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Sentiment to be Inculcated.

Let reverence of law be breathed by every mother to the lisping babe that prattles in her lap; let it be taught in the schools, seminaries and colleges; let it be written in primers, spelling books and almanacs; let it be preached from pulpits and proclaimed in legislative halls and enforced in courts of justice; in short, let it become the political religion of the nation.
—Abraham Lincoln.

NEWSPAPER JUSTICE.

The county commissioners of Pierce county have decided to give all the printing which can be done in the county to local printers. This is certainly a move in the right direction. It is what The Evening Times has been advocating all the time. It is to be hoped that some of the other counties will follow the example of Pierce and instead of giving the printing to concerns which never did a dollar's worth of good to the taxpayers of the county will give it to the local papers which have been instrumental in bringing in settlers and increasing the value of every man's farm in the county.

The Evening Times believes that it would be a saving to the counties to pursue this plan. The printing offices in many of the towns where such work could be done are compelled to equip themselves in such a way that they can do the commercial and other work which comes to them from the local customers. They are compelled to employ a certain amount of help whether the work of the office is sufficient to keep such help employed all the time or not, because there offices can ot lay off the printers whenever there is a scarcity of work and then secure their services or that of others when the work improves.

These printing offices could therefore afford to do the work in such times as the custom work is slack at a lower price than can the foreign house, whether located in Fargo or Grand Forks, which must not only pay higher rents and keep men on the road to look after this trade, but pay them large salaries and heavy expenses while doing so. The local man knowing long in advanve what work will be required, can employ his help during otherwise idle time on such contracts, and with no cost of soliciting, can save the taxpayers of the county considerable money.

This is the business side of the matter to the taxpayers. So far as the papers themselves are concerned, it is nothing more than justice to them to have the work even at an advance over the cost of the outside house if such were necessary. The local paper is largely responsible for the material prosperity of the community in which it is published. If that community is prosperous, every citizen in it shares in the prosperity. If by exploiting the advantages of the community there are three land buyers where before there was one, the price of real estate is advanced according to the ratio of the supply to the increased demand over what it would otherwise have been. For such things the local paper is almost entirely responsible. What is therefore more justice to that paper than that it should be given the business which rightly belongs to it?

It looks as though the pace for justice to the country press in the state had been set by the county commissioners of Pierce county and that the day of the local shop which will in time take much of the work away from the printing establishments which have grown rich on the profits which did not belong to them, and for which they have never done one thing either for the advancement of the state or the county, has departed.

THE CHURCH AND THE NEGRO.

Senator Tillman finds no more apologists in the southern newspapers than in their northern contemporaries. The south feels that when he exclaims "To hell with the law!" and declares for settling the race question with shot guns he is only making himself ridiculous, and the south suffers from his idiosyncrasies. The best southern opinion deprecates such inflammatory declamation. It seeks to make the best of the inevitable. Congressman John Sharp Williams warns the south of the futility of seeking the repeal of the Fifteenth Amendment to the Constitution. What is described by some of the southern papers as the "best and truest southern sentiment" is that expressed by Bishop Seth Ward, a Texas prelate of the Methodist church, at a recent conference at Milledgeville, Ga. He said:

There is no doubt in my mind that in the negro question the south is facing a serious problem. There is one thing and one thing alone, capable of solving the race problem—that is the religion of Jesus Christ. We must save and educate the colored people of the south. If the Christian religion can't save the negro in America, neither can it save the negro in Africa and if it cannot save the colored man wherever he may be located, why then my brethren, it cannot save the white man. There is no religion that will hold or is worth the having that cannot save any and every man anywhere and to the utmost. We must treat the negro charitably, and as a superior race, as we commonly suppose ourselves to be, should treat an inferior. The mob spirit which breaks out occasionally may make some of us feel a doubt as to the great superiority of our race. Let us stand for the salvation of these people through the right kind of Christian education and in this way prove ourselves the superior race.

We are glad to learn from a dispatch in the Atlanta Constitution that this sentiment "stirred the conference to enthusiasm." Some such good, old fashioned talk in the pulpits of the south about the duty of carrying the gospel to the heathen whom they have right at their doors, about the duty of saving the souls of their fellow men, even though they be black men and not across the water, should help the southern white man to approach the race problem in a kindly spirit. Bishop Ward's speech was of the right sort. That it was received with enthusiasm and regarded by southern newspapers as worth notice implies that such language is not so familiar from the pulpits of the south as it ought to be. It is no commonplace. Southern religious bodies have, perhaps, been looking too far afield in their missionary zeal. Superiority, as the bishop says, implies obligation. A shotgun is a confession of weakness and cowardice. The superior race must help the inferior race up the "world's great altar stairs." If every preacher in the south talked as Bishop Ward talks and talked thus repeatedly, in season and out of season, for the set purpose of making the church an effective force toward alleviating race troubles, the Tillmans and the Vardamans would be shamed to silence.

It may be possible that for a few years the man who is bent on land speculation will be found moving in the direction of the Canadian northwest, but at the same time the man who is coming with his family to build a home for himself and those dependant upon him and who desires to surround his family with all the comforts of civilization while carving a fortune, will be found stopping in North Dakota.

It is said that an effort will be made in the legislature of South Dakota this winter to have the legislature change the law which allows persons to procure a divorce in the courts of the state after a residence of six months. The fanaticism which is being developed on both sides of the divorce question is driving both the advocates and exponents of liberal divorce to extremes. South Dakota, with its six months residence clause, is no worse than Kentucky with its fifteen grounds for absolute divorce or South Carolina which recognizes no grounds for at all. That there must be a reasonable regulation of this subject is conceded by all. But that certain features are the cause of all the divorce scandals which are occurring in this country are absurd. Pennsylvania has a reasonably rigid divorce law, yet some of the most nauseating scandals of the divorce courts come from that state. The six months residence may be a bad thing in general so far as requiring a residence for divorce purposes is concerned, but it should be remembered that it is the liberal grounds and not the residence which makes divorce regulations objectionable.

One of the things which the present legislature should give the democratic governor a chance to have is a thorough and exhaustive examination of every department of the state administration. During the early part of the campaign it was intimated by a few of the over-zealous though ill-informed papers of the state that there had been mismanagement of state affairs in some of these. It is only justice to the officials, even when they have been re-electetd to their old positions, to have these stories refuted. It would of course be a considerable fall for the democratic reform administration to be compelled to give these republican officials a clean bill of health, but reform was the cry and those who won on it should be willing to stand the consequences.

Candidly now, that was a good stroke of politics which urged the democratic brethren to stop in the mad rush for the trough while the new born Alex McKinzie of the democratic party landed all the plums. But will the plea be heeded?

When a newspaper can reach in less than one year a circulation larger and more substantial than another has been able to do in a quarter of a century, naturally the green eyed monster might be expected to show his hideous head.

Paternal Provocation.

It is 10 p. m. They are seated in the parlor.

"No," she says, bowing her head. "Pa says I am too young to become engaged."

It is just 1.30 a. m. They are still seated in the parlor.

Suddlenly from somewhere upstairs a gruff voice shouts: "Henrietta, if that fellow waits a little longer you'll be old enough to accept his proposal."
—Woman's Home Companion.

Something Needed.

Mrs. Shopper—"I wish to buy a present for a servant girl. Can you suggest something appropriate?"

Shopman—"Certainly! Give her a traveling bag."—Pele Mele.

STATE GRAB BAG

The ladies' aid societies are raking in the sheckels these days.

With 20,000,000 bushels of flax raised this year, North Dakota still keeps the lead in that crop.

The Jamestown city council granted the franchise to the Independent Telephone company after hanging it up several months.

The opening of congress is accompanied by the announcement that Congressman Gronna has invested in an auto.

Minot has formally accepted the sewer system from Contractor Kennedy, and connections are now authorized.

Some farmers who got their plowing done early this fall, harrowed the land flat so the dust mulch would retain the moisture and make conditions better in the spring.

The Langdon Democrat talked about the bare ground being covered with two feet of snow. This is merely a hint to the versatile quill driver at Neche.

The sixth infantry, 220 strong, have reached Bismarck from the Philippines, and at once proceeded to their new quarters at Fort Lincoln. Captain Cook is the commanding officer.

The gasoline engine which does the power stunt for the Towner Tribune went on strike recently. Editor Young is contributing doubly to the ministerial salary since that time.

The daily edition of the Devils Lake Journal has not reached the Times' exchange table yet. But it may be that Bloom is sending all the spare copies to Whitehead, so no complaint is made.

Winship promised, it is said, not to be a candidate for office at the last election. Some people are wondering if that included the decision not to accept an appointive one or attempt to dictate any.

C. Sullivan, one of the men arrested for the Sawyer robbery has confessed that he used the explosives. Two others announce that they will plead guilty. Two will fight for freedom.

Governor-elect Burke is discovering so many tried and true democrats and so many admiring republicans who "helped do it"—and want to continue their services—life is already anything but a pleasant dream.

Now that "Scottie" is on the Grand Forks Press no other paper can compete with the democratic organ—in "pipe" dreams—and Jud LaMoure's recent visit was a great inspiration for "spooks" says the Bismarck Tribune.

The great task that now seems to burden the state democracy—as she is writ in the democratic press—is the selection of the next republican candidate for the United States senate in this state. The democrats do not need to worry about that. There'll be plenty of 'em under the primary election law.

The system of rural mail delivery has eliminated many of the small country postoffices. The last one to go in Pembina was that at Bruce where an office had been maintained for 20 years or more. I tseems like a loss to some but the fact is the people of that section will have better service than ever, through the mail being delivered at their doors.

The scarcity of poultry and eggs causes people to wonder why more farmers don't go into the business on a larger scale.

Typhoid fever epidemics are reported in many sections of the state.

It is claimed that William Heiser of Dickinson was hired by Jacob Barth to make final proof on an adjoining quarter section.

The Underwod banks are prosperous.

A. W. Fuller of Bowbells, while cleaning a chicken which was among a bunch he purchased a few days ago from a farmer coming in from the hills discovered in the craw of one a genuine gold nugget in the rough and about double the size of a turnip seed. He still has the nugget, and will display it for inspection to any who may call at the market. This is not the first time that traces of the precious metal have been found in the craws of poultry that were brought to the city from that section.

Sheldon is experiencing trouble with its famous artesian well and a result of the inability of the well drillers to stop the heavy flow that comes up outside the casing the north part of the town is flooded and many cellars are filled with water. The well is considered one of the best in the state, gushing forth 600 gallons a minute of clear cold water that is almost entirely free from the salty flavor so prevalent in artesian wells. Every effort is being made to destroy the well with dynamite and sink a new one on the north side of the town where there is natural drainage.

Some person entered Archie McDonald's room in Mrs. Welch's house during his absence and carried away a gold watch and chain, two meerchaum pipes, a clay mug, a lot of cigars and several other trinkets. Mr. McDonald had been in his room about nine o'clock, and returned again at eleven when he discovered the theft. Other occupants of the house heard someone coming in about ten o'clock and went out again in a few miutes but no attention was paid to this as the doors were not locked and the roomers were in the habit of coming and going at their pleasure. Mr. McDonald had been keeping a gold bracelet set with diamonds, valued at $125, in his room, but which he had disposed of that day, and it is thought that the bracelet was what the thief was looking for, and failing in finding this, appropriated such articles as were handy, but overlooked a diamond pin which was laying on the stand.

Fresh cows for sale at Twamly dairy farm. For rent machinery and stock for sale, apply Jos. Twamly Beare block.

The Adams Budget ran out of ink last week.

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Gift Guide

Would you like to be in New York just now and see what the big stores are showing for Xmas? Come to Benner, Begg & Garvin's, it's nearer. We buy many of the following lines in New York. "Gift doubts" don't last long here. COME AND SEE.

For Any "Her"

Handbags, fancy combs, beads, fans, companion sets, jewel bags, belts, mufflers, gloves, handkerchiefs, ribbons, silks, dress goods, table linens, umbrellas, fancy aprons, fancy hose art linens, art pillow tops, pin cushions, collars, silk shawls, opera bags, fur scarfs, fur coats, muffs, silk waists, silk jumpers, silk underskirts, silk kimonos, slippers, leggings, shoes, fancy china.

For Any "Him"

Bath robes, house coats, mufflers, gloves, neckwear, fur collars, pajamas, silk night robes, fancy suspenders, silk and linen handkerchiefs, fur caps, fancy hose, cuff links, scarf pins, suit cases, trunks, hand bags, fur lined coats, suits, umbrellas, fancy vests, fancy supporters, slippers, shoes, leggings, gaiters, over shoes.

For the Little Folks

A visit to the "Real" Toyland in our basement will be the safest guide for buying gifts for little folks. It's a jolly place.

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Fine Furnishings For Holidays

The institution of gift giving of former years was characterized by a giving of things that appealed to the eye.

Today a change has come over the spirit of the custom and if a gift merely suggests sentiment it serves only half its purpose.

Demand that the gift shall possess some practical as well as pretty qualities; then it will not only define your taste but will be a gift in the real sense of the word. Such gifts will be doubly appreciated. They represent the thoughtfulness of the giver and at the same time add to the comfort and happiness of the receiver. Such are the gifts suggested below.

What to Give a Man

Most young men have tastes and opinions of their own. Find out what they want if possible---if not, these hints will be a great help in choosing.

And don't forget father. Usually it is he who has to buy for others, but at Christmas time he should be made to feel that it is also blessed to receive.

House Coats, Caps, Fur Lined Coats, Fur Coats, Overcoats, Fine Suits, Separate Trousers, Fancy Hose Fancy Shirts, Linen Handkerchiefs, Holiday Neckwear, Pretty Mufflers, Fancy Suspenders, Warm Gloves, Fancy Night Robes.

What to Give a Lady

This list will allow dutiful sons and daughters to exercise thoughtfulness in selecting mother's gift. It affords mother an opportunity to select for her daughter gifts that will add to her comfort. It also appeals to boys who want to be generous to their sisters and at the same time please their tastes.

Handsome New Suits, Fur Scarfs, Fur Muffs, Fur Sets of Scarfs and Muffs, Fur Lined Coats, Fur Coats, Ladies' Cloth Coats, Ladies' Skirts, New Underskirts, Warm Shawls, Silk Waists, Fine White Waists, Pretty Kimonas, Silk Skirts.

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