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It seems incredible that the cause of the people, in the suit of the Northern Pacific Railroad company, against the treasurer of Traill county, could have been properly presented to the supreme court of the United States. The supreme court has declared not only that the treasurer of Traill county shall not have his taxes, but that every county in the territory along the line of the Northern Pacific is indebted to the holders of the odd numbered sections for all taxes they have ever paid; and each municipality, whose territory was derived from the railroad company, has, and is, without revenue from land taxation, and in debt for what it has already received from that source. The foolish and insane ravings of Sparks are harmless, because his rulings can be corrected, but from the supreme court of the United States no appeal lies, except to the judgment throne of the Almighty, and there the relief must be of a reflex nature—all can be comforted, but the muddle can't be cured. If there is a possible chance for a rehearing, the counties along the line of the Northern Pacific ought to join in sending active and public spirited counsel to the front. It looks as if this decision meant financial embarrassment along the line. The Comman pays taxes on a few sections of this same land, and would much rather pay than litigate, if a refusal to pay and consequent litigation, means additional taxes to the holders of government lands, and a crowding out of the bone and sinew of the country. So far from our location on the great trans-continental line paying to our advantage it will be our misfortune. The railroad company has disposed of the greater portion of its grant and the benefit does not accrue to them, but to the wealthy eastern capitalists, who own vast tracts of land, made valuable by the labors and hardships of the pioneer.

Commissioner Sparks' decision that until a patent issues on government land, it cannot be mortgaged nor conveyed; if it amounts to anything at all amounts to this: That pre-emptions shall be for the benefit of capital, not labor,—the pre-emptor should have, when he starts in his career as a pioneer, \$250 in the bank, to insure his improvements, and \$450 to pay for his land and the expenses of final proof, and in the meantime, amid the unfavorable surroundings of a new country, he must live. If Mr. Sparks is correct, our hardy yeoman has made a terrible mistake in ever coming to this country. It were better for him that a mill stone had been hanged around his neck, and he had been anchored to the bottom of Lake Superior, than that he beheld the earthly paradise only to be driven out by such an unconscionable, unmitigated damphool as the crank of the general land office. Fortunately, this ruling referred to, has not reached the Fargo office, and, before it will have arrived, Mr. Spark's ears will be trimmed that he may hearken unto the voice of the law, and of the people clamoring for its decent administration.

The Fargo Republican, which now occupies the position of the leading paper of Dakota's metropolis, favors a convention in aid of the division of the territory, proposed by our delegate. A strong advocate for division, Bro. Jordan still gives us the old cry, which is a break in the division movement, "Don't meddle with our birth right, our trade mark—our proud name of Dakota." That is, rather than be called Pembina, or Lincoln, he would have the territory remain as it is. This hue and cry about what the territory shall be called, seems, to the Courier, a trifling matter, and and only of value to catch gulls. It is the cry of the old ring—the writhing, twisting, serpentine combination which has, by unscrupulous and cunning methods, kept its clutch on the throat of the territory so long. Let us have division if practicable, with the name

North Dakota—but division anyhow, at any expense.

We bought an overcoat of Ike Sternberg, of Fargo, last week, and subsequently met his partner, Ben Sternberg. Ben invited us to go in and have a cigar.

"Where do you get that nice overcoat?" said Ben.

"Got it of Ike. It's cheap at seventeen and a half."

"Got in Himmel! It cost more as that. Ike is crazy."

"Well, don't tell Ike I said anything about it. I promised him I wouldn't tell you."

Ben couldn't keep his eyes off the coat, and murmured—"Seventeen and a half dollars. Got in Himmel!"

"You see Ike said you mustn't know about it, for you had the heart disease, and—"

That settles it. It's a horse chestnut on me. Here, bring some beer."

Hail Insurance.

Those persons insured in the Continental company received the money for their hail losses on Tuesday, but nothing like what they expected, or what was promised by the adjusters. The method of calculating is one that no man here can find out, and discriminations seem to be made in an arbitrary manner. We can give but a few instances, at present. John W. Beck was led to expect over \$1,000, being adjusted at 75 per cent loss, at the rate of 20 bushels to the acre, with harvesting and threshing expenses figured out, but his draft came for just two-thirds of the amount expected. Doyle brothers received \$48 less than two-thirds of what the adjustment called for. O. J. Robinson's loss was figured at about \$600, and the adjuster, N. S. Read, offered the alternative of \$588 at once, or the full amount on the first of November. Mr. Robinson chose the latter, but the money did not come until a few days ago, and then for just half the amount agreed upon. The continental company owes to the farmers an explanation. They insured in good faith, and are entitled to the full amount, or at least to know a good reason why.—Larimore Pioneer.

Ed. Hanson, of Griggs, insured against fire for \$500, in the Dakota insurance company of Sioux Falls. The adjuster came along, and while Ed. had lost \$2,000 worth of property, he was informed that he got nothing, and if he did not hurry around and pay his \$10 premium he would be sued. We have yet to hear of a single loss by hail or prairie fire, in our county, that has been paid by any company, this year.

Who Got the Fat?

Dr. John Harcourt, census enumerator for Kidder county, and Mayor Corwin, who enumerated Logan, DeSmet, McHenry and Sheridan counties, have received word from Major Edwards that although their work was perfectly satisfactory, some one else captured the prize. They did not want it anyhow; it was only forty dollars.—Steele Ozon.

Attorney Jacobson, enumerator for Griggs county, likewise received kind words, and \$76.57 for his services. M. L. Michaels received \$23; total, \$102.57, for Griggs county.

B. Gratz Brown, candidate for vice president on the Greeley ticket, died at St. Louis December 13th, aged 59 years.

Our railroad commissioners received 189 letters, and adjusted 65 complaints. The Pillsbury Elevator company say that unless the elevators are furnished with cars more promptly they shall have to close their elevators, and buy on the track themselves.

The Larimore Pioneer says the Continental owes the farmers an explanation. Undoubtedly. If this is all the Continental, or other companies, owe, their debts will be paid. Farmers can better carry their own risks, or join the Home Mutuals.

The Sanborn Enterprise is in its fifth year. Although Sanborn has, as explained by Bro. McKean, several black eyes, the columns of the Enterprise do not show it; and it bears all the marks of a thoroughly healthy journal, ably edited.

At Russell, Mass., the pauper contractor who received \$75 per annum for keeping the poor, has been feeding them on raw corn meal and water, and sleeping them on piles of husks. The result is they have died off quite freely, and the county has profited by this slow murder.

Hon. H. S. Oliver informs the Lisbon Clipper that failing to get any better grade in Lisbon than No 1 Northern, feeling convinced that his wheat was No 1 hard, consigned it to the Lenham Elevator company at Duluth, where it was graded No 1 hard, as he expected. By this deal he cleared on two cars, after paying all charges, 8 1/2 per bushel over and above the price offered in this town, or about \$90.

Governor Zeibach's poor prospects for the governorship is laid, by a knowing one, to his uncountiness and awkwardness. He stepped on Miss Cleveland's cat when he called at the White house. Mr. Pierce will be governor of Bismarck some time longer. He is of more pleasing address than ex-Governor Ordway.

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NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF.—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., Nov. 19, 1885. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim and secure final entry thereon on the 31st day of December, 1885, viz: John Peterson, D. S. No. 16574, for the sw 1/4 of sec 12, tp 14n, r 61w, and names the following as his witnesses, viz: Mads Nestro, Trond Rogne, Andreas Hanson, Hans Nelson, all of Jesse P. O. Griggs county, D. T. The testimony to be taken before John N. Jorgensen, clerk of the district court, at Cooperstown, Griggs county, D. T., on the 26th day of December, A. D. 1885, at his office. HORACE AUSTIN, Register. 44-49. Jacobson & Ole, attys.

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