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THE COURIER. By Percy R. Grubbs.

E. Y. Sarles seems to be gaining in strength as a candidate for governor and if he keeps up his present gait nothing can head him off.

Ward county went anti-Murphy but will send a double header to the state convention. The Major don't know when he is done up apparently. Ward county is a warm number when it comes down to politics.

The Binford Times is a year old and looks healthy and vigorous. Bro. Curry has greatly improved his paper the past few months and appears to be making a success of it. We certainly wish him all kinds of prosperity the coming year.

We expect the Sentinel will try and square its proposition on the school house fight this week by saying that "Percy is Sore" or something to that effect. We are sure of one fact, however, and that is: No matter how sore Percy is at the result, there are a majority of the taxpayers sore with him, but admitting all this, there are none so sore as those who voted for the old site. Everyone of the leaders are sore at themselves and had they a chance to vote again the decision would be reversed by a great big majority. The Sentinel editor is among the sore ones on the other side as is evidenced by his meek little cry last week, "We are sorry that one harsh word has been spoken." The Sentinel and its old site boomers are not so sorry for what was done but for the effect it had and will have in the future.

The Grand Forks Herald says: "Indications are numerous all over the state of protest against the species of gag rule that has prevailed in the past. There is a realization of the fact that it is not necessary for the prosperity of a county that its delegates should rally around any particular candidate and that so long as the rule of the machine prevails, it matters little what candidates are chosen—care will be taken by those vitally interested that the machine comes to no harm. This feeling has been voiced in a most able manner by H. T. Helgesen, in an article recently published in The Herald, and since then republished elsewhere. It has found expression in protest against machine rule in Ward county, in Stutsman county, in Eddy county, and in many other sections of the state. There seems to be more than ever a disposition to send delegates to the state convention to act for themselves and the state, and not to be the mere registers of the decisions of a group of people who have taken it upon themselves to rule. Let this go on. Let delegates be elected who are really representatives of their localities. Let them meet and consider, and let them be guided by what they are satisfied is for the best interests of the state. If, on the full and fair consideration they are satisfied that these interests will be served by the nomination of any or all of the men who are understood to have been slated by the machine, let that action be taken. If the nomination of other men seem advisable let the machine be disregarded. The important thing is not to secure the success or defeat of a few individuals, but to have the delegates select their own candidates, un-

MURDER!

B. K. Climie Formerly of This Place Shoots and Kills O. P. Ziner.

Special to the Courier.

Dickinson, N. D., May 16, 1904—B. K. Climie shot and killed O. P. Ziner today. Inquest tomorrow.

Such is the startling information received at this office Tuesday morning. It appears from a letter received through the mail on the same day that B. K. Climie and Ziner, from whom the former purchased his ranch, had been having trouble all spring over the wintering of cattle which culminated last Monday in Climie shooting and killing Ziner. Climie then went into Dickinson and gave himself up to the authorities claiming he did the shooting in self-defense. It is said that Ziner was a hard man to get along with and it is reported that he shot and killed his brother three or four years ago but we do not know whether this is so or not. Climie is naturally hot tempered. We sincerely hope that he will be able to prove that the deed was done in self-defense.

THE ZINER KILLING.

Special to the Fargo Forum.

Dickinson, N. D., May 17.—There seems to be no doubt but that the killing of O. P. Ziner at his former ranch, thirty miles from here, was a cold blooded murder. Ziner had sold the ranch to a man, named Climie, formerly of Cooperstown. A herd of cattle was left there to be wintered. There was ample hay for the stock if they had been handled by an experienced man, but the hay was all fed and some of the cattle died. This angered Ziner and there had been some ill feeling over the matter. Ziner went to the ranch Sunday. Later Climie came in and surrendered himself, claiming that he shot in self-defense and stating that he had been fired on by Ziner. The first shot that hit Ziner, went in at one shoulder, broke the neck and lodged in the other shoulder, and after the man fell it looked like he had been shot again, which tore off the back of his head. A pistol with one empty cartridge was found near Ziner's body.

Ziner killed a brother some years ago and was acquitted at the coroner's inquest, as the affair seemed to have been an accident.

hampered by anything save the interests of the people whom they are elected to represent."

Open Conference.

"Where no counsel is, the people fall; but in the multitude of counselors there is safety." The people of North Dakota have placed in our state constitution a law forbidding the traffic in spirituous liquors. It is known as the prohibition law; as though there were no other prohibitory law on the statute books. Its benefits have been incalculable, and a large proportion of the people recognize its good influence; but many do not realize that this law has bitter enemies in the state and that some of them are in places of power. These enemies are tireless in their efforts to create sentiment against it, and at every legislative session they introduce a measure to have it resubmitted to a vote of the people, upon the plea that a majority of the people now do not favor it.

That this measure has been defeated year after year, and the fact that the law has been strengthened by added legislation, is sufficient proof that the people are satisfied with it and intend to keep it in the constitution. But there is need for vigilance. Many people seemed lulled to sleep by the fancied security which the existence of this law gives them, forgetting apparently that the insatiable liquor power is howling at our doors and using all its corrupt forces to gain legal admission. That the dangers are great which threaten our nation from this powerful enemy. It has laid its hands upon the mainsprings of our government, and is a present menace to our domestic peace and our moral supremacy among the nations.

The day of reckoning with this great evil is approaching much faster than many realize. There are many hard facts which the old parties will have to squarely face in a short time, when political dodging will no longer be tolerated by the awakened conscience of the people. Just as the trust question was throttled by the President when the voice of the people demanded it.

This question is before the American people for honest and heroic treatment and will admit of no other. It is no less incumbent upon a nation to

combat its internal foes than it is to defend itself against those from without. It is unquestionably true, that there is abundant moral force in our nation to annihilate this infamous evil, if it were but united. The churches alone might do it; but almost without exception the numberless benevolent societies, labor unions, lodges, etc., have adopted resolutions or by-laws which recognize the liquor traffic as an enemy to our common welfare, to say nothing of the many temperance societies. While these various bodies do not employ the same methods, they are agreed upon this one point; hence a general conference upon the question by representatives from each of these bodies would certainly tend to a better understanding and a more united action.

The Women's Christian Temperance Union has always believed in the wisdom and potency of the hand of fellowship between all organized bodies or effort that has for their object the betterment of the world. It makes no superior claims to high motives, but believes in the ultimate power of the good in the universe and in man to conquer every form of evil. Upon this ground alone why should not the above mentioned forces in Cooperstown have an open conference for the consideration of the true situation of the temperance question. A conference of this kind should include the medical profession as well, as it holds a responsible position in the working out of this great moral issue and it is therefore included in this enumeration. Think this over friends and if it seems rational, give it the honor of your consideration by appointing a representative to present some phase of the nature or effect of this acknowledged evil, or some plan to remove it. A good time for such a conference will be afforded by the Annual County Convention, of Barnes and Griggs W. C. T. U. to meet here the last week in June, when other parts of Barnes and Griggs counties will be represented.

—Press Supt.

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