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THE COURIER.

By Percy R. Grubb.

MORE PAY.

Senator Crane has introduced a bill to raise the pay of county commissioners to five dollars per day. They are now getting four dollars per day and in our judgment that is sufficient. This bill ought to be indefinitely postponed.

A POPULAR BILL.

Senator Crane's anti-pass bill seems to have struck a popular chord especially among the newspapers of the state, all of whom give it hearty endorsement. This bill is the best one introduced in the senate this winter in our judgment, but will it pass? Ah! There's the rub.

ONLY EIGHT DAYS LEFT.

One week from next Saturday the state legislature will have to adjourn by limitation of law. During the closing days of the session there will undoubtedly be many bills rushed through with scant deliberation. The appropriation bills have assumed very large proportions, and Gov. Sarles has gently warned the senate that unless that body cuts down the appropriations he will have to use the pruning knife quite liberally. The governor will have an excellent chance to lop off several choice morsels from the appropriation bill.

BARRED FROM THE MAIL.

It is of interest to the public to know that the postoffice department has issued instructions to exclude from the mails all newspapers and periodicals which publish notices of drawing contests and similar devices to boom trade. The newspapers will not be allowed to announce piano drawings, by merchants. The drawing coupons must not be printed in connection with advertisements. The order applies to church fairs also. The postoffice department claims that all such schemes are lotteries and the law prohibits the postoffice from aiding lotteries any way.

SENATORIAL DIGNITY.

The senate of the United States last week sat down on President Roosevelt because the senate thought its dignity had been ruffled by the president. Then a day or two afterwards the house of representatives administered a rebuke to the senate because of some alleged fracture of the house dignity. If the senatorial millionaires club would stand by the president in his fight against the trusts and for the rights of the people instead of standing on dignity the country at large would be benefitted thereby. The senate of the United States contains too many human fossils. What we want is some young, vigorous men in that body, and a wholesale relegating to the rear of a lot of dignified antiquities.

BY ALL MEANS.

The new primary election bill, as soon as it becomes a law, ought to be given as wide publicity as possible and to that end it might very properly be authorized to be published officially in the newspapers of the state.—Bismarck Tribune.

Such a monument to the skillful manipulation of the politicians should be pasted on every schoolhouse door and every bill

board in the state, and in addition thereto the picture of J. E. Phelan, that able exponent of the people's welfare, the biggest joker in the whole state, should adorn every printed copy of this abortion which has been labeled primary election law. The people asked for a fair law and have been handed a farce. We are glad only one member from this district voted for it and he lives in Steele county.

ELECTRIC RAILWAY.

The citizens of Valley City have an opportunity to get an electric railway running from Valley City to the Soo line, the proposed road to carry freight and passengers. Mr. E. R. Bradley and others have applied for a franchise but the city fathers of that city seem reluctant to grant it, which shows that they are not alive to the interests of their town. This road would be one of the best things out for Valley City and the people should insist on the council granting the franchise. No wide awake city would turn down a proposition of this kind, providing those back of the deal are responsible, and we believe they are in this case. Cooperstown would be only too willing to grant a franchise for a road like the one proposed between here and Rogers.

DIFFERENCES ADJUSTED.

There had been some feeling expressed by the friends of Warren N. Steele because, while his late conferees on the World's Fair commission had been named as commissioners in the appropriation bill for the Portland exposition his name had been omitted, provision being made for the appointment instead of a citizen by the governor. All differences in this regard, it is understood, have been adjusted by the declaration of Lieut. Governor Bartlett to serve again on the commission and the substitution of Mr. Steele's name in his place, leaving the bill otherwise as introduced. Mr. Steele spent considerable time at St. Louis last summer in the capacity of commissioner and it was the general sentiment that he was an excellent entertainer and a splendid worker for the state.

A BUM BILL.

The primary election bill—the substitute that was pushed through the house by the politicians—was passed by the senate last Friday by a vote of 23 to 16, and we are happy to state that our own senator, Maynard Crane, voted against the measure. The bill as passed cuts out the state officers and judges and only gives the people the privilege of voting for a few county officers, while the wire pullers retain their accustomed graft of fixing up the state ticket to suit themselves. The measure as passed is a farce pure and simple and the governor would be justified in vetoing it, in our judgment. In the house Messrs. Hemmingsen and Stavens voted against it, while Mr. Palfrey voted for it which is our opinion directly opposite to the wishes of the people of his district. We are far better off without any primary law than the thing passed by this legislature.

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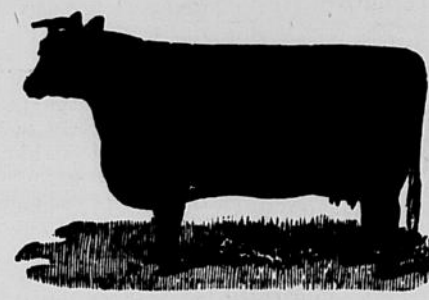
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