HECOURIER

FUBLISHED EVERY FRIDAY EVENING

By FRED'K. H. ADAMS.

The Commissioner.

The county convention draws nigh. The most important duty of the citizens of district No. 2 will be to select a candidate for the commissionership, People who do not pay taxes. and people who are here as birds of passage, antil they find new and more attractive fields, always desire a change. Some of them might delight to see a new commissioner elected-a commissioner with a breeching strap to prevent him from kicking the roof off the courthouse. Such a performance would certainly be as good as a circus except to those who have to pay for the roof. Other people who do pay taxes and who are here to stay desire an occasional change, and would good naturedly vote for any untried man if nothing worse was brought against him than his unfitness for office, thinking maybe that with five commissioners one poor one world not be able to do any damage. Such a policy as this would result in a few years in a board similar to those we read of in other counties whose every action is a libel on honest government,-who are forever being cursed by the people-whose career is marked by the scars of jobbery, blunders, and extravagance. While the desire for a change is natural it should not be allowed to prevail unless we can better ourselves. What is the status of the present board and what is the relation of the present incumbent from the second district to it? Not a single cry against this board have we ever heard except that it would not grant license. That is evidently its great fault. If it is a fault let the kickers make the most ot it for the charge is true. The chairman R. C. Cooper cast the deciding vote so, if it is a fault, he is more to blame than the others. While not a member of any temperance organization, nor a fanatic, but originally a high license man, after an experience of a year without license, he became convicted that"no license" was better for the town and county. He has never been charged with jobbery, blunders, or extravagance. The commissioners who now sit with him have generally taken their seats on the board with an impression that Cooper had "too much to say" and run the board too dictatorially. Once sitting with the gentleman their minds have been disabused of such an impression and they have uniformally been, and now are in harmony with the chairman, and are his friends, ready to vote for him or work for him-UNLESS they feel bound to oppose him because he is for prohibition. Inasmuch as he is a good careful business man, an · old settler and here to stay, besides being something of a taxpayer h:mself, he ought not, we think, meet opposition on this ground: because the peowle themselves decide the question of license or no license. Every high license man, or piohibitionist can come out to the convention and consistently vote to keep the board as it is. A low license man can proved. do the same thing if the importance of

measure to blame themselves. If they hadn't charged so much for their goods they would not have so much outstanding.

Settlement may be made on lands in the indemnity limit at any time; but filings will not be received till Oct. 21st. Any land agent can do the business.

The Pembina County Democrat, edited by Mr. F. A. Willson, who had the tussel with Hon. Jud Lamoure three years ago, is on our exchange table. It as a bright democratic sheet that shows no indications of being hide bound.

The veteran journalist Waldo M. Potter, who is one of the ardent advocates of division, does not think Judge C. M. & St. P. Palmer, in his abuse of the country press, a gentleman, whereupon Major Edwards insinuates that Waldo is a owl or a ass. Hush, gentlemen! You may be friends yet.

A colored man found guilty of larceny at Chattanooga, Tenn., Oct. 5th, deliberately pulled out a knife and cut his own throat. It makes a sight of diffeaence whether a man is obliged to have his neck cut or not. Now if the judge or sheriff had cut the man's throat he would be nowling about it yet.

President Cleveland's speeches like those of Governor Church are full of statistics. If they fail to interest the people the reflex action cannot but be good for our president and governor. Mr. Cleveland caught some fine bass at Madison, and hopes to capture a million \$1.50. suckers before his return.

Hon. W. J. Hawk, of Buffale, had Supt. Graham arrested last week under the Inter-State Commerce Law for unjust discrimination. etc. He has piled the platform about the station with grain in sacks, much of which has been is on the war path. Mr. Odell explains that it is impossible to furnish both street buyers and elevators at present but that in a few weeks when the crop has been moved the boys can have all the cars they want. This does not sat-19fy Mr. Hawk and he proposes to fight in Mardell, viz: the matter out.

Some of the farmers down in Ohio are feeding wheat to hogs just to see how much they can get from the stuff marketed this way. It is alleged by a writer in the Cincinnati Prices Current that one farmer in Union county bought hogs and fed about 500 bushels of ground wheat to them. His return in pork in 30 days' feeding was \$1.63 per bushel for his wheat, not deducting anything for his going to mill, labor, etc. Hogs were then worth \$5 per 100 pounds. Several others in this vicinity report Composing of Tps. 147 and 148 Range Farmer.

Commissioners' Proceedings.

Convened Oct. 3d, 1887, at 1 p, m. Present Commissioners Cooper, Hogenson and Hemmingson.

Minutes of last meeting read and ap-On motion road poll of Andrew Hegna for 1886 was abated. Commissioners Conant and Mosely at this point joined the board. On motion warrants was issued for the following clerk of courts certificates: E. E. Monson On motion warrants was ordered issued for the following gopher certificates: Daniel Sinclair..... \$ 8 00 Edwin Hanson..... 7 62 Edwin Hanson..... 4 08 198 46 On motion the following bills was allowed: Iver Jacobson, salary as district attorney from July 1st to Sept. 80, 1887 125 00 M. L. Michaels, jailor's and janitor's salary from July 1st to Oct. 1st. 1887. \$75; and board for Wm. Scovil 60c.. 75 60 Alex. McConnell, certifying transcript of legal cases from Barnes county ... 15 00 J. N. Jorgensen, filing and docketing lega cases transferred from Barnes county \$42.70; express 50c, total..... 43 20 N Jorgensen, filing and docketing legal cases transferred from Griggs county 10 1 Rollef Berg, indexing deed records in grantor and grantee indexes, grantor description 2514 at 8c \$75.42; grantee descriptions 2687 at 3c \$76.41, total.... 151 8 ollef Berg, salary as county clerk from July 1stto Oct. 1st, 1887 125 0 Rollef Berg, cash paid express and drayage \$5.08, discount 86e; furnishing Griggs Courier commissioners proceedings from July 1st to Sept. 80th, 1887, \$5.50; postage \$2; total..... 18 8 ect., \$28.95, was allowed at 20 0 Geo. D. Barnard & Co., blanks, etc., for clerk of court..... 10 78 clerk of court..... Geo. D. Barnard, abstact blanks, etc., 17 00 \$34.10 was allowed at..... 18 10 F. H. Adams, printing commusioners proceedings, financial statement, etc 114 1 F. H. Adams, letter heads, envelopes, etc. 76 15

\$ 19.0 andreastant Cont Win. Scovill Sept. 5th, 1957, S. D. Sloosi, witness feet Thes. C. Kanpp, witness feet Iver Jacobson, witness feet Theo. F. Kerr, medical examination of

The Argus Printing Co., \$23, was allowed On motion a refunding order was issued S. O. Homme for interest and penalty of his 1884 personal property tax, \$3 40.

On motion the si of Sec. 11-144-61 was changed to swit Sec. 11-144-61 in assessor's book for 1887 as set having been assessed twice and clerk instructed to change same.

On metion a refunding order was is issued to H. O. Hohl ou personal property tax 1886 on township school tax \$2.77 interest and penalty 88c, total, \$3.10, being assessed in wrong school district and clerk instructed to change the school district from No. 2 to No. 13. On motion the following road over-

seers receipts was allowed: Thore Oleon

E. Zunperich	3 00
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Berg Larson	
E. Gunderson	
Gale Bros	
Albert A. Coleman	8 67

On motion application of W.S. Hyde for running the furnace in courthouse and hauling coal the coming winter at

\$80 per month was accepted. On motion bill of D. F. Conant, service as commissioner and mileage \$20, was allowed.

On motion refunding order was issued Arne Simonsen for his road poll for 1886

On motion made and seconded [abatements of all taxes on all odd or what is called railroad lands which survey fees have not been paid on as shown by the list from the railroad company filed in the clerk's office for the year 1886.

On motion refunding orders was issued as follows for 1884 for tax sale cerspoilt by rain, while awaiting cars. He tificates with 12 per cent. interest from time of sale viz: Mary Lewis wi of swi and nw1 of nw1 Sec. 23-146-58, amount, \$16.11; Anna Pashley ei nwi ei sei nei of set Sec. 23-146-58, amount, \$26.60; Mary Lewis swł of nwł Sec. 23-146-58, amount, \$5.55; John Pashley, town lots

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On motion the following polling precincts was established and judges appointed io wit:

PRECINCT No. 1.

that they realized \$1.25 per bushel for 61. Polling place at A. A. Coleman's their wheat when fed to hogs .- The on Sec. 24-148-60. Judges, A. A. Coleman, W. A. Reply and Ole Thompson.

PRECINCT No. 2. Composing of Tp. 147 Hange 60. Polling place at schoolhouse on Sec. 14. Judges, Ole E. Thorn, Peter Miller and Wm. Hethrington.

PRECINCT NO. 3.

Composing of Tp. 147 Range 59. Polling place at schoolhouse on Sec. 2. Judges, what should you say if I married?"

soved with the That John F. Perboldt be an and mercials judge of election in Precinct No. 8 in 2 00 lace of Scaler Sunphins as Mr. Simpkins does not reside in said precinct.

On motion the following resolution was adopted:

Whereas, The county treasurer of Griggs county, D. T., did during the years of 1894 and 1885 sell by tax sale certain lands upon old sections in said county upon which the Northern Pacific railroad company had failed to pay sur-vey fees as required by act of congress to make said lands subject to taxation, and. and

Whereas, said taxes assessed prior to

Whereas, said taxes assessed prior to the survey fees having been paid have been declared illegal by the supreme court of the United States, it is hereby Resolved. That the present county treasurer of Griggs county refrain from issung any deed or deeds to any party or parties holding certificates for lands sold during said years of 1884 and 1885 on the odd numbered sections in Griggs county, D. T., which the Northern Paci-fic railroad company have laid claim to. On motion adjourned to meat (bet On motion adjourned to meet Oct.

15th, 1887, at 10 a.m.

BOLLEF BERG, County Clerk.

Willow.

Didn't the potato crop chink in nicely this fall. Don't put in your whole farm to potatoes next year, but sow a little wneat, oats, parley, etc.

In last week's COUBIER editorial on division the coints were well taken and sustained-a very forcible argument. We would like to hear from some of the antidivisionists on the subject.

I move you that David Henman be appointed game constable for Willow township. David is well up in ornithology and can give you the history and habits of any of the feathered tribes from a Humming Bird to a Condor.

Ben Kuhns unearthed a 5h White Elephant poato when he was throwing out his tubers; Herb Safford was a close second with a 4% h beauty; Clarke takes the cake on radishes having several of 8 to 4b weight and one 4% hs.

John Fairbanks says that the Courier was badly misinformed when it stated that Evil Eye(broncho got away from him. He says the critter gave him a lively whirl and kicked things around in great shape, but he stayed by him all the time and saw the circus out.

1 should think some of the citizins of Cooperatown might import a dog or two, there doesn't seem to be very many dogs at the capital of Griggs. What a liar.

What has become of Occ- since he went ;out to shock.

Our taffy friends persistent fall advertising of the Calamity Corners concern in the hand organ paper doesn't seem to bring in very much trade we should judge from that nine-tenths statement. CHRIS X.

TIT FOR TAT.

The king of Honeyland, who was neither too young nor too old, had risen one morning and was sitting undressed on a chair in his bedroom. His minister of the household stood before him holding the royal stockings, one of which had a great hole in the toe. Now although the minister presented the hose as adroitly as possible, in order to hide that sad defect from the eyes of the king, and although the king in a general way thought more of shining boots than of mended stock-ings, it so happened that in the present instance the hole did catch the royal eye. The monarch snatched at the stocking, to the horror of his minister, and plunging his hand right into it till his finger with the signet ring appeared through the hole at the other end he said, with a dolorous

sigh: "It is all very well for me to be king, but I am sadly in want of a queen. Now

be set th et on

then, to get on witho wever a king in the lo ge by himself, and wh Howev d he sent for his m had I told him he had given up the marrying a princess who knew apple fritters, and he thought he is be very happy with the first of royal maidens they had visited; "the who can make cheese cakes," he "Go and ask her to come and

But the minister returned from sion with the disappointing news that obliging princess was no longer to be l She had since married the king of

"Then go and ask the second prince But this also proved a fruitless missi The old king had told the minister it too late now, because his daughter died, else no doubt she might have b found willing.

found willing. The king grew thoughtful and consid-ered long. But since it was plain he must have a queen, he resolved at last to send his minister to the third princes..... perhaps she had changed her mind. An the minister had to go, although he falls almost certain it was a uscless errand, his own wife having assured him that, as far as her experience went, princesses were ap to keep to their opinions. The king awaited the minister's return rather anxiously. He remembered about the kettledrum, and thought it vexations.

But the third princess received the m ister quite graciously, saying it was true she had set her heart on merrying a king who could beat the kettledrum. But ideals did not realize, and since the king otherwise seemed an honest sort of man she would waive the point and accept him as her husband.

Thereupon the minister dashed back at full speed of his horses. The king em-braced him and said he should have all the stars and garters of the kingdom. From every window in the palace a flag soon was waving and gerlands were hung about the streets to grace the wedding, which was solemnized with unheard of splendor.

And for a year and a day the king and his young queen lived in happiest cond The king never thought about apple frit-ters and the queen appeared to have forgotten about the kettledrum.

One day, however, the king, rising early, got out of bed with the wrong leg, and things took to going wrong in consequence.

It was a pouring wet day to begin with, and when the king looked out of the window his crown dropped, and was brought back to him with a great dent in it; pres-

ently the court painter arrived with the new map of the kingdom, and when the king examined it he found the frontiers had been colored red instead of blue, as he had ordered; and, finally, the queen sent word she had a headache.

And thus it happened that the royal couple fell out for the first time, for what reason they could not tell themselves, or if they could they would not. But for a fact the king was grumbly and the queen touchy, insisting on having the last word whenever he spoke, till their bickerings grew almost hopeless, and she said, with

a curl of her lip: "Now I think you might hold your peace instead of finding fault with everything all day long, you who cannot even beat the battleduren" kettledrum!

But the words had scarcely escaped her when her royal spouse retorted angrily: "And you who do not even know how to

make apple fritters!" Then the queen, for the first time, had not an answer back. They were both sllent and retired to their respective rooms. The queen in her own bouldoir sat down sobbing and saying to herself: "What a foolish wife you have proved yourself this day! Why, I could not have been more stupid if I had tried, I who have always prided myself on my good scuse, and to. give him such an answer!"

The perties who are no terribly wer-ried about collections this fall are in a

cheap whisky does not over shadow in his mind the importance of general economy, and diligence in the conduct of the affairs of the county. The COURIER has no objection to a change provided as

A correspondent, who is raising wheat, wishes to know what he shall do with his straw. If he is one of those fellows that have mortgaged other peoples' property we recommend that he use it for bail-straw bail. In Barnes county the Clark & Smart..... entire crop will be so utilized.

Can it be possible that Major Edwards had his appointmont as public examiner revoked to help on his boom for the delegateship? It seems to have had that affect. He appears to be the only man in the north with a positive following.

"She" is to be put the stage with Maggie Mitchell as "She." Maggie is not yet one thousand years old nor has she had as much "experience" as Mrs. Langtry but she will do.

A useless and uncomfortable extravagance indulged in by our farmer is the cutter-the swell box, plano box or otherwise. The Almighty when he designed this country and this climate never thought to see the intelligent human being perching himself on stilts, Geo. D. Barnard & Co., ink, rubber bands for winter locomotion. The thrifty Norwegian farmer with his high boxed pung-all on the ground-understands Geo. D. Barnard & Co., blank record for how to be comfortable and keep right side up. In Canada, Dufferin and Lorne, and the royal family generally, ride on a low sled, fenced in to keep the wind AWAY.

Anderson.

PRECINCT No. 4. Composing of Tp. 147 Range 58. Polling place at schoolhouse on Sec. 27. Judges,

A. V. Johnson, Wm. Gimblett and Hans E. Hohl.

PRECINCT No. 5. Composing of Tp- 146 Range 58. Polling place at Washburn's granary on Sec. 20. Judges, Millard F. Washburn, Nels E. Nelson and G. W. Barnard. PRECINCT No. 6.

Composing of Tps. 145 and 146 Range 59. Polling place at Knud Thompson's office in Cooperstown. Judges, John Syverson, Henry Retzlaff and W. R. Whidden.

PRECINCT NO. 7.

Composing of Tp. 146 Ranges 60 and 61. Polling place at schoolhouse on Sec. 16 Tp. 146 R. 60. Judges, Wm. Church, John McCulloch and Olof Johnson, PRECINCT No. 8.

Composing of Tps. 144 aud 145 Ranges 60 and 61. Polling place at schoolhouse on Sec. 33 Tp. 145 R. 60. Judges, Nick Swenson, J. G. White and W. S. Byington.

PRECINCT NO- 9.

Composing of Tp. 144 Ranges 58 and 59. Polling place at schoolhouse on Sec. 18 Tp. 144 B. 58. Judges, C. E. Skarie, Chas. Nelson and Wm. Saar. On motion adjourned to Oct. 8th, 1887.

at 10 a.m. ROLLEF BERG, County Clerk.

Convened Oct. 8th, 1887, at 10 a. m. Present Commissioners Hemmingson and Hogenson.

Adjourned to 2 p. m.

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- Present, Commissioners Hemmingson

Hogenson and Cooper.

Mark Sutherland, S. Simpkins and Peter this is a wise and noble thought. I should myself have ventured to suggest it but for the certain anticipation that it could not fail sooner or later to flash spontaneously upon the royal mind."

"That is settled then," said the king. "But do you think I shall easily find a suitable queen?"

"Not a doubt of it," said the minister. "Ah, but you must remember that I am

not so easily satisfied. If a princess is to please me she must be both lovely and wise. And then there is a special point I am afraid I shall think much of. You know how I love apple fritters, and there isn't a cook in the kingdom who knows how to make them-to my liking, that is; neither too pale nor yet too brown, but just nice and crisp. If I marry a wife she must certainly know how to make apple fritters!"

The minister in his heart was dismayed, but he recovered himself sufficiently to say, with suitable assurance: "I am morally convinced that your

majesty will readily find a princess who knows all about apple fritters, and who, moreover, will be happy to make them."

"Then let us look for her," said the king; and that very day he set out with his minister to visit such of the neighboring kings as had princesses to give away, but there were only three royal maidens sufficiently lovely and wise to please the king, and of these none had learned how to make apple fritters.

"I do not know much about apple frit-ters, unfortunately," said the first princess when the king proffered his inquiry, "but I can make nice little cheese cakes. Don't you think that will do?"

"No," said the king; "I have a particu-lar liking for apple fritters." The second princess was not nearly so obliging, and said, disdainfully: "Get along with your nonsense! I never heard of a princess being asked about apple fritters.

But it was the third princess who proved too much for the king, and she was the lovellest and wisest of the three. She did not even wait for his question, but asked him coolly if he understood beating the kettledrum. And when he said he did not, she would not listen to a word of his suit. She was sorry, she said, but she

But the king was pacing his own floor, rubbing his hands quite delightedly, and saying over and over again: "How fortunate that I have got a wife who cannot make apple fritters; how else could I have met her taunt about my not knowing how to beat a kettledrum?"

In fact he grew perfectly happy with this thought, and presently fell to whis-tling quite cheerily, till his eyes caught the queen's portrait above his writing table, and he got upon a chair to wipe away a spider's thread which fluttered across her pretty eyes, and after awhile he said:

"Poor little wife! I dare say she was really very unhappy. I'll go and see what she is about."

And therewith he walked from his room into the great corridor connecting all the apartments. But because everything went wrong that day the housemaid had for-gotten to set candles about the place, although it was evening by this time and

really pitch dark. So he groped his way carefully, putting out his hands before him, as a wise king ought to do, when suddenly he felt some-thing warm and clinging. "Hallo! what is this?" he cried.

"Only me," responded the queen. "And what did you want, my dear?"

"I was coming to you to beg your pardon, because I am sure I must have hurt you," said she, humbly.

"Oh, no!" said the king, and caught her to his heart. "Why, I ought to ask yours! It was really my fault, and I hope you you have forgiven me. But do you know will make a law now that two words shall never be heard again in this kingdom-'kettledrum' and"-

"And 'apple fritters,' " said she, laughing and crying in his arms, and therewith the tale is at an end.-Home Journal.

Precious Stones Importea.

The value of the precious stones honestly imported into the United States is between \$8,000,000 and \$9,000,000 per annum, and it has been calculated that gems to half that sum escape payment of the duty.-Home Journal.

The death rate at St. Petersburg ex ceeds the birth rate by nearly 100 per-