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The LaMoure Progress and Chronicle sets the political pot to shimmering, and advocates party lines, and the issue of admission and division in the delegate campaign. It is proposed that the democratic party of the territory be held responsible for the action of the democrats in congress. We think, our elves, it would be a good thing to crush the democrats this fall, provided there are enough of them to make an appreciable political corpse. The difficulty will be in finding out when they are sufficiently reduced. Without a glimmer of hope ahead of them, they crush themselves when they flutter after the unattainable. Let them flutter. Some of our democratic friends want postoffices, and it would be a great pity to deprive them of the prestige of a political fight.

The flip newspapers who ridicule the base ball craze must remember that, as a sport, it is less disgraced by hippodroming than almost any other upon which the American public delights to bet. The personal ambitions of the individual players, coupled with the impossibility of successfully "playing off," without exposure, the ambition of rival cities, the fact that the clubs win from the spectators, through the gate receipts, sufficient to make their occupation remunerative, militates against trickery.

Miss Rose Cleveland's novel "The Long Run," is said to be full of microbes and German, and Latin, and Greek, with a hero named Rufus Greesbeck, and a heroine named Emeline Longworth, who thinks she is blue-blooded. The story is very prosaic and dull, and like the "gross of green spectacles" is more useful in the selling than the reading.

Editor Vallandigham, of Valley City, is about to publish a series of sketches of old settlers, who "have made their mark." Is it right to give away the illiteracy of the ancient sojourners, in this way?

The life, suicide, and burial of King Ludwig reads like the play of Hamlet. It seems to belong to another age.

"Prince Luipold, Sister Theresa, and the ladies in waiting were present when Ludwig's mother was informed of her son's suicide. The announcement was very formal. The court chaplain began by reading from the bible a text suitable to the occasion. This he repeated three times. It alarmed the King's mother and in a startled way she asked if anything was amiss with the King, and when she was told that Ludwig was dead she fell back to the floor unconscious. When King Ludwig was removed from Hohen-schwengau to Berg castle he was quite touched at the sight of the weeping. "I shall soon get the better of that old fool," pointing to Dr. VonGudden. The bells throughout Bavaria will ring every day for six weeks from noon till one o'clock in the morning."

We have not derived the benefits, in the past, as a territory, from our delegates, which we might reasonably expect. They have not been politicians in the true sense of the term. They have been good, respectable delegates, who have accomplished but little, and exercised but little influence. Whether this is the result of the short duration of their official life, their bad luck, or incompetency, is an open question, but it is most likely that they have all lacked the qualities of a politician—intellect, perseverance, energy, patience, astuteness, and personal influence, made effective by long experience in political management.

We have, outside of the names mentioned, very clever politicians in Dakota, who have become noted, as well as sometimes disliked, for their victories in whatever they have undertaken. We would suggest that it would be infinitely better for the territory to ignore ambitious politicians, magwumps, and gentlemen of static forces, and elect a man for Washington of dynamic force—one who will do his scheming for the good of the territory, and not for his friends in the territory—where he will find a proper field for his undisputed political talent.

While we have heretofore deprecated Major A. W. Edwards' unscrupulous methods in political conventions in the territory, we cannot but have admired his consummate political abilities. He is widely known all over the territory as one of the shrewdest of politicians, and a man of much personal influence, as well as ability. He is not only prominent at home, but is known abroad; and we do not believe that any better man could be selected for the interests of the territory, and further believe he possesses all the qualities which should recommend him as our delegate. —Barnes County Record.

There seems to be some reason in the Record's argument for better delegate material; but we imagine the Major, while gaining his Southern friends, has made too many warm enemies in the North to make him an available candidate. Gen. Allen would probably have as great a following as the gentleman, and arouse no latent antagonisms.

SPARKS.

Over a Million Acres of Railroad Lands in Dakota Opened for Settlement.

MANDAN, Dak., June 21.—Register Rea, of the Bismarck land office, today received a decision from Commissioner Sparks in the John Walton-Winona town site case, which makes a radical change in what were supposed to be the rights of the Northern Pacific to lands located in what is known as the ten-mile indemnity grant. The town site Winona is on the east bank of Moose river, opposite Fort Yates, and is valuable property. Lots there have sold at from \$50 to \$100, and the controversy involves about \$100,000. The town was platted by the railroad, which owns a half-interest, and the other half belongs principally to Harry Douglas and Maj. MacLaughlin, of Standing Rock. Some time ago John Walton, the first settler in Bismarck, and who located on the site of Winona several years ago, made application at the Bismarck land office to file on a homestead covering the town of Winona, on the grounds that he located there in good faith as a homesteader prior to the time when the railroad had any color or title to the property. His application was refused, and he appealed to the general land office. Commissioner Sparks now sustains the appeal, and orders the local office at Bismarck to receive the filing. The decision of the commissioner is based upon the ground, principally, that the railroad failed to make good its selection within the indemnity grant by naming the land actually lost. The act of Congress creating the ten-mile indemnity grant required the railroad to file a list of odd sections within the fifty-mile limit selected in lieu of all lands within the forty-mile limit lost by reason of prior settlement or other cause. The railroad was also required to select its indemnity lands opposite those lost and in the same range. It seems the company failed to do this and failed to report any specific deficiency, but simply filed a general list of the whole ten-mile indemnity grant, thus claiming a great deal more than the company had actually lost within the forty-mile grant and a great deal more than the railroad was legitimately entitled to. The decision, therefore, holds that because the railroad failed to make a proper selection of its indemnity lands, it has no legitimate claim to any lands outside of the original forty-mile grant. This decision practically results in throwing open for settlement all the odd sections between the forty and fifty-mile grants, involving about 1,100,000 acres of land in Dakota. The decision is one of great importance, and a number of persons will take advantage thereof to rush into the territory thus thrown open for settlement.

Gladstone's Campaign.

London aivices say Gladstone's supporters, who were in somewhat of a despondent mood at the beginning of last week, have suddenly rained in hope and expectation since their champion's triumphant journey northward. The manner in which the Premier has been received, as well as the sustained strength and effectiveness revealed by his oratorical efforts, have fully restored confidence in his ability to sway the people, and conduct a campaign with all the power which has characterized his previous career. More hopeful reports are also coming from Gladstone's agents in the middle counties as to the prospects for successfully combatting Chamberlain's influence among the liberals in these sections. The Parmelites likewise profess increased confidence. They say they are certain of electing eight of the members for London, and also controlling numerous boroughs in the north of England.

Gladstone will speak directly to the masses as often as his strength will permit. His followers are much encouraged by the prospect of the increased influence which this affords.

At the Mankato races an interesting feature was the 2:25 pacing race. An old Scotch granger, named Jacobs, drove a long gaited horse, and wanted

to take second money. The drivers of Bell D. Therssa Scott, Little Joe, and Uncle Ebb, worked against him, whereupon, in the last half mile of the fifth heat, he whipped up his horse, and distanced the entire field, taking first and second money himself.

Detroit won two out of three games, with Chicago, while on the 22d inst. St. Paul downed Duluth by a score of 52 to 7.

New York clergymen have inaugurated a movement to suppress Mormon immigration into this country. The commissioners of emigration have agreed to co-operate in the efforts of the clergymen, and a number of German and Irish societies are also interested in the matter. The power of the United States government not only, but of the British and other foreign powers as well, will be invoked to aid in the warfare. The commissioners of emigration announce that no more Mormons are expected this month. The last batch, numbering nearly two hundred, a few days ago had to remain in Castle Garden several days before obtaining the means of going on to the west; and had evidently been made the victims of false representations to secure their coming to this country.—Etc.

Minneapolis street car drivers are out on a strike, the cause being the prohibition made by the company against drivers sitting down.

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CONTEST—Fargo, Dak., May 19, 1886: Complaint having been entered at this office by Peter P. Moring against John P. Cornell for failure to comply with law as to timber culture entry No. 2142, dated September 25, 1882, upon the north-west section 22, township 14 n, range 59 w, in Griggs county, Dak., with a view to the cancellation of said entry; contestant alleging that the said John P. Cornell failed to break or cause to be broken five acres of said tract during the first year of his said entry ending September 25, 1883, that he failed to break or cause to be broken a second five acres, and also to cultivate to crop or otherwise five acres as required by law during the second year of said entry ending Sept. 25, 1884, that he failed to cultivate the second five acres and to plant to trees, tree seeds, nuts, or cuttings, five acres of said tract during the third year of said entry, ending Sept. 25, 1885; that said failures to comply with the law exists at the present time; the said parties are hereby summoned to appear at this office on the 15th day of July, 1886, at 10 o'clock a.m., to respond and furnish testimony concerning said alleged failure. HORACE AUSTIN, Register. 21-25

NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF—Land Office at Fargo D. T. June 11, 1886. 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 that said proof will be made before the judge of the probate court, at Sherbrooke, D. T., on July 20th, 1886, viz: John P. Pense, H. E. No. 11,552, for the use of sec. 18, 19p, 14a, r. 55, T. 14 N., R. 55 W., 14th range, 55th range. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz: H. B. Randall, James Sweetland, James H. MacLean, William Sweetland, all of Pickert P. O., Steele county, D. T. HORACE AUSTIN, Register. 23-28

NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF—Land Office at Fargo, D. T. June 23, 1886. 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 that said proof will be made before Register and Receiver, at Fargo, D. T., on August 6, 1886, viz: Ole S. Moe, for the use of sec. 10, 14p, 14r, r. 25, T. 14 N., R. 25 W., 14th range, 25th range. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz: John Foshold, Andrew Mikkelson, Edward Boland, Torleik Foshold, all of Cooperstown, D. T. HORACE AUSTIN, Register. 23-28

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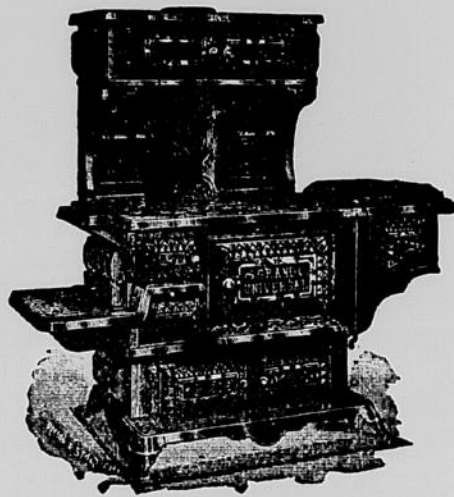
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