

Official Directory.

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 Supt. of Schools—Dr. T. F. Kerr.
 Judge of Probate—Geo. B. Clark.
 Coroner—Dr. G. F. Newell.
 Commissioners of Insanity—Geo. B. Clark, T. F. Kerr and David Bartlett.
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 Constables—J. H. Atchison, Allan Pinkerton, C. H. Johnson, M. L. Michael.

The Delegateship.

Last week we dwelt at length upon the proposition that North Dakota should present a solid front at Yankton, with one candidate for congressional honors. Now comes the Fargo Republican with the following significant words:

The Bismarck Tribune learns that the citizens of Ward county have already held caucuses and instructed delegates to the county convention to select men who will vote and work for the nomination of Edwards for delegate to congress; and the Tribune remarks that "from this small but significant beginning the Edwards boom promises to grow and expand with a rapidity which will prove uncomfortable to the numerous other aspirants." The Republican believes the Tribune is right—provided Major Edwards can be induced to openly announce his candidacy. Whatever edges he may have made to Gen. Allen cannot longer be considered binding, as the candidacy of the latter gentleman has been emphatically repudiated, and he may fairly be considered out of the field, if, indeed, he has ever been in it. Major Edwards has warm admirers in all parts of the territory, who would be pleased to see him honored, and would work energetically to that end; but his friends can do nothing for him while he is handicapped by the dead weight of Allen's hopeless cause. In view of all the circumstances, it strikes the Republican that the neat thing would be for Gen. Allen to show his appreciation of what Major Edwards has attempted to do for him, by the publication of a card to the public, absolving the latter from all obligations on account of the terms of any alliance which may have been entered into between the two. This would permit Major Edwards to place himself in the hands of his host of friends, and put the latter in a position to whoop it up in dead earnest.

It seems that of all the northern booms that of Major Edwards is the only one gathering strength. While the COURIER might prefer some other candidate, it realizes the fact that it is too late in the day to quarrel with what is. Should the gentleman, in accordance with the advice of his esteemed contemporary, enter the lists, it seems very probable that he will have strength enough at Yankton to render him a formidable rival of Judge Gifford. He has certainly experience and ability that will enable him to accomplish much, if properly supported, and seems to be in the field for the delegateship, in spite of himself. What worries the Major is the fact that there are no underground wires laid. Like Tom Sawyer and Huckleberry Finn, he wants everything done according to tradition,—including the file in the loaf of bread, etc. He seems to be jealous of his own boom, on account of Gen. Allen's boom; which is "regular."

Sea-serpents.

This is the season for wonderful happenings. A church member who "swared" has been turned to a sizzling, red-hot stone, by a bolt from Heaven; Lake Kampeska, and several other lakes, have sea-serpents; while Devils Lake has a phantom steamer. It is a cold day when Devils Lake gets left, as a summer resort, with its two live newspapers. California has had its usual shower of frogs; while a negro has died, down south, at the age of 153 years. He often spoke of the good old times "before de wah—de revolutionary war." He was hand-in-glove with the immortal George, and was far superior to George, in being able to lie like a Minnesota newspaper. Every reason exists to believe that Lake Ensign is chock full of sea-serpents. If sea-serpents are indigenous to Dakota there is no better place for them than Ensign. We never suspected fish in the lake till this season, yet the catch has been enormous. All the lakes with serpents are full of fish; Lake Ensign is full of fish, so it is

well enough to watch out for serpents. Parties who go after the varmint will do well to call at Captain Pattison's and get a glass to see serpents wit'.

Fargo Argus: The decision in the Barnes county bond case leaves old Uncle John Russell about the only man for Barnes county to look to for the judgment against Pease, for some \$38,000. Uncle John is a rustler, and has been forward in every enterprise in Valley City. He has business connections at Bismarck, Jamestown, and other points, as well as president of the First National Bank at Valley City, and proprietor of the flouring mills. The people of Barnes county should carefully consider how far they can go in forcing Uncle John to pay up. It would seem to an outsider, if they collect from him a pro rata share, and release him, it would be better in the end, for in this way they sustain a live business man who aids largely in upbuilding Barnes county. Other bondsmen may not be good, but is it not better for the county to lose a portion and maintain a good citizen and active business man, than to crush him out? Such men as Uncle John Russell are not found every day and they are worth something to a community.

The people of Barnes county will "carefully consider" no doubt, all the circumstances of the case; and, you bet, Uncle John is one of the people of Barnes county, and will do as much "considerin'" as any other man. As I said afore, it's all fer ter make bunkum—mostly. It would seem from the above article that Uncle John had made Barnes county; how about Barnes county making our old friend, and is the judgment for thirty-eight thousand?

COOPERSTOWN, Griggs Co.—Wheat headed, short straw, thin on ground, badly damaged by drouth. Barley injured less than other grains. Many fields of wheat and oats being plowed under.

In the Farmer, published at St. Paul, appears the foregoing remarkable effusion. G. W. B. better name the fields that have been plowed under. A stranger would suppose that wheat is a failure in Griggs county. From all authentic reports, we shall average fifteen bushels per acre. G. W. B. better inquire generally, and not make his report from his own fields.

The newest wrinkle in the rapidly expanding strike industry, is a strike for beer. Twenty weavers employed by a New York ribbon manufacturer recently decided that they must be allowed a pint of beer each at half past three o'clock or they would quit work. The manufacturer drew the line at the beer and the twenty weavers are doing nothing but drink beer for a few days while they test the powers of endurance of their anti-beer employer.

We have been afraid of this result for some time.

We understand a petition is in circulation asking that the county be divided into five commissioner districts; and that two new commissioners be appointed to serve until the November election, when their successors must be elected. The Commissioners, the Register, and Judge of Probate are the appointing board. The petition must be signed by one-third of the legal voters of the county. This movement is evidently intended to bring the question of "license or no license" before the people.

John E. Haggart, the big-hearted sheriff of Cass county, is again in the field, and will undoubtedly be re-elected. It must be discouraging to his political opponents to see him continually making new friends, while he never loses an old one.

Editor Hansborough, in reply to the complimentary press notices that he has received in reference to the delegateship, says:

Thanks, thanks. Applications for postoffices and such will be received from the present writing until all the positions are filled. Enclose a one-cent stamp for campaign incidentals. Again we thank you.

The second annual Territorial Fair will be held on the fair grounds at Huron, Sept. 6th to 10th, and promises at this time to be a decided success. We acknowledge the receipt from the secretary of a complimentary.

Chiragraphy.

We set up among the base ball items, that the Chicago club would yet win the pennant. The Devil set the item up, that they "would yet win the peanut."

In court notes it was stated that General Wilson, of Fargo, appeared for the respondent. The proof read: "General Wilson, of Chicago, appeared for the despondent."

We wrote of a prominent evangelist; "He is a noble old psalm singer." The proof read: "He is a nobby old ham stringer."

Mrs. X.—Say, Mrs. Brown, did you see my husband while you were away?

Mrs. Y.—Yes, Mrs. X. I saw him. He was on the bosom of Minnewakan.

Mrs. X.—Minnie who?

Mrs. Y.—Lake Minnewakan.

Mrs. X.—Oh!

The North Dakota Editorial Association organized at Detroit July 29th. The following names were enrolled: L. Ed. Davison, Valley City; J. C. Greig, Wahpeton; A. C. Jordan, Fargo; F. M. Cornell, Tower City; E. I. Smith, Mayville; H. P. Ulford, Casselton; G. E. Bowers, Hillsboro; Frank I. Smith, Abercrombie; W. H. H. Matteson, Fargo; R. H. Simpson, Hope; Joe M. Chappel, Grand Rapids; E. S. Kilbourne, Casselton; Waldo M. Potter, La Moure; Geo. B. Vallandigham, Valley City; M. H. Jewell, Bismarck.

A number of letters were received from editors who were not able to be present, requesting that their names be enrolled on the list, which was ordered done as soon as the membership fee should be received by the secretary.

On motion the meeting proceeded to elect officers for the ensuing year. The following were chosen by acclamation:

A. C. Jordan, president; Waldo M. Potter, 1st vice President; J. C. Greig, 2d vice President; L. Ed. Davison, Secretary; M. H. Jewell, Treasurer; E. I. Smith, F. M. Cornell, and Geo. E. Bowers, Executive committee.

The committee on legislation then made their report, which was submitted section by section, and after some slight amendments, was adopted.

It was then moved and carried that each member use all honorable means to elect members of the legislature who would favor such legislation.

The following are the resolutions on such legislation:

Resolved, That laws ought to be passed, embracing the following provisions:

Requiring the affidavit of the publication of legal notices to state the amount of legal fees, and that no part of the same has been shared or divided with any other person or persons.

That the laws passed by each legislated county where a newspaper is published, and in counties having more than one newspaper, that such publication be made in all newspapers that have been published regularly for six months previous to such publication, and that have a genuine circulation of 250, and over.

Requiring the publication in a newspaper of all chattel mortgage sales, where the amount due is \$25 and over.

That the executive committee be requested to take such steps as they shall deem proper to secure passage of laws embracing the foregoing provisions, and we recommend their cordial co-operation with the committee of any other Dakota Press association in securing the passage of such laws.

Natural Cussedness.

During the recent convention of the North Dakota editors at Detroit Lake, the dinner fish was served in twenty different styles, and Editor Jordan, of the Fargo Republican, partook of each.—Bismarck Tribune.

A Ghastly Sight.

A gentleman who has just returned from Eastern Oregon gives an account of a very singular procession he saw in Umatilla County. It was an Indian funeral procession. The defunct had been set upon a horse, and a stick had lashed along each side of his body to keep it in an upright position. The head was not supported in any way, and as the horse trotted along, the body seemed bowing in every direction and the head shaking in a horribly grotesque manner. The widow, dressed in her mourning paint, trotted along behind on a lazy cuitan, to which she kept vigorously applying the whip. As a spectator remarked, "the Indians are dying off for lack of proper medical treatment. When one gets sick and is taken charge of by a medicine man, it is 'good-bye John.'"—North West.

Hillsboro has a surface vein of gas at 190 feet. There is no doubt but the natural gas crops out all along the ridge from Boise de Sioux to the Manitoba line. Mr. Roberts has struck three different veins, one at the depth of forty feet, one at 120 feet and another at 190. The new derrick is being built, large casing pipes are on the ground, the new engine is on the way from the factory, and when the new derrick is up, Mr. Roberts will sink a ten inch hole, expecting to strike bed rock at 1,300 feet, and gas just below it; but will go right on if not found there.—Argus.

Notice.—U. S. Land Office, Fargo, D. T., June 25, 1886. Complaint having been entered at this office by Victor K. Anderson against Luther T. Sowle for failure to comply with law as to timber culture entry No. 6,867, dated May 2d, 1882, upon the NW 1/4 section 8, Tp. 144, R. 91, in Griggs county, Dakota Territory, with a view to the cancellation of said entry; contestant alleging that the said Luther T. Sowle has failed to comply with the timber culture law by not breaking, or cause to be broken, five acres of said tract during the first year of said entry ending May 2d, 1883, and has also failed to break or cause to be broken five acres thereon, or equivalent to crop or otherwise five acres during the second year after entry ending May 2d, 1884, and also failed to plant or cause to be planted five acres of said tract to trees, tree seeds, nuts, or cuttings during the third year after entry, and also failed to plant or cause to be planted five acres of said tract during the fourth year after entry; that said failure so exists at the present time; that said parties are hereby summoned to appear at this office on the 12th day of August, 1886, at 10 o'clock a. m., to respond and furnish testimony concerning said alleged failure. E. C. GEAREY, Receiver.

HONEST DEALING.

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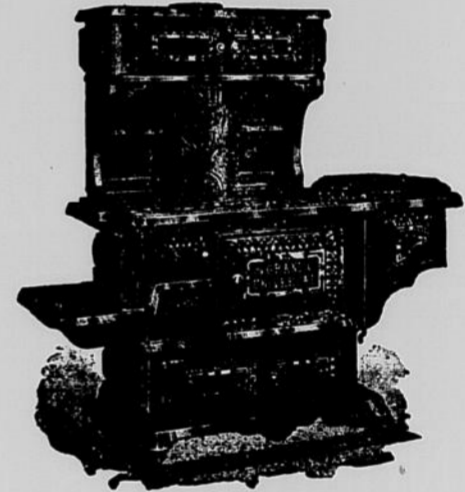
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