a matter. If a majority of this town are in favor of the old site then we will cheerfully fall into line, if a majority do not, then the other fellows better do the same thing. We want a square deal in the matter.

We are informed since part of this editorial was put into type that the board has always intended to let the people decide this matter and are just as anxious to have the matter settled to the wish of the majority. The board's only trouble is first to get the bonds voted for and secondly to get the money to build with. We are convinced that the board is acting intelligently and carefully and the only thing that we advocate was to let the matter come to a vote, this they will do and it will then be up to the people to settle it.

Saving the Colts.

EDITOR COURIER—

My attention was called to an article in the Cooperstown Courier of April 7th written by the Hannaford Correspondent as follows:

"How is this for saving the Colts? The Rockwell Co-operative Society has just finished its second year business with a clear profit of \$34,000. They market their own products, but their main profits has come from the mercantile business. So far they have only handled furniture and machinery, but this year they calculate to add boots, shoes, overalls and flour. If the rest of the towns are going to have such organizations, Hannaford can't afford to be behind. It is very likely that one, if not two of our machine firms would sell out to such a company. The subject might bear investigation, as it could be carried on in connection with the Creamery Company."

Dear readers, it would seem to one who reads between the lines or peers into the crack, that there is an Elevator Nigger in this wood pile. As we further read between the lines, the bluff or threat, to Hannaford business men, and business interests, taking it for granted that they are very cheap Johns, who can be bluffed out of business and business interests, with a dollar or even a smoke. As we are inclined to surmise, that Hannaford business men have dared to talk Farmer's Elevator, as this is talked on every side of them,

and it looks like an Elevator nigger in this wood pile, or this Hannaford correspondent would have called the attention of farmers and business men to the extortionate margins taken off them by Old Line Elevator Companies in marketing their crops in the past twenty years; and the writer is not of the opinion that this kind of a bluff will divert the attention of farmers from their determined purpose to handle their own grain, or that business men will scare worth a god damn. They are not deeply interested in Co-operative Stores just now, but greatly interested in saving something out of their crops to buy a little with at any kind of a store. Even we admit the profits of the Rockwell Co-operative society as stated by the gentlemen in the wood pile, yet we feel justified in saying that the farmers of Griggs County have been illegitimately plundered out of more in dumping their crops into Old Line Elevator Pits in the past 20 years, than on the purchase of all other farm supplies combined as farm implements. Machinery and wagons are a large part of our expense, but bear in mind that they get at us only once in 5 to 25 years on many of these supplies, while Old Line Elevator Companies have been hard after us every year on every bushel of grain dumped into their pits, as their extortionate margins taken off us in the past twenty years, ranging from 13 to 20 cents per bushel on wheat, between Duluth and Cooperstown when 9 cents and 9 mills per bushel paid every charge for shipping by car loads. Only 4 or 5 years ago the last year the writer loaded cars at Cooperstown there were 15 to 18 cents per bushel between Cooperstown and Duluth for a long period of the busy season and had the writer—a small farmer—of dumped that wheat crop into Line Elevator Pits he would have been taxed about \$700 and had he dumped his wheat only into Line Elevator Pits during the past 17 to 19 years he would have subscribed over \$9000 toward the building of Old Line Elevators and never received a share of their stock, or a cent of dividends and they done it so smooth that they didn't even ask him to subscribe. Were some of those Old Line Elevator owners placed in our position and undergo the agony of being held up and ordered to deliver, if not at the mouth of a cannon, at the mouth of Old Line Elevator pits which have been more powerful with the individual farmer than our 13 inch guns, I believe that they would not now blame us for trying to save the Colts. The Hannaford correspondent reminds us of bee keepers in the east, trying to hive a swarm of bees on the wing, by ringing bells, blowing horns, pounding tin pans and throwing up dust and water to fool the bees with their fake storm, till like the spider to the fly, "Come into my net."

W. T. McCULLOCH,
Jessie, N. Dak.

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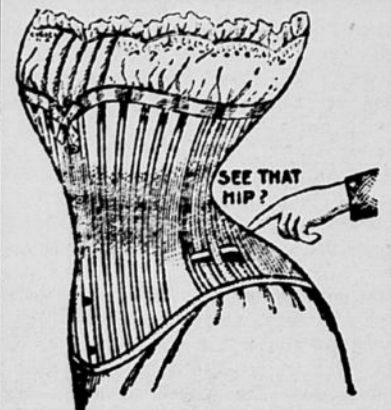
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Cooperstown, North Dakota.