# THECOURIER

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The Fargo Republican savs that the Czar's minister of foreign affairs peremptorily refused to extend his contract with Barrett, the circus man on Jo-Jo-Wonder how long the Czar has been in the circus business?

There was once two Mormon widows left with their progenys to share the old man's estate. Life was one grand seesaw to see which family could get the greatest share of the estate on its back or down its neck. In endeavoring to beat one another they gradually used up the estate and their credit. The situation is like unto that of North Dakota and South Dakota. The legislature spends two-thirds of its time on appropriations. If North Dakota gets a wing on its penitentiary South Dakota must have a tail on its asylum. In the course of ten years at the present rate we shall have a magnificent lot of reform schools, penitentiaries, imbecile asylums, hospitals, agricultural colleges and "universities"; but our bonds will be a little off color, and go about four ounces to the pound. Statehood will make no difference unless we are divided. The very farmers can not combine for legitimate legislation. One ingenious stroke which arouses sectional feeling will break up the strongest granger combination that has ever been made. The mutton- headed democrats, and the scoundrelly Maine republicans ought to recognize this. South Dakota wishes to secede from us as we have a little more agrarian wealth than it, and an ambition quite as unlimited. Inasmuch as they outnumber us, it might be well enough to let them have their way.

In Sweden and Norway the liquor traffic is regulated by what is known as the "Gothenberg system," which prowides that liquors shall be sold only at places where refreshments are kept for sale, and then all liquors shall be sold at cost. Tea, coffee and eatables may be sold at fair profit, but not one cent of profit can come from the sale of intoxicating liquors.—Ex.

Dakota is 450 miles long and nearly 400 mues wide. Think of what a vast territory this is-larger than all New England and New York and Pennsylvania combined. Bearing this in mind, gaze at the crop, statistics as compiled by the commissioner of immigration. Wheat in Union county, in the extreme lower end of the territory, is perfectstands at 100; in Marshall one of the central counties, it is 100, and in Cavalier county, on the extreme northern boundary, it is the same. The most sanguine boomer can not sound Dakota's praises too loud.-Ex.

# How So?

organized in Dakota. Steele, which was carved out of Traill several years ago, is one of these. It ought to be reannexed to the mother county. Then too many of our counties have been named for fool members of the legisla-ture. It is not right to burden counties with such names, for they are suggestive of nothing but over-weening vanity."

While we admit the folly of naming counties after Smith, Jones, Brown, Olsen, etc., etc., because, forsooth. Smith, Jones, etc., happened at one time to represent their districts in the territorial legislature. we question the Colonel's "break" as to Steele county. If our geography is correct Steele county was carved out of Griggs county, and Steele and Griggs counties each have an assessed valuation of approximately \$1,500,000. If Steele and Griggs are satisfied with the division Traill ought to be equally well contented.

# The Minn. & Pac. in Foster Coun-

The Minneapolis & Pacific railroad, of which we have lately heard so much, has entered Foster county with its survey, and it looks as if our valuable eastern townships would soon be made more accessible. This road, as now surveyed, starts from the present terminus of the operated section at Forman, in Sargent county, crosses the Northern Pacific east of Spiritwood, enters the southeast towns of Foster county, and runs up within one mile of Larrabee postoffice, where the surveyors were at the close of last week. The ultimate destination of the road is uncertain. It is said that it will go to Gates, on our Jamestown & Northern. Whatever may be the terminus, it will be a graud good thing for eastern Foster county, and open up for settlement some splendid farming land. Should this road be built as projected so far, it would be well for us to see if Carrington could not get a connection with

it. It could not be a very costly matter to build the fifteen or eighteen miles that would unite us with our own eastern country, and give us a second outlet to Minneapolis.—Carrington News.

### The August Century.

In Nicolay and Hay's life of ABRA-HAM LINCOLN there is a matter of fact account of John Brown's insurrection in which the old fanatic is handled in a very unbostonian way. Perhaps John Brown's little war was mightier and more effective in the abolition of slavery than than these smart young men now think. Perhaps the Lord did answer old Brown's prayers but in a way different from what he expected. He may have applied the torch that set in flame the hearts both of the slaveholder and the abolitionist. In any event Brown was not much of a hero, only an humble instrument. Lincolu's great speech at Cooper Institute is given and its wonderful influence in advancing him in the hearts of the people is delineated. Yancev, the Alabamian, is recognized as the original leader in rebellion,-the orator of the "cotton states."

Azalia is one of the charming southern sketches of Jeel Chandler Harris. Lieutenant Greeley has an Esquimaux sketch. Edward Atkınson has an interesting article on the wage question. The illustrations are hardly as interesting as usual. The editorials are upon the subject of national defence, and the Niagara reservation. The editor on the former subject recommends the organization of what might be styled a naval militia-made up of sailors, who in case of need could be called out at any time. THE CENTURY Co.,

Union Square, N. Y.

## MCGARIGLE TALKS A LITTLE.

HAMILTON, Ont., Aug. 2. - McGarigle arrived here from Strathroy last night and registered at the Royal hotel as William Jones of Toronto. He went to his room immediately after arriving and remained there. When a reporter saw him this morning he admitted that he was McGarigle, but declined to make any statement about his trip from Chicago. How long do you intend to remain here? "I will probably make this my headquarters" replied the boodler, "until every thing is arranged in Chicago. I am going away this afternoon but will return tomorrow.

He left on the 1:30 train for Toronto. where he has made arrangements to mest a Chicago commissioner, with a view of compromising the matter.

SARNIA, Ont, Aug. 1-McGarigle was secluded all the morning but just where could not be ascertained. He was met on his arrival by a party with carriages, one of the party being Pat Maloney of Chicago. Every thing had evidently been arranged for McGarigle's reception, and one of the party remarked that the entire plan of rescue was mapped out before the escape was attempted.

# Examination of Teachers.

An examination of candidates for second and The Dakota Pioneer, "published, at Aberdeen, and edited by Col. Plummer, says: "There is no excuse for the existence of some counties that have been probation certificates must be present as no more probation certificates must be present as no more August 9th, 1887. All candidates now holding probation certificates must be present as no more sons also who desire to teach but hold no certificate must be present or wait till October as no private examinations will be held in the future. TREO. F. KERR,

County Supt. of Schools, Griggs County.

# Financial Statement.

I herewith submit my annual report as county

clerk of Griggs county, Dakota Territory, as same appears on the original books in this office f rom July 1st, 1886, to June 30th, 1887. The number of warrants drawn during the year for all purposes is 448, the amount of same being \$11,477.13, as follows: For election expenses., For justice court (including justice fees witnesses, ete)..... For printing and stationery..... For books..... 333 17 For officers salary including mileage and per diem of Supt. of Schools, and county commissioners ...... 2,228 85 For fuel...... 628 56 For furniture.... For roads and bridges..... 1.783 88 For court expenses..... 1.013 45 For assessment..... For poor ..... For township officers salary ..... 240 00 For courthouse and jail..... For gopher bounty..... For insane court ..... TERRITORIAL FUND. Cash on hand July 1st, 1886, .... \$210 97 Delinquent taxes " ....1,890 97 Tax list for 1886................2,584 12 Penalty and interest collected.. 108 64 Additional taxes ..... 5 60 Total.... Paid territorial treasurer.....1,408 81 Taxes abated......1,173 60 Taxes refunded ..... 10 42 Redemption receipts..... 8 40 Treasurer's commission..... 76 90 Delinquent taxes July 1st, 1087.1,493 18

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