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Last week the Courier editorially suggested that perhaps the press was a little hard on the members of the capitol commission and suggested that it might be well to give the commission a fair show. Since the last paper was issued, however, we have looked into the matter more thoroughly and we are now convinced that the press criticism is just and that the commission is getting no more than it deserves. It certainly does look on the surface as if there was a gigantic scheme on foot for somebody to do some wholesale grafting. We are also of the opinion that the personnel of the commission could have been improved. Mr. Sandager, of the commission, is notorious all over this state as the author of the famous lottery bill. Is he getting his reward for his work in behalf of the lottery? Mr. Budge was postmaster at Grand Forks. He resigned and had his wife appointed postmistress and he was named a member of the commission with the understanding that he was to live at Bismarck. He has not done so and it looks too much like the carrying out of a well laid plan so far as he is concerned. D. J. Laxdal is the third member of the commission. He was land commissioner and resigned that office to accept the more lucrative position to help build a new capitol. Gov. Sarles will have much to answer for in the appointment of his commission and it is not out of place to mention right here that it is a mighty good thing that the primary election law for state officers did not pass the last legislature. The gang laid their plans well when they defeated that measure. There are those, too, who aided defeat that measure who will have to account to the voters next June when they run the gauntlet of the primary law. The press will refresh the memory of the voters along these lines we opine. The capitol commission advertises for plans and bids, a jumbled up mess that no builder or architect can properly handle, giving only six weeks notice to architects to perfect plans, when they know full well no architect of any account can do the work under six months and every architect will have to be his own builder. It is no wonder that the carpenters, contractors and joiners protest, and they are entitled to a decent hearing from the commission and also from the governor who has ignored letters sent to him. If the commission wants to be free from criticism let it cut out its present advertisement for bids, readvertise the proper way and show the people that it intends to do the right thing and above board. We do not believe that it is necessary to spend so much money remodeling the capitol building anyhow.

**KEEN SENSE OF SMELL.**  
 Chamels Can Find a Hunter Over Half a Mile Distant.  
 Judging from his failure to distinguish objects, such as a man's head or hand, as long as they are motionless, I should say that the organs of vision of chamels are scarcely more acute than those of human beings. On the other hand, their sense of smell is quite extraordinary; hence the wind is by far the worst enemy of the hunter. The shifting eddies and currents blowing now this way, now that, now up hill, now down, multiply tenfold the chances in favor of the game.  
 I have often asked friends of mine who have hunted in various countries as to the distance which deer and other wild animals can scent a human being, and most of them seem to be agreed that they will wind you more than a mile off. I have certainly seen chamels over half a mile distant make off in alarm when they could not possibly have seen anything to disturb them. It is curious, too, how much more the hunter's odor seems to terrify them than the mere sight of him. In the latter case unless you are quite close they whistle and move off quietly, turning round every few hundred yards to look, while if they get your scent they will throw up their heads with an expression of utter disgust that is highly diverting and without hesitating a moment gallop away at top speed.—Logan's Magazine.

**THAT CAPITOL COMMISSION.**

COOPERSTOWN, N. D.,  
 September 11, 1905:  
 EDITOR COURIER.  
 Dear Sir: Noting the uncertain tone of your editorial last week on our "state capitol commission" I am constrained to say a few things on the subject which will at least have the merit of clearness, to wit: the president of the commission, the Hon. Wm. Budge, of Grand Forks, is a citizen who has been continuously favored and honored by his county, city and state. Yet the Hon. Mr. Budge has deemed it fitting to resign the postmastership of the city of Grand Forks, have his wife appointed to the vacancy thus created and then accept a state office which pays a very moderate salary and specifically requires that the incumbent RESIDE AT BISMARCK. That's one. After weary years of waiting the Hon. Andrew Sandager, of Ransom, has met his reward. Mr. McKenzie never forgets, and Mr. Sandager's principal claims to remembrance and distinction lie in the fact that he was the introducer of the famous Louisiana state lottery bill in our legislature. Since that episode in his career Mr. Sandager has been in noticeable retirement. That's two. And then we have the Hon. D. J. Laxdal, some time land commissioner and always from Pembina. That's the lot. Think them over. But Pembina also directly, or indirectly, furnishes the ingenious secretary to the commission, a gentleman who has not yet acquired the right to the prefix "Hon." but who is currently believed to be, or to have been, in the employ of the Hon. Judson LaMoure. Now there is absolutely nothing improper about this, but those of us who have had to reckon with Pembina county influences in state politics are gravely aware that its most ancient and honored statesman is a fierce disciple of economy and businesslike methods for the state in general—excepting only where Pembina people or persons whose active cooperation the chiefest of Pembinians must have, is concerned.  
 So now comes along Mr. Secretary T. R. Shaw with a neatly worded, foolish, and, to the unwise, a somewhat ambiguous invitation asking for combination bids on the tearing down of the old and the rebuilding of a new capitol, said bids to be inclusive of architect's plans and builder's estimates of material and labor. This unique proposition is not made clear to those without the gates of McKenzieville by the statement that contracting parties must guess at the available funds the commission will have in hand for the purposes specified, and must cut the cloth "accordin'." Even a more remarkable thing about this request for bids is that it is published to the world at large for the first time on Aug. 3d, 1905, and the bidder is required on Sept. 19th, to hand in a garment warranted to fit either a large or small colored person concealed somewhere about the rubbish of the old Capitol. Sounds like rot—perhaps its rotten. As a matter of fact no architect worthy the name would undertake in the time limit allowed, to make preliminary sketches and working plans for the proposed capitol changes with even approximately guaranteed estimates of costs for material and construction, and no contractor who had not been unfairly advised of coming events would be foolish enough to employ at a probable cost of several thousand dollars the expert help which would enable him in forty-six days to tender a half way intelligent bid on this JOB.  
 It would therefore appear to me—I think it must so appear to all who will give the matter some attention, that our capitol commission is either monumentally incompetent or about to make a deal which will necessitate the syndication of our capitol building land grant at great loss to the state and great gain to the individuals doing the syndication.  
 Yours very frankly,  
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 "Receivers of stolen goods are usually rich, and it is these men as a rule who carry on the criminal insurance business. I know of a criminal insurance company in Philadelphia, another in New York and a third in St. Louis. The policies run from \$100 up to \$5,000, and the premiums are always enormous. This is because the danger of arrest is so great.  
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 A Reminder.  
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 The following took place at a large station in the north of England: A porter had been attending to the luggage of a tourist and, not receiving the expected donation, addressed the gentleman as follows:  
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