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HOLIDAY GREETINGS.

The ONE PRICE DEPARTMENT STORE desires at this time to wish all its customers and friends a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We are nearing the close of a very successful year for both farmer, mechanic and merchant, and we feel that each has contributed largely to the good of the other, hence we are especially thankful to all for the many favors we have received from them, and we trust that the efforts that have been made by us to do justice to and deserve these favors, will merit a continuance of them during the coming years.

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THE COURIER. By Percy R. Grubshaw.

Judge Burke will hold his first term of court at Jamestown, the home of Judge Glaspell, on January 3rd. Our new judge will be expected to do his best on this occasion.

The Carrington Independent has been purchased by the Messrs. Estabrook of that city, Mr. Geo. A. Estabrook being the editor and manager. The Independent has long needed somebody to control its destinies and we are pleased to see it fall into such good hands. The COURIER wishes the new proprietors good luck.

The fight for the speakership of the North Dakota house of representatives does not seem to warm up very much. It is said that Senator Judson LaMoure has concluded to give it to Representative Richmond of Benson county. This makes it easy for the members of the house.

The Mandan Pioneer says that the primary election reformers of this state want candidates for state offices to be nominated by direct vote. In Minnesota where they have a primary election law that foisted Mayor Ames on Minneapolis, most of the sensible people are fighting against the principle of having the state officials named by direct vote. The contention there is that while a direct vote might work well in a county where the voters know the individual candidates, it would not work well where the voter cannot know the candidates for state offices, many of whom live hundreds of miles away.

The LaMoure Chronicle remarks as follows: "It would have been difficult to crowd a greater number of misstatements and inconsistencies into so short a paragraph. In the first place, The Chronicle denies that 'most of the sensible people of Minnesota are fighting against the principle of having state officials named by direct vote.' We assert that exactly the contrary is true, and that most of the sensible people of Minnesota want the system expanded and made to conform to the Wisconsin system. Had the Minnesota law covered state offices, Bob. Dunn could not have been nominated governor by corporation influence and money, and the republican party would have been spared a humiliating and costly defeat. But when the Pioneer refers to the 'best people' of Minnesota it doubtless has in mind that class of professional politicians who live by their wits—the people of North Dakota are gradually becoming acquainted with the breed.

Again, note the alleged objection that it would not be safe to allow the people to vote directly for candidates for state offices, 'many of whom live hundreds of miles away,' while in the same sentence the law is held up to scorn because it foisted Mayor Ames on Minneapolis! The Chronicle would rather entrust the selection of state and congressional candidates to the whole people than to machine politicians in a 'cut and dried' convention farce.

The Chronicle very well understands that argument avails nothing in the case of men like Tuttle, whose opposition to any system of reform that will weaken the grip of the political bosses is accepted as a matter of course. But it is a pleasure, sometimes, to puncture their hollow pretenses and expose their shams.

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