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STORY No. 4

## The Biebush Band

Being an Account of the Capture and Conviction of That Notorious Band of Counterfeiters of Which Fred

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crime, the perpetrator of which was unknown, as I suppose should be the case in all well ordered detective stories, but the task of fastening guilt on a man who had had a criminal reputation for more than a third of a century,? been arrested 49 times and, profiting by the lesson of the past, was following his vocation with greater caution than he had exercised before

When I took up the effort to put "Old Fred" Biebush where he could make the government no more trouble he was busy circulating brass, silverplated coins in denominations of 25 and 50 cent pieces and dollars. These coins could not be classed as clever counterfeits, presenting an almost perfect appearance, but being noticeably light in weight. He was also circulating the spurious \$20 United States treasury note engraved by "Pete" Mc-Cartney and the bills known as the Richmond tens. The former was a perfect piece of work.

The Richmond bills were made from a "skeleton" plate in which the name of the bank was left blank. Other plates were then used in connection with it on which nothing was engraved but the names of the Richmond, Muncie and Lafayette, Ind., banks. An issue of bills was struck from the principal plate. Part of this issue would be run through the press on one of the other plates, thus filling in the name of the bank desired. And here I may say that the engraver of the Richmond plate was never found, so far as I know, nor his identity ascertained with certainty. I knew perfectly well that Biebush was getting the treasury notes from McCartney, but



the transaction of their affairs with

had secured all the general informa- ters were progressing favorably until ackers." He was fully trusted by Bietion available concerning Biebush I I hinted to "Old Fred" that I would bush and was credited by my informsent for a man named Thomas Galla-like to handle some of his goods. Then ant with much native cunning. Later gher, with whom I had had some deal-I found that I had made just as much I also was prepared to credit him with ings in the pursuit of criminals, and progress as Gallagher and Kennoch instructed him to try to buy counter- had made-and no more. Biebush said criminal operations, as the following feit money from Biebush. Gallagher he did not object to doing business incident will indicate: was from Seymour, Ind., and had done with me, but that he "had no coney some good work in the capacity of a just then." From the way he spoke while I was still at work on the case stool pigeon or "roper," as we called I knew I was wasting my time and be- a colored coachman named Jackson them in the secret service. Reinhardt fore we landed him behind prison bars came to my office one day and asked Bossee, a countryman of Biebush, ran we would have to practice deeper and a saloon known as the Sheridan Ex- more circuitous methods in "roping." change, at No. 2724 Franklin avenue. and his place was the headquarters for the Biebush clique. Biebush lived with dart street, a short distance away.

Biebush to purchase "coney." Claim- old. He was a congenital criminal, his earthly affairs, wasn't it?—Yonkers ing to be an ex-convict, he attempted stopping only at murder. His favor- Statesman.

tate. Biebush promptly began its form of crime was for ine Gallagher as to his crimi-is, grabbing a pedestrian ble for him to detect a spurious convict as a bank teller could actest a lieved the prey of his valuables. But urious coin or bill.

Gallagher could not pass the rigid was not over particular, taking side xamination to which Biebush sub-excursions into the field of burglary. examination to which Biebush sub-jected him, and the old German de-clined to sell him any "coney," making ery. The Chicago police knew him as the excuse that he had none at that a West side hold-up man of dangertime. He evidently believed, however, that Gallagher was a crook wao wanted to handle counterfeit money, for he did not appear suspicious of him except when it came to the point of giv-ing himself into his power by personally negotiating a sale of "coney."
This was failure number one.

Some time before this W. W. Kennoch, a shrewd Scotchman, had been relieved of the command of the New the wrong horse, Bridges had operated York division of the secret service on in St. Louis as a burglar and turned account of his over-indulgence in over to Biebush such of his "swag" as liquor He was an honest, conscien- was suitable to the latter's purpose, tious and able operative, and had but especially the solid silverware. On one the one fault, a fatal one, however, in occasion he had arrived at the Biebush a man who is carrying secrets of great residence at four o'clock in the mornimportance to the government. After ing in a cab, bringing with him a being relieved of his eastern command | package of silverware. The paper wrap-Kennoch did a good deal of work for per broke as he was about to ring the the secret service as a "roper." He door bell, scattering the loot over the was familiar with criminals and crimes, porch. The "cabby" helped him gather was a plasible talker, and could worm it up, after which Biebush appeared his way into the good graces of coun- and took it into the house. I found terfeiters with much skill.

I enlisted his services and assigned witness against Biebush. did not take offense nor deny that he by Biepush into bars, to be used in the ever handled such goods, but he began manufacture of silver money. to put Kennoch through a course of But this was not the most valuable questioning concerning his past. Ken- information gleaned from "Hoosier noch claimed he had served in a New Bill." He let me into the secret of the [Copyright, 1905, by Marion G. Scheitlin.] York penitentiary, but he could not identity of the more active and impor-

the small of the victim s back and thus pinioning him while his assistant rein the form of crime "Hoosier Bill"

ous character. I listened to his story with deep interest, as it bore directly on the case in hand—the landing of the big fish we were playing for-Fred Biebush "Hoosier Bill" knew Biebush intimate ly. He had established this intimacy

by presenting proper penitentiary cre dentials, of which he had plenty. Before he ran afoul of an Illinois sheriff and had been "settled" for driving off this "cabby" later and used him as a

him to the same task I had given Gal- The "swag" brought in by burglars lagher. He worked slowly, making was paid for in "coney," according to Bosse's saloon his rendezvous. When Bridges, the thieves favoring this way he thought his relations with Biebush of dealing because they received larger were sufficiently close he broached the compensation in representative or subject of buying "coney." As in the counterfeit dollars than they would in case of Gallagher, the wily Prussian genuine money. The silver was melted

Here, then, was not a mysterious furnish such proofs as demanded, for tant members of the Biebush gang.



DESPERATELY TRYING TO WREST

the reason that no such proofs ex-| "Hankey" Thielen and John Sullivaa, isted, and Biebush was cunning enough he said, were two of "Old Fred's" most of the advanced editor. Both were to know genuine proofs from false trusted lieutenants, serving as boodle New England yankees. Tucker was ones. Here was failure number two.

I determined to see what I could do my informant. toward leading the old fox into our bridges did not know just where the trap. I was not known to Biebush. I Thielen plant was located, nor, in fact, ly honest. At the same time he would there was a card game in progress most of the time, and I "sat in." Bie-

Failure number three. Before I took charge of the St. Louis answered from Sullivan. I commishis wife and children at No. 2733 Stod- district I had been informed by a dep- sioned him to make a deal with Sulliuty warden in the Joliet penitentiary van, and I have every reason to be-Gallagher began work by frequent- that a certain prisoner in that institu- lieve that he tried in good faith to ing the Bosse saloon, drinking, playing tion had intimated to him that he had do so, but he failed, Sullivan each time cards and gradually ingratiating him- information which might be of value putting him off at the last moment self into the confidence of the saloon- to the secret service. I bethought mykeeper and Biebush, who spent much self of this and went to see him. He time in the place. After considerable proved to be John Bridges, alias "Hootime was expended by him in this proc- sier Biil," under sentence for horse ess Gallagher thought the time pro- stealing. This worthy was an Indiana pitious for making a proposition to product and something over 40 years

carriers and go-betweens in the deliv- the mildest mannered man that ever ery of "coney" for their chief to the advocated anarchy. Swinton worked I did not consider myself any persons with whom he elected to do for years as managing editor of the shrewder at such work than Kennoch, business. Thielen, in addition to his New York Sun. In those days a manbut it is a universal trait for one to supernumerary services to Biebush in believe he can do a thing better him-circulating bad money, was a manu- Swinton did for Dana, producing the self than anyone else can do it for him. facturer of silver money, according to

allowed my beard to grow into a stub- was it ever located, although we had ble and chose the make-up of a river good reason to believe it was on the man. If I may be pardoned the di- bank of the Mississippi river, above gression I will say that with a few St. Louis. It was Bridges' understanddays' growth of beard and rough ing of the operations of the band that I talk what I believe." clothes I could look "tough" enough to Thielen made the silver-plated coins satisfy even the fastidious Biebush, to from dies cut by one Joseph Hargate, whom the appearance of "toughness" an English engraver, who also did a was a strong recommendation. Thus legitimate engraving and die-cutting attired I made my debut at Bosse's. business in a small shop at his home.

Concerning Sullivan, however, "Hoobush and others whom I afterward sier Bill" had more definite knowledge. one another that we were never able learned were members of his band He was a colored coachman in the emto connect them with legal evidence in played with me. I frequently sat op- ploy of Dr. A. S. Barnes, at No. 3013 posite my quarry and studied him Easton avenue, and, I believe, the only As soon as I had taken a general closely. Friendly relations were estab- colored man who ever rose to a posiview of the task I had before me and lished between us, and I thought mat- tion of any prominence among "konimuch prudence in the conduct of his

> Long after my talk with Bridges and if I wanted him to buy some counterfeit money for me, that he was able to get all he wanted. I asked him from whom he could get it and he

[To Be Continued.] Wound Up.

Bacon-I see a man recently committed suicide by swallowing a clock key. Egbert-Strange way of winding up

It is certain, says Harper's Maga- tions. An object such as an ordinary zine, that the moon's atmosphere, if city block could be detected on the any exists, is less than the thousandth moon. If anything like vegetation part of the density of that around us. were present on the surface, we should The vacuum is greater than any ordi- see the changes which it would under to have barely escaped the gallows, nary airpump is capable of producing. go in the course of a month, during to us of all the heavenly bodies, we can a quantity of air could be of any bene- posed to the rays of the unclouded pronounce more definitely in its case fit whatever in sustaining life. An sun and during another to the intense tongue. It is Yiddish. In this lan- I preferred! None of the others were

> Dryden's Word. The poet Dryden is said to have in-

PICTURESQUE EXILE WHO IS TO RETURN TO RUSSIA.

THE ANARCHISTIC PRESS

A Mild-Mannered Advocate of Anarchy-The Old Irish Americans Radicals-Yiddish Press Now the Most Violent.



long list of "red" writers in New tongues, is suggested by the brief announcement in the press that Sergius von Schevitch is going back to Russia. New York knew Schevitch as the editor of the Arbeiter Zeitung, a

socialist organ of the German-Russian type. Schevitch was a tall, handsome fellow of aristocratic appearance, as well he might be considering his high German ancestry and the noble rank in Russia which he forfeited for his principles. Caught in connection with one of Prince Kropotkin's plots against marriage Schevitch sought forgiveness fogle, Judge Newburger, Judge Rosalfor his offense. In 1895 his brother sky-you see the residents are not negsucceeded in having the rentals of his lected in giving out the offices. A rich

Now he is included in the general Until now the most famous Baxter

The Red Editors. HE anarchistic and



itself getting capi-

talized. Personal-

Benjamin Tucker and John Swinton to the homeless sufferers in Russia. were two of the most picturesque types aging editor wrote editorials. This most conservative argument at command. Dana never hesitated to leave make the most startling speeches to

Tompkins' square audiences. If any

reproached him for inconsistency he

fling. He was content.

Socialism in English.



HE relative decline and anarchistic press is due partly get a better grip. cialism is now

the socialistic newspaper of foreign type declines in influence. At the same time the bitterness of the Irish-American press toward "per-

fidious Albion" has altered since the from your teacher saying you days when Patrick Ford and John again at the foot of the class. Boyle O'Reilly were its most influen- surprised at you. tial heads, and The O'Donovan Rossa its most violent writer. The O'Donovan was a neighbor of mine, Ford almost a neighbor. Of the talented O'Reilly family I have the pleasantest memories. The sons and daughters of these fathers cannot summon up the old bitterness. To have known Kilmainham jail or the danger of jail yourself, or

gives more vivid impressions. The most vigorous press of to-day in on her tapering finger, "how sweet of New York has a different note and you to remember just the sort of stone guage, not in German, the most radical ever so thoughtful." opinion is now expressed. I do not

and all was toward the cast the lan- NORTH DAKOTA NEWS

This part of the press of New York has much literary ability. Abraham Cahan, a siender, intellectual man in middle life, is the best known Yiddish ditor. He is a master of English, is a friend of Howells and other literary lights and has often written realistic stories for the American magazines. Morris Rosenberg, the sweatshop poet, a more visionary type of man, is also now an editor, the poverty out of which he cried in his bitter verse a little relieved. Romantic younger readers will remember that Rose Pastor, the gifted Jewess who married Stokes, the tenement worker, was a reporter on a Yiddish paper. Such publications find their sale whol-York a comet-trail ly among the East siders. The earlier of bushy hair, a Jewish immigrants from northern Euthunder of many rope can hardly understand the jargon in which they are printed.

ried the record of Baxter street weddings was outdone. think that the blushing bride's a long year since any Irish Burkes

years and his great estates confiscated. Papa Burke is the richest rea. estate, to make any charges against the au-He paused long enough in central Eu- owner on that famous street of the ditor Mr. Fabrick. rope to make the acquaintance of the second-hand clothiers. Barney Solo-Lassalle, the beloved idol of German Tim Sullivan, who holds his power as shape and outside if a few unimport-Wild days, wild doings. After his clusively Jewish, to Congressman Goldestate restored, so that Schevitch could East side wedding always calls the politicians to duty.

amnesty of the scared czar and is to street wedding was when the daughter return to Russia and the enjoyment of of one of the "only original Cohens" his rank and wealth. Not all the good was married. That time there were romantic plots, you see, are in the half a million dollars' worth of diastory books, where they say "sdeath." monds worn, but the East side has grown richer since. There is in fact a great deal of wealth down among the recent immigrants from Poland, Roumania and Ruthenia. Most of the socialistic press is great tenement houses are owned by people living in the immediate neighborhood. That is not true of any othity in the "red" er tenement region. Those who beeditor counts less come wealthy in the region do not ofthan it did 20 ten desert it. They stay in the little years ago, just as flats where they have lived and toiled; it does in the as their means expand they find it great "capitalis-necessary more and more to make use tic" dailies. Johann Most, the best type of the time ago by charitable uptown perblatherskite editor sons as a social center for the East Many of the engines leak badly as soon we have had in New York, was at least side, has already parted company with picturesque. With his flery red hair its promoters and become a kosher and beard, his vast jowl and pointed restaurant. Its beautiful halls are upper head, he lent himself admirably often the scene of weddings, which to caricature, and when he hid under wind up with abundant feasts. There the bed to escape the tyrant police is no region in the city where merry. he treated New York to a welcome making is more common. Perhaps this laugh. But he was hardly influential. expansion of the power of joy under a The most prominent anarchistic editors now are Italians, and they issue their papers, for the sake of cheapness.

expansion of the power of joy under a republic explains why bitter anarchistic newspapers do not have any great success. Yet the people do not forget. from Paterson, N. J., or from rural This is the region that has raised

The Last Word in Automobiles. TINTER automobil-



ing practically moves a section of smart New York society to Ormond. where on the hard sand beach amaz ing automobile races are pulled off without interference by the police It was at Ormond that young Frank

said: "I'm paid to write what I write. Croker lost his reckless young life. Until now cars of 30 and 110-horse-By years of abstemious life Swinton power have been about the limit saved \$80,000. His wife seconding him Now Alfred Vanderbilt is having in everything, he started "John Swin- taken to Ormond for his use ton's paper" to preach advanced doc- car of 250-horsepower, so clever trines. Living in poverty, writing ar- ly built that it comes within the genicles for sale as he could find time, he erous weight limit. The power of 125 "blew in" every cent of his savings span of horses, tireless, knowing no upon his principles. Then in his old limits as to speed, except such as wind age, a white-haired, but sturdy, figure resistance makes, will be applied to in his skull-cap, he went back to the drawing a single car carrying but two Sun and earned his living there as persons. The extremely fast cars are long as Dana lived, again faithfully so built that the wind pressure makes writing as the "capitalistic" class them hug the track only the closer would have him do. He had had his The half-cigar model has that effect; so does every sort of upward sloping tonneau. The effect can be compared to the old trick of the horse carting bags of grain up the hill. He goes of the socialistic easier if one bag is taken off the cart and balanced on his back; his hoofs

to the rapidity with which immigrants read Eng- persons has but four-horsepower. Such lish and partly to a runabout will make 12 miles an hour. to the fact that so-cialism is now sumption of power. When the hightaught in attrac- speed machines are ruled off carriage roads, as they must be, what will be we see the socialistic vote growing as the socialistic parameters. trolley cars are not wanted.

OWEN LANGDON. Johnnie's Father-Here's a note

I'm Jimmie (bitterly)-Well, if you had a automobile an' could take th' teacher out ridin' like Tommie Perkins' father does, maybe I'd stand a better show fer bein' at th' head of th class as often as Tommie is.-Cleveland Plain Dealer.

And Then She Wept. "Oh, George, dear," she whispered, when he slipped the engagement ring

George was staggered but for a moknow how many Yiddish papers there ment. Then he came back with: "Not are, the number varying from week to at all, dear; you overrate me. This is week. But most of them are radical the one I've always used."-Tit-Bits.

Arid Land.

Washington Representative Mar-shall has introduced a bill appropriating \$60,000 to cover the cost of an investigation of methods of dry land farming, suited to the arid and semi-

arid regions of the West.

The bill, enacted into law, will enable the bureau of plap; industry of the department of agriculture to carry on systematic investigations with view to the adoption of methods to conserve the moisture in the soil. More or less of this work has been done by state experiment stations, but it is proposed to have the federal government co-operate with them and take general supervision of the sub-

Representative Marshall said that there are millions of acres of land in the western parts of North and South Dakota and Texas which can never be irrigated, and which in ordinary years will raise a good crop, but which are not looked upon as absolutely sure HEN Barney Solo- crop districts. He says the question mon and Becky of dry farming has gone beyond the Burke were mar- experimental state. His bill provides for fifteen experiment stations, to be properly distributed throughout the area proposed to be covered.

Found Correct.

Minot .- The report of State Exname must some aminer Brightwell over his recent time have been examination of the county auditor's otherwise spelled. office was received and made public. It has been many The report came as a disappointment to many, who hoped to see grave charges against the auditor. His bond company asked, some time ago, to be a former czar, he was banished for 40 could have lived at No. 2 Baxter street. company asked, some time ago, to be creat Northern may exceed a former czar, he was banished for 40 could have lived at No. 2 Baxter street. relieved from their bond, but refused line from here to Wales.

The matter was taken before Judge principal, reds there and came to mon is a rich ice dealer who won Goss and he denied the request of working around the mill. preach a milder doctrine in the new plaudits a few years ago by fighting the bond company for a release withworld, where he was an exemplary citMayor Van Wyck's ice trust. A milout their bringing charges and proving them sufficient to cause the izen. Von Schevitch married the beaulion dollars' worth of diamonds were auditor's having the bond taken from auditor's having the bond taken from him. Mr. Fabrick then demanded of ty-eight filings were made on land fifty came to this country to play on the boards of the Amberg theater, the precursor of Conried's Irving Place house. thousand invitations were issued to examiner was called. His report states It was she for whose sake Ferdinand Borough President Ahearn and Big that the office is kept in excellent socialists, had fallen in a fatal duel. leader among a people now almost ex- ant clerical errors no criticisms were made. have gone to Dickinson to conclude

Census.

Fargo.—The census bureau has just near there to a colony of Dunkards. issued a bulletin on the illiteracy of native white people between the ages of fell, thrusting his arm through a win-10 and 14 years, and it is shown that in North Dakota in 1900 there were 7.6 cut and he had a narrow escape from out of every thousand who could not bleeding to death. read or write, while in Maine the number ran up to 13.6, Texas 61, Georgia 104, South Carolina 148, North Carolina ing at his place a sack of sawdust 166, and New Mexico 175. In 1890 the which the farmer may use as he number in North Dakota was 28.2 against 7.6 in 1900; this is a very good believe that sawdust mixed with bran decrease, showing that about threefourths of the illiteracy had been obliterated in ten years. Every state in the union shows some decrease, but the proportion in North Dakota is about of such trees as the oak, ash, or any as large as in any. This is a high tri-bute to the educational system of this state.

Troubled for Water. Jamestown.-The great difficulty in getting good water for the N. P. engines on the Dakota division is causing the engineers a great deal of trouble, says the Capital. The fall has been dry and the wells along the line are low and the quality of water poor. as they have been repaired, and engineers have a great deal of difficulty in keeping engines alive at certain parts of the road. The water at Bismarck and Jamestown is about the best on the division. The Pipestem river has a small flow of running water all the time. The scarcity of good water at this time is felt as a heavy drawback and expense to the operating department.

House Destroyed.

en .- There is a report cur better part of a million dollars to send | rent that the house of Mrs. Mathews near Sykeston, was destroyed by fire route. during the last storm. She and her son were alone and saved but little property. They then started to a neighbor's house but were compelled to advanced age of 80 years, return to their barn on account of the storm. When entering the barn, Mrs. Mathews was kicked in the breast been arrested by Deputy United States by a horse and is said to be severely if not seriously injured.

Hill will be There.

Grand Forks .- Senator J. D. Taylor, chairman of the committee having in charge the arrangements for the state drainage convention to be held in this city, Jan. 10 and 11, is in receipt of a letter from James J. Hill, president of the Great Northern, in which he states that he will attend the convention and make an address, if it is possible for him to be here. His attendance is practically certain,

News Notes.

Amenia .- The loss in the elevator fire s put at about \$100,000. The property was reasonably protected by insurance. Rock Lake.-This embryo village has not been on the map many months, but the place,

Grand Forks .- Grand Forks is to have wholesale notion house with \$50,000 capital.

Grand Forks.-The Knights of Pythdeceased members.

Bismarck .-- Warden Boucher, of the state penitentiary, does not think that there will be much trouble over the threatened attempt of the International people to crowd out state twine, as the quantity of state twine made in this state is but a small portion of the total consumption, and Mr. Boucher says it is a better grade of twine.

Grand Forks.-The indications are that the forthcoming educational convention will be attended by the largest group of teachers that ever met in the

LaMoure.-Great quantities of fish -pickerel, suckers and bullheadsthis point during the past week. Where the water from the artesian wells flows into the river there is an open space, free from ice, and here the finny tribe congregate in great numbers: and here come "sportsmen" armed with pitch forks, dip nets, grain scoops, shovels—all kinds of approved fishing tackle; the fish are massed a foot deep in the open water.

Fargo.-A colony of Dunkards are to locate near Dickinson. Arrangements have been made for the pur chase of 10,000 acres of land by the first members of the colony, and it is probable the number will be greatly increased if the first members prosper. The Dunkards came into the state five or six years ago in great numbers and some of the colonies have been most successful.

Sawyer.-A couple was compelled to submit to a five days' delay in their nuptials because of the weather condi-

Jamestown.-Some of the state ps pers seem interested in the establish. ment of the jag cure in Fargo.

FLICKERTAIL NUGGETS.

Oberon.-A local man was robbed at Devils Lake of \$78.

Granville.—The fire department re-Sherwood.—The village has made a change in the office of marshal.

Cogswell.-A carload of boose was stalled here during the storm. Maxbass.—A gray wolf has been kill-ing wolves and chickens near here. Fargo,-Garrison was without a train

for eight days during the late unpleasantness. Hazelton.-The lid is on-Sundaysand none of the merchants keep their

stores open. Sherwood.—The 7-year-old son of A. Byron, near here, was killed by a kick

Churches Ferry.—The Sun wants the people to be up and doing on the hospital question.

Sherwood.-Some one removed the organ from a schoolhouse near here and trouble is brewing.

Fargo.-Adams is to have a local exchange with long distance connections over the Northwestern. Bowbells .- A violator of the prohi-

bition law was placed under \$2,300 bonds. That's going some. Casselton.-It is claimed that ex-

Governor White is erecting the largest barn in Barnes county. Fargo.-Some of the earlier farmers' institutes were not largely attended be-

cause of the bad weather. Walhalla.-It is now thought the Great Northern may extend a branch

Glenullin.-Lucas Muggli, head miller, had his hand badly lacerated while

Granville.-Owing to the resignation of the rural carrier here no mail was

miles south of here. Kenmare.-Henry Weber, a wrest-

ler, was badly frozen, and the sports may get up a benefit for him. Fargo.-C. D. Lord and Karl Farup, prominent business men of Park River,

sale of ten thousand acres of land Kindred.-A local man slipped and dow. The large artery in the arm was

Minot.-A woodworker advertises that he will give to every farmer callpleases. It is stated that some people is a good thing to feed to milk cows.

Wahpeton.-In Richland county fakirs have been selling fruit trees which are claimed to be grafted on stock other hardy tree that the purchased may desire. People bite, of course, as they always do when a fraud is plausably presented.

Courtenay.—P. D. Walsh says 65,000 bushels of wheat are still lying in the bins erected near the elevators, owing to the scarcity of cars on the "Soo." The elevators are full, also, and some of the leading farmers have not yet marketed any of the grain raised this

Grand Forks.-The local subscriptions for Wesley college are coming in in good shape, and letters are received which indicate great interest in the school in all parts of the state. Already a number of families have arranged to move here where their children can have the benefit of the instruction which is to be had here both at the university and at the

Methodist institution. Oakes.-Our people dislike the plan of sending mail from Fargo via Han-They prefer the LaMoure

Bottineau.-James Fleming, a veteran of the Mexican war, is living in the Turtle Mountains near here, at the

Fargo.-Ex-Postmaster A. B. Hanson of Martin, McLean county, has

Marshal Quist on the charge of a shortage of \$1,000 to \$1,100. The postoffice recently changed hands and Editor Quamme was appointed to succeed Hanson. The shortage was discovered in checking up the office on the trans-

Minot.-A man named R. Mac-Blockie, from Carson, N. W. T., tried to commit suicide with a jackknife in the throat on a Soo train approaching here. The knife was too dull to do good execution and he will live.

Sheldon.-In the division of an estate in the east, Jas. K. Banks recently came into possession of a very curious and extremely rare coin. is a five dollar gold piece, coined by Brigham Young in 1849. At that time gold dust was the principal circulating medium on the coast and Young who was running a little government already there is talk of incorporating of his own in Utah, established a mint and coined probably \$1,000,000 in these pieces.

Grand Forks.-James Percy, wanted in this county on a charge of breaking jail on two different occasions at has will erect a handsome memorial Larimore, is now in jail at Bottineau, monument in their local cemetery to held on a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon with intent to do bodily injury, and the authorities there have declined to turn him over to Grand Forks authorities until he has been given a trial there.

Minot.-A blind pig spotter named Skinner was attacked by four men, the friends of convicted liquor dealers. There were gun flashings on both sides, but no shooting. The men were arrested.

Grand Forks .- The Y. M. C. A. is arranging for a calendar exhibit to be held in the course of a few weeks, and would be glad to receive calendars from any who have them to spare. People throughout the state will confer a favor by sending in anything in the line of calendars old or new, to be used for this purpose.

Sherwood,-Vincent Ray, a Canadian farmer, was arrested by Deputy United States Marshal McKay on a charge of smuggling.

Stanton.-The burning of the Mercer county court house is thought to have been of incendiary origin. The

New Rockford.—The recent blizzard caught Judge Burke and attorneys atending the term of court here, and the party was obliged to remain nearly a week before they could get a train out. The court had been dismissed and part of the jurors and witnesses left Monday evening, so there was no further court proceed-ings and nothing to do but pass the time the best way possible. Only one case was tried.

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Fargo.—In the committee nents by Speaker Cannon of the house, the North Dakota congressmen were provided for as follows: Gronna public land; Marshall, Indian affairs, irrigation and private claims

PROOF OF LIFELESS MOON. Results of Scientific Telescopic Observations Are Most Conclusive.

neither air nor water exists on the tle could get along on none at all. on in quantities sufficient to be perceived by the most delicate tests at our is yet stronger when we consider the

The moon being much the nearest We can hardly suppose that so small than in any other. We know that animal that could get along on so lit- cold of space. But the proof of the absence of life

one portion of which it would be ex-

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