

WHO WILL BE SENATOR?

A Democratic Opinion on This Absorbing Political Topic.

What They Say.

In an interview with The Alert representative the other day, State Senator Kinter of LaMoure, would not concede that the republicans had a sure thing in the coming senatorial fight. He expressed the belief that the republican members would not be able to agree upon any one of the long list of republican candidates, and that the senator is likely to be an independent or democrat, or at least some one elected by the aid of independent and democratic votes. Senator Kinter says that among his own party, John D. Benton and W. N. Roach are known to be active candidates, while Walter Muir is an avowed independent candidate possessing many elements of strength.

J. A. Field, World's fair commissioner from Wells county, was at the banquet in this city Wednesday night, and in the course of an interview with an Alert representative said he would like to correct a statement which has appeared in a number of papers about there being a quarrel among the members of the North Dakota board. There have been some disagreements, he said, and some differences of opinion as to certain measures, but no ill feeling has been exhibited, nor will there be any. He says the board will hold an important meeting in this city on the 15th inst.

In Fargo Slums.

A Fargo Argus reporter took a tour around the town the other day in quest of blind pigs. As a result of his investigations he reports some twenty-five places where liquors of all kinds are being sold with little or no concealment. These places range from the leading hotels to the lowest dive. Referring to the results of the reporter's expedition the Argus says:

"The discoveries made as he proceeded on his journey back through the alleys, into remote rooms, up narrow stairways into hells of iniquity, and into places screened from public gaze on the business thoroughfares, cannot help making suggestive reading matter. Fargo cannot be taken as an exception, as the same conditions existing here can be truthfully applied to nearly every town and hamlet within the borders of the state. Here under a prohibition sun, and defying the law, blind pigs flourish with as much impunity as though the business was not under the ban.

"The county clerk's office was then visited to ascertain the number of cases brought about by liquor traffic since prohibition took effect. It was found that twenty-four cases are on file—nine having been tried at an average cost to the county of \$250 each, aside from the expenses brought upon the taxpayers to feed criminals in the county jail, which cannot be estimated, but which will amount to many dollars. The municipal government of Fargo receives not a dollar for the traffic now in vogue, which would, if taxed, throw several thousand dollars into our city treasury."

Commenting on the published account of the reportorial visit, Col. C. A. Morton, one of the leading citizens and property owners, of that city, says in an interview:

"The result of your 'slumming' it yesterday, is about what I anticipated. You found blind pigs without number—places where the vilest of rot gut is dispensed, without regard to existing law, and without paying a cent of tribute. Isaac Clapp told me today that he owned a piece of Fargo city property that was taxed for 6 per cent of the sum it would sell for on the market today. This same property was probably taxed ten years ago, anywhere from 33 to 50 per cent of the present tax—in mills and other disreputable places than paid their proper proportion of the taxes. Today, by reason of an insane law upon the statute books, disreputables pay nothing toward the support of the government, city or state, while the better class pay the bills. Of course, we will have blind pigs just as long as we have prohibition. I am a practical prohibitionist—at the same time, I don't propose to say what my neighbor shall eat or drink, or wherewithal he shall be clothed and any fellow that has the impertinence to assume to dictate to me upon a subject of that sort, I think he ought to go to the devil and I have no hesitation in telling him so."

The LaMoure Term of Court.

Judge Rose adjourned the LaMoure county term on Saturday. The most important cases were the railroad suits of Smith against the Northern Pacific, and Haas against the C. M. & St. P. As reported in The Alert Saturday, the verdict was rendered for farmer Smith of LaMoure county, of \$2,000 for loss of property by prairie fire, started by a Northern Pacific engine. This sum is said to be a fair estimate of the loss sustained, and was considered by all to be a just and reasonable claim. The company's attorney did not attempt to materially reduce the amount. The only question arising was that of negligence, which defense the defendant failed to sustain.

The case of Mathew Haas, formerly of Stutsman county, against the C. M. & St. P. road for personal injuries sustained by falling off the depot platform at Edgeley, occupied a portion of the time of the court. He brought suit for \$1,950,

Moore & Harris of LaMoure, being his attorneys; W. F. Ball of Fargo, representing the railroad. The case had been tried last spring and the verdict set aside on grounds of new evidence having been obtained. It developed that the plaintiff came into the company's depot by the right and usual entrance but left the building by a rear entrance after being warned not to go out that way. In persisting, however, the plaintiff fell and injured his side. As there was nothing to show that the company was responsible for Haas' misfortune, Judge Rose dismissed the case without prejudice. Another case of some interest was that of the county against a Russian settler for cruelty to animals. The defendant was arraigned, but the case was put over until the next term of court, under bond. It is charged that he drove a team of horses 125 miles in 10 hours. One of the horses died and the other is badly crippled.

The judge will begin a term of court in Barnes county the 12th inst., which term is likely to last about two weeks and possibly longer.

Wealth Does Not Bring Happiness.

Senator Stanford is the reputed possessor of \$30,000,000. By his own estimate it will be trebled in three years. He has made it all, and life is approaching the end of its activity. He was asked this question, "Does wealth give happiness?"

"No," he answered with promptness, shaking his head slowly.

"Happiness, after the ordinary comforts of life are possessed, does not belong to any post, rank or condition. Great wealth involves immense care. It is care that kills. It is care that put me in my condition. If wealth is intelligently used, there may come a certain happiness from its bestowal."

"Then why this incessant rush after wealth?"

"Bread and butter is the first essential of life; that is, the first necessary stimulus to labor. Then men work hard that they may enjoy the surplus fruits of labor. With our standards of living and the products of civilization a little does not satisfy as a sufficient surplus. The natives of Panama, who can count but ten, will labor hard to reach that goal of acquisitions, but that accomplishment satisfies."

"Why are successful Americans seldom satisfied unless increasing wealth already great?"

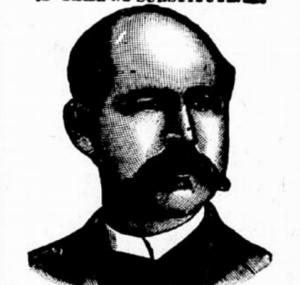
"Activity has become a habit. They are accustomed to living faster than anywhere else in the world. Many men, too, are not yet educated to enjoy anything but the struggle itself. That education, though, will come in time."—New York World.

The Great Tulip Mania.

Soon after the introduction of the tulip into western Europe boards of trade (providing they had such things in those days) made tulip bulbs a basis of the wildest financial schemes ever known, engendering a speculative fever which went down into the story as the "tulip mania" or "tulipomania." The staid Hollanders allowed their "little dike locked land" to become the center of this curious species of speculative frenzy, and for three years—1644-7—the recklessness of the dealers and the disastrous results of the "mania" can only be compared with the "South Sea Bubble." When the "craze" was at its height some varieties of the bulbs sold for ten, twenty and even 100 or 500 times their weight in gold.

A single bulb of the Semper Augustus, "not much exceeding the bigness of an onion sette," was sold on the market for 2,000 florins. But this was not all. The gentleman who purchased it did so with the mistaken idea that it was the only known bulb of the kind in existence, but no sooner did he register purchase than another, "larger somewhat, but not big," was announced, and the poor victim was compelled to pay 4,500 florins for it or see it go to another. This he did and became the owner of two of the highest priced botanical specimens ever purchased.—St. Louis Republic.

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Electing the Senator.

Forman Item: In the choice of a United States senator local feeling should have no place in the mind of any member of the legislature. Neither should any "gang" or "ring" bosses be permitted to dictate the choice. The dictation of such in the late state convention against the protests of a majority of the delegates, defeated the party at the polls.

Sheldon Enterprise: The way some papers are elaborating on the prospects of the various candidates for the United States senatorship from this state is enough to make a "horse laugh." The legislature will be republican, but it's ten to one that the party's candidates will not be in the senatorial fight.

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