

THE COURIER.

FRIDAY, JUNE 4, 1886.

Official Directory.

TERRITORIAL OFFICERS.
 Governor—Gilbert A. Pierce.
 Senator in Congress—Oscar S. Gifford.
 Secretary—J. H. Teller, of Yankton.
 Auditor—G. L. Cady, of Yankton.
 Treasurer—J. C. McKay, of Yankton.
 Superintendent of Public Instruction—H. H. Beadle, of Yankton.
 Surveyor General—Cortez Fessenden, of Yankton.
 Judge District Court, Sixth District—Francis, of Bismarck.

COUNTY OFFICERS.
 Commissioners—H. C. Cooper, chairman, N. R. R. and O. H. Hays.
 County Clerk and Register of Deeds—H. P. Smart.
 Clerk of District Court—J. N. Jorgensen.
 Sheriff—Allen Pinkerton.
 Treasurer—Anton Enger.
 Surveyor—Martin A. Ueland.
 Supt. of Schools—Dr. T. E. Kerr.
 Judge of Probate—Geo. B. Clark.
 Coroner—Dr. G. F. Newell.
 Commissioners of Insanity—Geo. B. Clark, T. F. Kerr and David Bartlett.
 Justices of Peace—P. A. Melgard, Cooperstown; Harry Clark, Willow; A. H. Sangie of Helena; M. Davidson, Gallatin.
 Constables—H. L. Atchison, Allan Pinkerton, C. H. Johnson, M. L. Michaels.

The Legislature.

The republican district committee for the Eighteenth Legislative district, comprising Traill, Steele, and Griggs counties, which is made up of the members of the committee of the old Eleventh district from Traill and Steele, and the member of the old Ninth district from Griggs, will meet at Portland, June 7th, to determine upon the time and place of holding the next convention, and the number of delegates to which each county is entitled.

At that convention, to be determined upon, the republican candidate for the council, and the two republican candidates for the house, will come before the public. The men to make these nominations are, by a popular fiction, supposed to be selected by the people in county convention. That this is a fiction is the fault of the people themselves, in a great measure, but often because injudicious committees so order the primaries, in the middle of harvest, that the farmer is obliged to remain away. The editor of the COURIER is the member of the district committee from Griggs county, and assures the people that the district convention will, if he can effect it, be so called that the primaries and county convention can be held without interfering with their work. If the members of the county committee are equally particular, the farmers shall have no excuse for not having their say. Then, whatever shall be the outcome of the convention, they must be content. In offices of this kind the work must be done in convention. If Jones, or Brown, or Olson, think to straighten matters at the ballot box they are greatly mistaken. This may be done as to county offices, but not as to district offices in a district as extensive as many an Eastern congressional district.

The legislative offices are encumbered with greater responsibilities than any county office can be. The members of the legislature make county offices, create their fees and salaries, and abolish them. Any American citizen who is too indifferent to look after his law maker is unworthy of his government, and his kick against a public servant, whom he neither aided, nor opposed, is a crazy kick worthy only of a contemptuous smile.

The offices are not lucrative, nor, as often administered, not honorable. The territory is covered with the bones of politically defunct legislators, who have had their brief junket at the capital, only to be retired to private life, dead broke, and thoroughly demoralized. In the majority of cases these men sought the offices to which they were elected—the offices did not seek them.

Now if our granges, alliances, churches, mutual insurance companies, farmers, and merchants, desire to be felt, let them, at every primary and convention, get to the front.

The COURIER expects to support the nominees of the district convention, whether they wear wings on their backs, or horns on their heads. No candidates have as yet made their appearance; but before November they will doubtless be as noisy as a flock of sparrows after a choice maggot. The only difficulty will be in making a selection—as one is sometimes puzzled in culling a bouquet in an extensive garden of roses.

What M'ile Rhea will wear during her coming engagement, her romantic history, and her society graces, have filled the Fargo papers for some time. They should also mention the fact that she speaks pigeon English in seven different languages, and has a smile that was middle aged in Geo. Washington's time; that as an actress, we have dozens of native soubretts whose renditions are far more intelligent, and which are given in plain United States.

The Fargo Argus is again on our table—unsubdued, unreconstructed, and well supported, as of yore. As a general thing, we do not bank on the Major's

political views; but we always rip the wrapper off the Argus early in the evening to see what is transpiring in the great world, and the editor's critical and comprehensive mind.

The inklingers are criticizing the President for not being more demonstrative in his love affair. He does not it is true, act like Jones, of Florida, but his style of courtship is far more becoming to a person of his rotundity and age.

Decoration day passed off quietly in this section. There is a lone grave on the prairie, southeast of town, which we might have covered with flowers, and sprinkled with tears, upon the bare possibility that it is the grave of a soldier of '63. However, the subject might have been "injun," or horse thief.

Nimmo, United States statistician, estimates that there are not to exceed 1,000 head of the wild American bison in existence, and nearly all of these are north of the British boundary line.

The Dakota politicians are kicking against the Dawes Sioux Reservation bill, because it grants townsites along the line of the C. & N. W. and C. M. & St. P. railways, to those institutions. They call this wanting the earth. This talk is humbug. A railroad company should have the privilege of owning the townsites along its line, although enormous grants may well arouse hostilities.

The Little Gleaner is the latest newspaper in Valley City. It is published by Will C. Weiser (son of the Old Reliable) in the interests of the M. F. Literary society. If it always tells the truth, and never tells a lie, it will supply a long felt want—in the territory.

Sparks has stopped, by telegram, all pre-emption and timber culture filings, at the Fargo land office, and it is thought that congress has been doing something desperate.

The President and Miss Folsom were wed, Wednesday evening, and have gone to the Allegheny mountains. It was a very quiet affair.

The grand jury at Chicago have found twenty-one indictments against Spies, Fielding, et al's. Six of them are for murder.

No, there is nothing the matter with the wheat in Griggs county. The crop is two weeks early, and doing finely.

The Century.

The Century for June could not be mistaken for the Century for October or July. "Meh Lady" is a charming idyl of "Old Virginny", during the "wah", in negro dialect. "The Two Bells," a little poem by Bessie Chandler, has the peculiar music of Bret Harte in its stanzas. An article on "Faith Healing and Kindred Phenomena" affords valuable information to the credulous, and superstitious. Those familiar with the botanical works of Dr. Asa Gray will find much pleasure in an article on the Harvard garden. "Lemuel Baker" continues to develop under Howell's deft touch. Ben Franklin is reintroduced to the world by his unpublished letters; while the remaining articles, from editorials to short poems, are worthy of the magazine.

Century, Union Square, New York.

Sporting News.

The Dempsey-Cardiff match is off, owing to the timidity of Cardiff, who seems to do all his fighting with his mouth.

Archer rode the winner of the Derby for the fifth time.

Duluth leads the Northwestern league, while Oshkosh brings up the rear.

Detroit leads the National league, with Chicago second, and New York a good third.

Evan Lewis, the strangler, was no good with Muldoon. Muldoon ought to have broken his leg, just under his ear. Teemer defeated Wallace Ross, at Oak Point, May 31, while Courtney tied with some other hippodromist, at an obscure point, the same day.

"John Bates," (who evidently takes the COURIER) of Griggs county, has a good letter in the Farm, Stock & Home concerning the storage of wheat. He says:

"We are all delighted with Farm, Stock & Home, and are unanimous in the opinion that every farmer in the land should read it."

This farm paper is furnished gratis to every subscriber of the COURIER who pays up his back subscriptions, and one year in advance.

Proof positive—Mother: "Did you steal the cake, Johnnie?" Johnnie: "No ma'am. Did I, Maudie?" (who got a piece of the cake): "No, 'deed, mama! I saw him did't!"
 —E.C.

ANNUAL STATEMENT for the year ending Dec. 31st, 1885, of the FIRE ASSOCIATION

Of Philadelphia, organized under the laws of the State of Pennsylvania, made to the Auditor of the Territory of Dakota, in pursuance of the laws of said Territory. President, Jesse Lightfoot, Vice-President, E. C. Irvin, Secretary, W. S. Winship. Organized on Incorporated, March 27th, 1880. Commenced business September 1st, 1881.

CAPITAL.	
Amount of Capital Stock actually paid in cash	\$500,000 00
The value of its Real Estate is	70,800 00
The cash on hand in its office is	9,934 82
The cash on deposit in bank is	187,597 22
The cash in hands of agents and in course of transmission is	122,392 36
Loans on bond and mortgage being the balance on Real Estate worth double the amount of the sum loaned thereon	1,007,560 94
Stocks and bonds owned by the company, to-wit:	
As per schedule attached to original statement	
Total carried out at market value	2,406,216 00
Total paid value	\$ 1,500 00
Total market value	19,881 00
Thereon	5,4 00
All other sums due the Company	41,582 73
Total assets	\$4,250,564 07
LIABILITIES.	
Amount of losses yet unpaid	\$ 119,344 73
Amount of claims for losses resisted by the Company	42,144 28
Whole amount of unearned premiums on outstanding risks	2,805,282 08
Amount of dividends declared and due and remaining unpaid	None
Amount of money borrowed and remaining not yet due	None
Amount of money borrowed and remaining unpaid	None
Security given for payment of above	None
Amount of all other existing claims, to-wit: Capital	500,000 00
Total liabilities	\$3,466,771 99
INCOME DURING THE YEAR 1885.	
Whole amount of cash premiums received	\$1,254,995 61
Whole amount of premiums received on policies written in the Territory of Dakota	\$13,419 07
Whole amount of interest money received	195,506 87
Whole amount of interest money received on loans in the Territory of Dakota	None
Whole amount of income received from all other sources	9,075 29
Total income	\$1,739,577 77
EXPENSES DURING THE YEAR 1885.	
Whole amount of losses paid during the year 1885	\$ 979,282 30
Amount of losses paid upon risks taken in the Territory of Dakota	\$6,955 86
Amount of losses accrued prior to preceding statement	1,908 35
Amount of losses accrued subsequent to the preceding statement	5,747 04
Amount of dividends paid during the year	300,000 00
Amount of commission and fees paid to officers and agents during the year 1885	318,885 85
Amount of taxes paid during the year 1885	57,178 91
Amount of taxes paid the Territory of Dakota during the year 1885	\$11 85
Amount of fees paid the Auditor of the Territory of Dakota during the year 1885, (not including taxes)	88 00
Whole amount paid for salaries of officers and agents during the year 1885	105,733 57
Whole amount of all other expenditures during the year 1885	23,547 24
Total Expenditures	\$1,679,967 87
Gross amount of risks taken during the year 1885	\$129,084,872 00
Gross amount of risks taken in the Territory of Dakota during 1885	525,203 00
Whole amount of risks outstanding during the year 1885	\$260,168,184 00
Whole amount of losses incurred during the year 1885, including those claimed but not yet due on the 31st day of December, 1885	5,717 54
Number of Agents in the Territory of Dakota 33	

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA, ss.
 County of Philadelphia, I, J. Lightfoot, President and W. S. Winship, Secretary of the Fire Association of Philadelphia, being duly affirmed and sworn, depose and say that the foregoing is a full, true and correct statement of the affairs of said company; that the said insurance company is the bona fide owner of at least ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS of actual cash capital, invested in the State and United States Bonds and Bonds, or in Real Estate and Mortgages of Real Estate unincumbered, and worth double the amount for which the same is mortgaged, and they are the above described officers of said insurance company.
 (Signed) J. LIGHTFOOT, President.
 (Signed) W. S. WINSHIP, Secretary.
 Subscribed and affirmed to before me this 22nd day of January, 1886.
 (SEAL) [Signed] THOMAS B. PROSSER, Notary Public, Philadelphia.

TERRITORY OF DAKOTA,
 AUDITOR'S OFFICE.
 I, E. W. Caldwell, Auditor of the Territory of Dakota, do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the original statement now on file in this office.
 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of this office at Bismarck, this 28th day of April, 1886.
 E. W. CALDWELL, Auditor.

THE TERRITORY OF DAKOTA, Auditor's Office, Department of Insurance, Company's Certificate of Authority.
 Whereas, the Fire Association of Philadelphia, a corporation organized under the laws of Pennsylvania, has filed in this office a sworn statement exhibiting its condition and business for the year ending December 31st, 1885, from which it appears that the capital, the character of the securities, and the financial standing of said company, conform to the requirements of the laws of this territory regulating the business of insurance; and
 Whereas, the said company has filed in this office a duly certified copy of its charter, with certificate of organization, and has fully complied with the requirements of the insurance laws aforesaid;
 Now, therefore, I, E. W. Caldwell, Auditor of the Territory of Dakota, pursuant to the provisions of said laws, do hereby certify that the above named company is fully empowered through its authorized agents to transact its appropriate business of Fire Insurance in this territory, according to the laws thereof until the 31st day of December, A. D. eighteen hundred and eighty-six.
 IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal at Bismarck, this 28th day of April, A. D. 1886.
 (Signed) E. W. CALDWELL, Auditor.

JOHN N. JORGENSEN,
Land Attorney!
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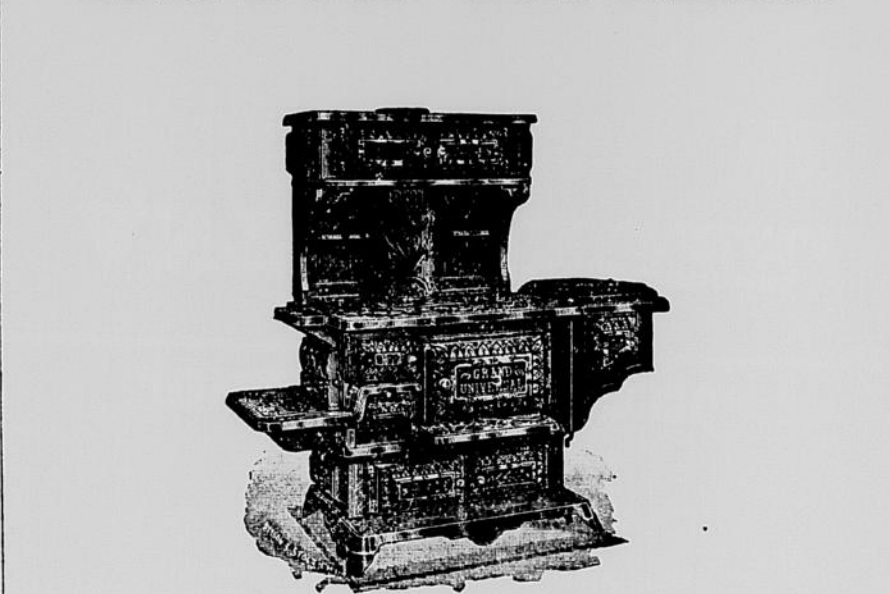
Fifty Pairs of Shoes for \$1. worth \$2 to \$3.
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