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V. F. Snyder has purchased the Bowbells Bulletin and the first issue under his guidance gives evidence of the fact that he understands the newspaper business. The COURIER wishes Mr. Snyder and the Bulletin success.

Gov. Saries has been getting a few bouquets from some of the newspapers about his speeches at Portland and Seattle, but the boys forget all about Jimmy Foley's effort which is said to be a "peach." We would like to see both speeches published. It is great to be a governor.

Miss Emma Bates, superintendent of public instruction from 1895 to 1897, has found a new vocation. For several years she has been studying the language of Nippon, and shortly leaves for Japan to become a missionary. A teacher for many years, Miss Bates should be able to enlighten the children of the Rising Sun to a high degree.

Since July 1st there has been a great dropping off of patent medicine ads. From the columns of the weekly newspapers of this state as a result of the new pure food law. There are no tears to be shed over it, so far as the COURIER is concerned. However if Bro. Streeter should ever come up for a state office he would have the unanimous support of the state press—for political retirement. It is a question whether he could get the support of his own paper.

The Emperor of Germany and the Czar of Russia are trying to place a King on the throne of Norway. They had better trot along and run their own business as they appear to have about all they can handle without butting into other troubles. Norway has made a break for independence and had better go ahead and establish a republic and throw the crown into the scrap pile. The people themselves should elect their own ruler.

United States Senator Mitchell, of Oregon, was recently convicted by a jury of using his high office to build up his business—in land cases—a sort of a graft. The kind hearted judge sentenced him to pay \$1,000 fine and to serve six months in the county jail. Such a sentence is a travesty on justice. Had some citizen of the common walks of life been in Mitchell's place he would probably have been sentenced to not less than 10 years or to be hanged by the neck until dead if the statutes would allow such a sentence. Burton, of Kansas, Deitrich, of Nebraska, Mitchell, of Oregon, all United States senators, and all convicted of fraud, with more senators marked, surely the supposed to be best legislative body in the world is getting pretty rank. It is about time that genuine reform struck the senate. Let the people elect our senators and there will be fewer grafters holding down a seat. It is easy to purchase a legislature but hard to buy up the people.

Up to date, figures more or less official have been published for thirteen counties. These counties are Cass, Traill, Grand Forks, Pembina, Cavalier, Ward, McLean, Wells, Emmons, McIntosh, Morton, Barnes and Stutsman and show a total of 212,232. These same counties in 1900 had 157,240, making an increase of 54,992, or practically 35 per cent. If this ratio is maintained for the remaining 26 counties of the state, the total population will be in the neighborhood of 430,000. There are two counties in this list which shows a decrease and one or two others in which the

increase is very small. But two counties of the thirteen show a phenomenal increase, McLean of over 100 per cent. Other counties in the western part of the state should show an increase quite equal to that of McLean and there is every reason to believe that the 35 per cent increase noted in these thirteen counties will be maintained for the entire state.—Bismarck Tribune.

A movement is on foot in this state looking toward the reorganization of the republican party of this state. The idea of those who have given birth to this new movement is we presume to clean out the so-called bosses and to wipe out the republican machine, so-called, in North Dakota. Every good citizen of this state, and every republican, unless it is some of those who have axes to grind, will be in favor of genuine reform, and the COURIER can be classed among the reformers where such a step is taken in all sincerity. However, there is just this much to be said, and that is, that this paper will not lend its influence to the tearing down of one set of politicians for the upbuilding of another set whose only ambition is to get control of the party to further their own selfish ends. We are not going to allow a few disgruntled politicians who have been turned down in their own counties to use us for a catspaw—we are through pulling chestnuts out of the fire for that breed of public benefactors. If something along the line of genuine reform is tapped we are willing to put a shoulder to the wheel and give the movement a lift. It is our opinion that until the voter is given a primary election law that will take in every office holder from president down to constable, there will be little chance to do much reforming. Let the people have a fair show and a free and unhampered choice of its public servants, then we are positive more reform will be accomplished. The republican party is no worse than the other parties and a good cleansing would do it good.

If the editors of the state have any influence they are going to use it toward the repeal of the penalty clause of the Streeter libel law which was enacted at the last session of the legislature. At the meeting of the Editorial Association which was held at the Chautauqua grounds last Friday and Saturday they passed a strong resolution condemning this part of the law and pledging their moral and financial support to any editor who might be brought under the pale of the law. The editors may not be as good a lot of fellows as they might be, but they strenuously object to being put in the same class with the murderers and all the lower classes of criminals in the land. The simple fact that the editors are denied the right to retract from some things which they may have published through mistake looks as though the fellows who framed the law did so with the express purpose of catching the editors in a trap from which there was no possible means of escape and having them condemned as the vilest of criminals and made to wear the degrading stripes and be forever disfranchised and deprived of their rights of citizenship which are so much prized by all Americans. The editors are very pronounced in their condemnation of the law and it is but right that they ought to be. If there is any man in the world who ought to be allowed to discuss public men and matters it ought to be the editor of a paper in order that the facts may be gotten before the people in an unbiased manner. But all men are liable to err and if the editor makes a mistake in discussing public affairs which may bring some man or men before the people in an improper light he at least ought to be given the privilege to make the matter right in the minds of the people, the explanation to go in mitigation of damages should a suit for damages be instituted against him. We have faith enough in the good judgment of the people to believe that when this matter is presented to them

in the proper light that they will feel interest enough in the welfare of the press of the state to see to it that men are sent to the legislature who will work for the repeal of the law.—Courtenay Gazette.

THE FAIR.

The directors of the Griggs County Fair Association were favored with ideal weather for their two days stock show and race meet. In the forenoon of August 1, after the parade to the grounds, horse judging and the awarding of premiums was commenced at 10 a. m. There was a splendid exhibit of horse, Briggs & Delancy, of Valley City, having a number of fine Belgian horses. Our county horsemen were also well represented. A ball game between Cooperstown and Binford concluded the program for the forenoon. It was a good game and interesting. Score 7 to 3 in favor of Cooperstown. In the afternoon occurred the horse races. The 2:40 class was tame and the 2:10 tamer. The running race was good.

2:40 Trot or Pace.

Dalton L.....	1	1	1
Kichard Carvel.....	2	2	2
Teney Lassie.....	3	3	3

Time 2:33½, 2:33½, 2:31 3-5.

2:10 Trot or Pace

Wyandotte.....	1	3	3	1
T. K.....	3	2	1	2
Sunshine.....	2	1	2	3

Time 2:28; [2:25½; 2:27; 2:26 7-5; 2:28

Running race: Never Again, first; Dora Washburn, second; May Thomas, third

The ball game in the afternoon was between Hope and Hannaford and was a good game. Score 7 to 1 in favor of Hannaford.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.
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