THE COURIER.

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C. H. Johnson, M. L. Michaels.

From Bismarck.

Editorial Correspondence to the Courier. BISMARCK, Jan. 24.-Well! South Dakota has again distinguished itself by demonstrating that an inharmonious majority is unequal to a harmonious minority. The capital removal boom threatened the city a few days, but its propelling force was neutralized by the usual southern jealousies and antagonisms. In the council, when the capital bill came up Friday, Kennedy, of Ordway, moved an amendment by which the removal should be to Ordway, instead of Pierre. This was carried by Bowdle, of Davidson county, Heuster, of Lincoln, Kennedy, of Brown, and Wagner, of Bon Homme, voting with the northern members, who thought this the easiest way of killing the bill. It probably will succeed. The very name of Ordway has brought out all the old Pettigrew-Ordway bitterness.

will sleep well.

and the boom, after life's flitful fever,

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The house doesn't seem to take to the leadership of the cantankerous Mr. Pickler, and while a majority in favor of removal might be had, the bill will probably not be pressed to a passage.

South Dakota has too many bosses who are office seekers themselves to succeed in anything against the old northern ring which, to give the devil his due, stands remarkably solid. Edwards has already proclaimed that their are only a limited number of seats in the band wagon; and that the young converts must come forward at once if they wish to be passed to the front of the procession. If without Judge Moody, (the great and elegant bull-dozing concengreat and elegant bull-dozing concentration of political sagacity, parliamentary and common law), and Barney Caulfield, (the solemn and portentious), the south cannot harmonize, harmony is afar off. When they can submit themselves to Pettigrew's dictation, or that of great and elegant bull-dozing concen-Pettigrew's dictation, or that of

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has been interviewing the members. He is very much afraid that an open market will close the elevators. Poor man! It is rumored that whenever he catches the ear of a legislator, and pours into it his interminable and pathetic tale, the member is ever afterward as deaf as a post, and cannot even hear the cry of the people.

The bill appropriating \$25,000 for the New Orleans exposition has passed without important opposition.

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leaders of their respective sections. Councilman Walsh has introduced a memorial, whereby congress is asked to confer, by an amendment to the organic act, additional jurisdiction on the probate court. While this memorial accords with the suggestion of the COURIER relating to "Our Judiciary," it is faulty in not asking relief commensurate with our necessities. The memorial is drafted with reference to the Montana law, whereby the probate court is granted jurisdiction in civil cases to

the amount of \$500, but is restricted in determining the title to lands, and in co-operating with a grand jury. The new courts which we should have in every county should have jurisdiction in all criminal cases requiring the intervention of a grand jury, save, perhaps, cases of murder and treasen, as our TWO THROUGH TRAINS DAILY criminal law is almost farcical, owing to the time which elapses between commitment and trial. Bring your county-seat rioters, and your ballot-box stuffers, promptly before a county court for trial and the terrors of the law will not be an idle tale. At present, time destroys evidence, and no justice will be particular about bail, where an unbailed prisoner must lie in jail months or years before he is convicted or acquitted. As to restricting the jurisdiction in regard to the title to lands, this is a matter carefully to be considered. A jurisdiction whereby the question of fact, regarding land titles, might be determined in a county court, with an appeal, direct to the supreme court, could not result to our disadvantage. However, the relief called for by Mr. Walsh's memorial is a step in the right direction, and with able lawyers upon the judiciary committee in both houses, a suitable memorial will probably be prepared and passed.

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willow, D. T., P. L. Holland and N. C. Rukke, of cooperstown. Griggs county, D. T.,
The testimony of claimant to be taken before U.
S. Land Office at Fargo, D. T., on the 2d day of February, 1886, and of witnesses before John N. Jorgensen. clerk of district court, at Cooperstown, Griggs county, D.T., on the 2d day of Griggs, Jud La Moure and George Walsh have unanimously been seated in the

have unanimously been seated in the council,—the seating of the former having been accomplished in the teeth of a majority report of the committee, of four to one against him.

There is little doubt but that a bill in relation to the handling and shipment of grain will be passed. The probability is that the Walsh bill will be the basis of legislation. G. S. Barnes, of the Northern Pacific Elevator company, has been interviewing the members. He is very much afraid that an onen more.

Mr. Rice, of Moody county, makes a good speaker—well informed, ready, and firm.

Mr. Westover is not perfectly at home as presiding officer of the council, but is impartial and well liked.

Nickeus, Pettigrew, Austin and Walsh are, perhaps, the most active members of the council, and the best parliamentarians, while Williams and Pickler are generally accredited with being the leaders of their respective sections.

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