

THE COURIER,

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By FRED K. H. ADAMS.

The Argus speaks of the first "encyclical" of the Railroad Commission. Hit again, Major. We were going to make them ourselves, this week, but fearbear until the result of your blow is known.

A Montana postmaster killed himself because he was short in his accounts. This is something new. It has been customary heretofore for the delinquent Montana postmasters to kill the post-office inspectors.

The COURIER is informed by Secretary McCormack that the bill empowering county commissioners to employ an attorney in the interest of the county whenever they should deem it necessary, did not become a law. It seems that the bill was considered unnecessary inasmuch as the commissioners already had, and now have, the power.

A Sykeston correspondent of the Carington News, writes that Percy Trubshaw's glance was "cursory." Percy's language was undoubtedly somewhat coarse—very when he left. It would seem to "a man up a tree" that there is some bullet headed Caliban in Sykeston with an unreasoning prejudice against newspapers or civilization in any form—also the old papers would not have been driven out, and a new one prevented from coming in. His photograph ought to be published.

The Valley City Times-Record is envious of the Jimtown artesian well, and wonders when Valley City will brace up and have a well of its own. Lord, Jeff, you have wells enough now. There is the Brick and Tile Company's well. That is a good enough well, except that it is a little stopped up. Unstop it; pour some kerosene down the smoke stack; advertise it and you are all right. It may not be as deep as the Jamestown hole, but there is money in it just the same—several thousand dollars in cash, and the drill. Then there is the Kindred well—eight feet square, and sunk in defiance of the edicts of the Almighty, who never yet provided for water on the edge of the Sheyenne bluffs. You see the boss gave his orders—bang—and went away in a chariot for six months. Although there was no prospect of water the hirings sunk it until they could hear old Pluto calling to Proserpine to get up and build the infernal fires. That well is now stopped up. Valley City has wells enough. What it wants is more saloons. Fourteen saloons in a dry season is not enough.

Saturday Rev. Geo. B. Frost made complaint against the "Literary Club" for selling liquor without a license. The COURIER is informed that the "demi-mie" is meddling with what does not concern him. That it would be all right if, etc. Perhaps the gentleman should have called around among the boys and had them elect the prosecuting witness. It may have been an error of judgment that he did not, and the prosecution may have been an error from its inception, but there are always different standpoints of observation. It is alleged by those who would not be bothered by utterances from the pulpit, that the pulpit is the proper place of action for a minister. On the other hand it has been held by some misguided people that a minister or teacher should occasionally descend from the pulpit, bind up the wounds of the suffering upon the battle field, and, if necessary, handle a musket in defense of a just cause—to help quarantine small pox and cholera—to pull a neighbor's cow out of the pit, perchance on Sunday—to kill gophers that the crops may be preserved—to show the courage of his convictions. This may be error, but if it is, and a minister's duty is to sneak into his pulpit on Sunday, mumble a few sympathetic and unoffending words, and sneak home by a back alley until the next Sunday, we shall hereafter object to the church-going proclivities of our compositor and devil. We prefer honest irreligion to sneakishness: The blind pig in "no license" communities will exist. It is like the escape valve on a locomotive boiler. And yet it is only fear of prosecution and an occasional raid that keeps the pig's eyes shut, and gives them becoming modesty and caution. He who goes into the blind pig business does it for profit, and must accept his risk—by Frost, hot water, cold days, irate wives, county commissioners, etc. The traffic now is illegal. This coming November, a vote can be taken upon the subject of license, then we can have license and high license at that—all the license we want.

The operation of the short and long haul clause of the I. S. C. law has been suspended as to the N. P. railroad of seventy-five days.

There is a movement on foot to open up the Devils Lake Indian reservation. It is undoubtedly a railroad scheme. The reservation is called a "garden spot." It is a garden spot with a sandy bottom. One acre of Griggs county soil is worth a dozen acres on the reservation.

The second number of the Dakota Bell, of Sioux Falls, is on our table. It is as bright as a new silver dollar. It is to be hoped that it will be sustained. Fred Carruth, late of the Estelline Bell, and Sam T. Clover are its editors. Terms, \$2.00 per annum. Send for a sample copy.

It is predicted that the Star of Bethlehem will appear this year for the sixth time since the birth of Christ. This star is said to appear directly north of the North Star and to be visible in its dazzling light at noonday.

A good deal of excitement is occasioned by the probable meeting of the queen of England and the queen of Sweden. The occasion will no doubt be an interesting one, but not half so hilarious as the coming together of four queens, such as is sometime seen on American soil.—Portland Inter-Ocean.

About Gophers.

The county commissioners at their last session voted \$50 worth of strychnine to be distributed among the farmers for the destruction of the gopher. It is to the interest of the farming fraternity to see that the poison is distributed where it will do the most good. It is useless to dissolve strychnine in cold water and soak grain in the solution, for it only fattens the gophers, but to thoroughly dissolve it in warm water and then soak the cereal flits them to the beautiful beyond in a very short time.—New-Rockford Transcript.

The annual spring influx of newspapers has begun. Among the latest ventures is the Independent, at Bristol, Clay county, by W. F. Boetian.

During the past fortnight, the Northern Pacific Railway company has distributed in Carrington some 3,300 bushels of seed-wheat and 1,000 bushels of seed-oats to the farmers who lost their crop last year by drouth. The applicants have not been pauperized or degraded by the assistance, which has been very generously and handsomely given. The company has not exacted any usurious interest for the service, but, for every bushel of grain given now, simply ask for its return in kind, bushel for bushel, in the fall, without any other charge whatever. Nor does it ask the farmer to mortgage his body and soul as security for the repayment; but takes a lien upon the area to be seeded with the grain so furnished.—Carrington News.

P. T. Barnum, the great showman, who is known all over the world, in addressing a body of business men at Bridgeport, Conn., a short time since, said: "You do not any of you, advertise enough. You ought to use printer's ink every day. You are asleep and want your business to run its self. Standing advertisements in a paper command confidence. The man who for a year lives in one community and leads a reputable life, even though he be of moderate ability, will grow in the confidence and esteem of his fellows. On the same principle a newspaper advertisement becomes familiar in the eyes of the reader. It may be seldom read, still it makes the name and business of the man familiar, and its presence in the columns of a paper inspires confidence in the stability of its enterprise."—American Advertiser Reporter.

In response to numerous requests, Attorney General Templeton has written an opinion on sheriffs' fees on foreclosure of mortgages, which will be published in the Argus. It covers every phase of the question, and is of great interest to the territory. He takes the ground that the sheriff cannot collect fees for taking acknowledgments or for making out certificates, but allows the officer for making the sale, where the amount is under \$1,000, \$5.00 for advertising and mileage, and the fee for making the sale is given as \$10 when the price bid by the party foreclosing exceeds \$1,000, while the other fees remain the same. The law is so indefinite that there has to be much implied in all cases, and this has caused wide difference of opinions among sheriffs and attorneys: The attorney general quotes many authorities to support his position.—Argus.

The law for the protection of game has been subject to radical changes. The date upon which the legal slaughter of prairie chickens and grouse can begin has been changed from August 15th to September 1st, leaving the months of

September, October, November and December, as the time when these birds can be shot. Geese, ducks, snipe, curlew and plover can be legally slaughtered only between the first of September and the fifteenth of May. The new law imposes a fine upon express companies, railroads and all common carriers for having in their possession for transportation out of the territory any of the above named birds, or the carcass of any deer, elk, antelope or buffalo, and the shipment of any birds is limited to points within the territory, then in quantities of not over one dozen, the shipper to provide with their shipment an affidavit that they are to be sold, giving the name and address of the party to whom they are to be shipped. The number of birds to be killed in any one day is limited to twenty-five.—Bismarck Tribune.

TERRIBLE COLLISION.

HELENA, Mont., April 23.—It has just been learned that Thursday afternoon, between 3 and 4 o'clock, a terrible accident occurred on the Cascade division of the Northern Pacific, four miles beyond Chelum, Washington territory. A west-bound train, pushing a flat-car loaded with laborers was going around a curve leading to a trestle at a good gate of speed, when it ran into a hog engine which was going east, tender first. The flatcar passed half-way through the tender and crushed up against the pilot of the west-bound train, on which were two men. The unfortunates were crushed to pulp, only a foot and one hand being left by which to identify them. The hog engine was knocked eighty feet. Five men were killed outright. And one has since died. All of the physicians of Ellensburg were immediately sent to the front by special train, and are rendering every service. The accident, as described by those present, beggars description. Blood is scattered in every direction, and the neighboring rocks bear evidence of fearful carnage. The accident was the fault of one of the train's crew neglecting to flag as per orders. The dead and injured were brought to Chelum Thursday night. District Attorney Snelly left for the scene of the accident this afternoon to make a thorough examination and ascertain on whom the blame rests. There is no corner in Kittitas county, so a jury will be impaneled by the nearest justice of the peace. This is the first accident that has happened either in the construction or operation of the road.

Diphtherial Diphtherial Fever!! Fever!! Fever!!

Blood poisoning and a host of other bodily ills lie in that pile of filth an garbage outside the kitchen door. Go out and stir it up a little; don't great clouds of "incense" offend your sense of smell, your sense of cleanliness, your sense of general decency and neatness?

The warm days that are just now beginning to cheer us, will also bring sorrow and regret if the same is allowed to do its deadly work on these fermenting heaps.

Preserve your health; save your doctor's bills; be clean for the public good if not for your own sake. Haul the stuff away before you are called on by the board of health. B. H.

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HARRY WASSAR.

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE CONDITION AND AFFAIRS OF THE PHENIX INSURANCE COMPANY,

Of Brooklyn, organized under the laws of the State of New York, made to the Auditor of the Territory of Dakota, in pursuance of the laws of said Territory.

President, Stephen Crowell. Vice-President, Wm. R. Crowell. Secretary, Philander Shaw. Principal Office, 18 Court St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

Business incorporated Sept. 16, 1853. Commenced Business, Sept. 16, 1853.

CAPITAL.	
Amount of Capital Stock actually paid in cash.	\$1,000,000 00
PROPERTY OR ASSETS OF THE COMPANY.	
The value of its Real Estate is.	\$1,000,737 53
The cash on hand in its office.	253 53
The cash on deposit in bank is.	664,570 13
The cash in hands of agents and in course of transmission is.	678,168 77
Loans on bond and mortgage, being the first lien Real Estate worth double the amount of the sum loaned thereon.	384,500 00
Stocks and bonds owned by the company, to-wit:	
As per schedule C. filed in this office, on Jan. 1, 1887.	\$2,811,100 00
Total carried out at market value.	2,807,100 00
Stocks held as collateral security for loans, to-wit:	
As per schedule D. filed in this office, on Jan. 1, 1887.	\$27,500 00
Total carried out at market value.	27,500 00
All other sums due the Company:	
Bills Receivable, \$128,241; Interest, \$11,716 43; Rents, \$3,337 81; Office Premiums, \$21,176 25	365,255 00
Total assets.	\$5,377,435 33
LIABILITIES.	
Amount of losses yet unpaid.	\$ 284,348 23
Amount of claims for losses retained by the Company.	29,411 00
Whole amount of unpaid premiums on outstanding risks.	3,446,886 97
Amount of all other existing claims: Contingent, \$14,843 71; Interest, \$281 84; Re-insurance, \$5,000 00; Rents, \$3,000 00	19,901 41
Total liabilities.	\$3,869,586 41
INCOME DURING THE YEAR 1886.	
Whole amount of cash premiums received.	\$5,553,278 29
Whole amount of cash premiums written in the Territory of Dakota.	79,205 57
Whole amount of interest received.	130,531 43
Whole amount of income received from all other sources.	72,981 13
Total income.	\$5,735,996 42
EXPENSES DURING THE YEAR 1886.	
Whole amount of losses paid during the year.	\$3,542,301 96
Amount accrued prior to preceding statement.	\$ 344,473 63
Amount of losses accrued subsequent to preceding statement.	3,197,228 33
Amount of losses accrued on risks taken in the Territory of Dakota during the year.	25,278 00
Amount of losses accrued prior to preceding statement.	674 43
Amount of losses accrued subsequent to preceding statement.	25,201 65
Amount of dividends paid during the year.	100,000 00
Amount of commissions and fees paid to officers and agents during the year.	674,201 81
Amount of taxes paid during the year.	60,156 28
Amount of expenses paid during the year.	1,283 61
Amount of fees paid the Auditor of the Territory of Dakota during the year.	500 00
Whole amount paid for salaries of officers and agents during the year.	320,236 67
Whole amount of other expenditures during the year.	300,850 79
Total expenditures.	\$5,402,506 81
Gross amount of risks taken during the year.	\$975,588,228 00
Gross amount of risks taken in the Territory of Dakota during the year.	3,129,041 00
Whole amount of losses incurred during the year.	548,015,821 00
Whole amount of losses incurred during the year, including those claimed and not yet due.	551,548 16
Whole amount of losses incurred during the year, including those claimed and not yet due, in the Territory of Dakota.	24,224 45
Number of agents in the Territory of Dakota.	144

STATE OF NEW YORK, ss.
County of New York.

Stephen Crowell, President, Philander Shaw, Secretary of the Phoenix Insurance Company, of Brooklyn, New York, being duly sworn depose and say that the foregoing is a full, true and correct statement of the condition and affairs of the said insurance company in the bona fide territory of Dakota, during the year ending December 31st, 1886, and that the same is true and correct in all particulars, and that the same is a true and correct statement of the condition and affairs of the said insurance company, conforming to the requirements of the laws of the 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; and

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-seven.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal at Bismarck, this 7th day of March, 1887.

E. W. CALDWELL, Auditor.
F. B. MORSE, Deputy.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23rd day of January, 1887.

(Seal) FRANCIS P. BURKE,
Notary Public (100).
New York Co.

TERRITORY OF DAKOTA, ss.
Insurance Department.

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 Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of this office, this 7th day of March, 1887.

E. W. CALDWELL, Auditor.
F. B. MORSE, Deputy.

NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., March 4th, 1887.

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:

John E. Warner, H. E. No. 8029, for the NW 1/4 of sec. 22, tp. 14 n., r. 59 w., and names the following as his witnesses, viz: William Bear, Edward Ladbury, Fred Ladbury, Charley Schultz, all of Dasey P. O., Barnes county, D. T.

The testimony of claimant and witnesses to be taken before Peter E. Nelson, Judge of the probate court for Griggs county, at Cooperstown, D. T., on Tuesday the 20th day of April, A. D., 1887, at his office. MICHAEL F. BAYTELLE, Register.
Class & MacLaren, Attys. 9-14

NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., March 9th, 1887.

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: Asmund Pederson, D. T. No. 1884 for the SW 1/4 of section 4, Tp. 14 n., r. 59 w., and names the following as his witnesses, viz: Sigve Tand, Ole A. Larson, Tollef R. Tolbison and Fingard Larson, all of Lee P. O., Nelson county, D. T.

The testimony of claimant and witnesses to be taken before Peter E. Nelson, Judge of the probate court at Cooperstown, Griggs county, D. T., on Wednesday, the 27th day of April, A. D., 1887, at his office.

J. Ole, Atty.

Notice to Creditors.

In the matter of the estate of Frank Hunter, deceased.

All persons having claims against said Frank Hunter, deceased, are hereby notified and required to exhibit the same, with proper vouchers therefor, to the undersigned administrator of said estate at his office in Cooperstown, in the county of Griggs, Territory of Dakota, and the four months have been limited as the time for creditors to present their claims against said estate.

Noted the 23rd day of March, 1887.

WILLIAM CLARKE, Administrator.

GEO. F. NEWELL, Physician and Surgeon.

I am out of practice, but if you have plenty of money to pay for forty years' professional experience, you can consult me at my drug store for nothing. If you need my services they can be had; but they come high.

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NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., Feb. 23d, 1887.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his claim and secure final entry thereof, viz:

Edwin Ladbury, H. E. No. 6060, for the southeast quarter of Sec. 6, township 14 n., r. 59 w., and names the following as his witnesses, viz: Thomas Curtis, Edward Keyes, Charles E. Deenot and Charles Curtis, all of F. O. Asthabula, Barnes county, D. T.

The testimony of claimant and witnesses to be taken before Judge of district court, or in his absence before Alex. McCormick, clerk of the district court at Valley City, Barnes county, D. T., on Thursday, the 14th day of April, A. D., 1887, at his office.

MICHAEL F. BAYTELLE, Register.
E. Whitner, Atty.