

Official Directory.

LEGISLATIVE OFFICERS.
Governor—Gilbert A. Pierce.
Delegates to Congress—Oscar S. Gifford, Secretary—M. H. McCormick, Bismarck.
Auditor—E. W. Caldwell, Bismarck.
Treasurer—James W. Raymond, Bismarck.
Superintendent of Public Instruction—A. Sheridan Jones, Oliver.
Assistant Superintendent of Public Instruction—John W. Cowen, Valley City.
Surveyor General—Marie Taylor, Huron.
Attorney General—George Rice, Bismarck.
Judge District Court, Sixth District—Wm. H. Francis, of Bismarck.
COUNTY OFFICERS.
Commissioners—R. C. Cooper, chairman, John H. Jensen and Ole Halvorsen.
County Clerk and Register of Deeds—H. P. Smart.
Clerk of District Court—J. N. Jorgensen.
Sheriff—M. L. Michaels.
Treasurer—Anton Enger.
Surveyor—Martin A. Ueland.
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.
Justices of Peace—P. A. Melgard, Cooperstown, Harry Clark, Willow; Andrew Johnson, M. Davidson, Gallatin.
Constables—J. H. Atchison, Allan Pinkerton, C. H. Johnson, M. L. Michaels.

Regularly Nominated Republican Ticket.

For Delegate to Congress: O. S. GIFFORD.
EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT.
For Member of the Council: JOHN F. SELBY, of Traill.
For Members of the House of Representatives: D. W. SPRAGUE, of Steele; FREDERICK H. ADAMS, of Griggs.
COUNTY TICKET.
For Treasurer: KNUD THOMPSON.
For Register of Deeds: JOSEPH BUCHHEIT.
For Sheriff: M. L. MICHAELS.
For District Attorney: IVER JACOBSON.
For Judge of Probate: PETER E. NELSON.
For Assessor: J. W. FIERO.
For Surveyor: MARTIN A. UELAND.
For Coroner: G. F. NEWELL.
For Superintendent of Schools: T. F. KERR.
For Justices of the Peace: W. R. WHIDDEN, PAUL J. NELSON, P. A. MELGARD, ALONZO ELLIS.
For Constables: O. A. JOHNSON, OLE O. GROFF, HARRY WASSER, GIDEON SHIELDON.
For County Commissioner: Dis. No. 4, C. H. MOSLEY.

A few weeks ago we joined a certain mutual aid life insurance company. In consideration of our extreme good nature, the agent insured us very cheap. At that time nobody died that was insured in the company. The company had an underhold on death; none died and few got away. We do not remember what the amount of insurance was, but it was liberal. Since then a sudden mortality seems to have pervaded the ranks of the company, and assessments fall like snow-flakes with ten pounds of lead attached to each flake. Every dead man costs us about \$2.50. We have now a full and complete assortment of corpses and do not propose to pay for any more. Any man who wants our policy with all its rights, privileges and immunities, together with the assessments, can have it with all our right title and interest in about a dozen members of the company who have passed in their ballots for the final count.

C. C. Platt, it is reported, is not a candidate for the commissionship, but stands by the nominee, Nels Hemmingson. This insures Mr. Hemmingson's election in the First district. Without reflecting on the other candidates this is eminently proper, and republican.

The Valley City Times is unpertinent in itsing The Old Reliable—J. S. Weiser, by a series of questions which, (as the Times has had the Reliable's name at the head of its columns for the legislature this his year), must be for fun.

A few disgruntled politicians, whose motto is "rule or ruin," are endeavoring to bolster up a sort of side show legislative ticket. This is a poor year for wire-pullers of this kind who have been crowded from the track by the people who have made up their mind that they want honest and capable men to represent this, the eighteenth district, in the next legislature. The people are not going to be led around by the nose by a handful of schemers. They have far too much sense to be caught helping along a demagogic filibustering movement. What the people of this district want is to send honest, capable and intelligent men as their representatives in our legislature who know how to frame and will use their influence to pass laws, which shall protect the interests of the Dakota toilers rather than the interests of gigantic corporations. If this is to be accomplished we must elect men who have brains and the executive ability to understand what is needed and how to secure needed reforms. The people are to be congratulated upon the fact that they have in the candidates placed in nomination by the convention held in Mayville—John F. Selby, D. W. Sprague and F. H. Adams—men who deserve the vote of every voter who has a desire to have the laws of the above nature passed.—Mayville Tribune.

In Barnes county the office of Register of Deeds lies between John C. Evans and E. A. Sager. N. J. Olson is a candidate in the west and will poll a large western vote which otherwise would go to Evans. Although a good fellow and competent man, Olson is something of a stranger in the county and is certain to be defeated in the round up. The voters of western Barnes are very foolish to run the risk of electing Sager. Evans seems to be opposed by the enemies of his alleged friends more than by believers in the newspaper vaporings against him, and his record as a county officer is as good as that of any of them, and a thousand times better than that of E. A. Sager. If the voters of western Barnes are not desirous of throwing their ballots for Sager, they will have to vote for Evans.

The Mandan Pioneer picks up the political yawp against Register Evans of Valley City, and says, "they have a thief in the office of county clerk," etc. One thing is certain, they have a cowardly idiot in Mandan. It is an easy and foolish thing to vomit such stuff at a man a thousand miles away. We wonder if the party would use the same language at close range.

Vote for Gifford, Selby and Sprague, and don't forget to throw an occasional vote for Adams. These nominees are regular republican nominees, and in territorial and district politics, the lines are drawn.

Do not fail to see that your ticket has the name of O. S. Gifford at its head. Upon his vote depends our representation in territorial and district affairs. The greater his vote, the greater our representation. Every vote cast for M. H. Day, lessens the representation of the county in the territory. Day is the democratic nominee for congress.

Messrs. Nels Hemmingson, C. H. Mosely and H. V. Safford, are the regular nominees in their respective districts for the office of county commissioners. They are all respectable farmers, who command the confidence and support of their fellow-citizens, and should be handsomely supported. Be sure your ballots contain the name of the right commissioner.

E. I. Evenson, as well as C. M. MacLaren, refuses to run on his Buxton nomination for the legislature.

A number of exchanges hoist tickets for "members of the assembly." The entire legislature is styled in the organic act, the assembly, while what is meant in the tickets by "assembly," there is the "house of representatives." There is, again, no such office, as "county attorney." It should be "district attorney."

E. A. Sager, of Barnes county, is denying that he demanded \$200 for using his influence for a certain line of text books in Barnes county. What does Prof. Cowan say to this.

Now is the time when the candidate takes a drink on Jones, a cigar on Olson and turns around and votes for the other fellow.

Dr. Kerr and Prof. Holke, are running for the school, superintendency, and a very lazy campaign at that. The Doctor says, that the people all know him, and the Prof. says that he shall not be seriously injured if he is beaten.

The Candidate's Count.

Brown.—"Well, how are you making it for coroner, Jones?"
Jones.—(swelling with pride) Well, I have been all over the county and I can't see where the devil old Stokenbottle is going to get his votes—every body I met was for me except one man. When he kicked me out of doors and called me lousy guttersnipe I knew he was working for the other fellow: but his hired man was all right. He called him off.
Brown.—"What did he say?"
Jones.—"He says let the damphool go. He means well enough."

Before our next issue, election will be over. Our officers for the next two years, will have been determined. The defeated candidates will be telling how they made their mistakes, and how, if so-and-so, hadn't gone back on them, and such-and-such a candidate hadn't proved recreant, they would have, etc. There will be a little hot blood, election day, rejoicing by some candidates, and wailing, by others, immediately after the votes are counted, but the world will move on just the same. The COURIER, while it has the privilege of American citizenship, in preferring one candidate to another, has endeavored to use all candidates fairly; and if any shall be defeated (a very probable case,) they must attribute it to their being too well, or too little known, or to something beside the partizan existence of the "hiring press." The campaign, in Griggs county presents a striking, and favorable contrast to the campaigns of adjacent counties, when it appears by the public press, that all men desiring office, are liars, horse thieves, and public plunderers. On the contrary, it would seem that the candidates here, are a pretty decent crowd of fellows, and that Griggs county will be officered in any event.

"Well, my dear," said a tired candidate to his frow, "I have got in hot water again."
"Thank Heaven!" said the old lady, "your feet were getting perfectly awful, since the barber shop, bath room closed."

Dakota and the Democratic Party.

From a speech by Hon. C. K. Davis, at Minneapolis: "Now let us consider another piece of inconsistency. Look off 150 miles west of here. See Dakota, the offspring of Minnesota. She has 500,000 population. She has churches, schools, everything that makes civilized community. She has grown to full stature of statehood. No more intelligent community exists. Last winter Dakota appeared at the door of the senate of the United States, with a constitution, and demanded admission into the sisterhood of states. From the republican senate she received the credentials she desired, and was entitled to. She went into the hall and knocked at the door of a house of representatives filled with democrats. She was spurned, rejected, swept out, cast back, and disgraced. Why? There was no pretext against her more than there was against Kansas, in 1856—"that she had not the right to be admitted." No, she was refused admission, because that admission would create two republican senators, and three republican representatives, and so many votes in the next electoral college. The democratic party had the imprudence to arraign England for denying Ireland self-government, and yet, England in all her pride of tyranny means to do more than the democratic party of the United States, will do for our sister state here.

NOTICE—TINBER CULTURE.—U. S. Land office Fargo, Dak., Oct. 25, 1886.
Complaint having been entered at this office by John M. Dahl against Andreas J. Wold, for failure to comply with law as to timber culture entry No. 6232, dated November 3, 1881, upon the NW 1/4 Section 22, township 148, range 57, in Steele county, Dakota, with a view to the cancellation of said entry, contestant alleging that said Andreas J. Wold has wholly failed to break, cultivate or plant to trees, tree seeds, roots, nuts or cuttings, any part or portion of said tract since making said entry up to the present time, and that said tract is wholly devoid of breaking or any other improvement, being wild prairie land in its natural state, just as it was November 3, 1881, the said parties are hereby summoned to appear at this office, on the 10th day of December, 1886, at 10 o'clock a. m. to respond and furnish testimony concerning said alleged failure. E. C. GERRITY, Receiver. S. E. P. SNEY, Attorney. 41-36

NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF.—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., Oct. 21, 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 secure final entry thereof, viz: James P. Van Voorhis, D. S. No. 15217, for the southeast quarter of Sec. 24, Tp. 129 N., R. 69 W., and names the following as his witnesses, viz: A. B. Cox, James Christie, and E. Hubbard, Henry Feuner, all of Cooperstown, Griggs county, D. T. The testimony to be taken before John N. Jorgensen, clerk of district court at Cooperstown, Griggs county, D. T., on the 10th day of December, A. D. 1886, at his office. HORACE AUSTIN, Register. 41-35

NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF.—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., Oct. 21, 1886.
Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of her intention to make final proof in support of her claim, and secure final entry thereof, viz: Marie Olson, D. S. No. 15228, for the NW 1/4 Sec. 26, Tp. 14 N., R. 59 W., and names the following as her witnesses, viz: Thore Olson, Jens Peterson, Thore A. Hemmingson and Ole Thompson, all of Steele county, D. T. The testimony to be taken before Geo. B. Clark, judge and ex-officio clerk of probate court, at Cooperstown, Griggs county, D. T., on the 10th day of Dec., 1886, at his office. HORACE AUSTIN, Register. 41-34

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