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THE MERGER DECISION.

The decision of the U. S. supreme court in the merger case is no great surprise to the country as it was anticipated both by the railroad men and the leading men of all parties. The decision however was by a very narrow margin, and shows that the vote of another judge, thrown in the scale would have turned the tide the other way and made the Securities company action in conformity with the law of the land. Five judges voted one way, four another, and the narrow margin between the decisions of two opposite kinds, was so narrow that the vote of the fifth judge who turned the scale in favor of the government was based on grounds different from that of the other four judges with whom he voted. The decision is a victory for President Roosevelt, who has been active in pushing the case, and is a good thing to have known as the established policy of the land. The interior courts will take their cue from the decision, and all interests will govern themselves accordingly.

The anti-trust law must be sustained according to the decision of the highest tribunal. It will be satisfactory to know that a lot of criminal trusts, handling the necessities of the public can not now legally combine and make the public pay extortionate prices for commodities that must be furnished. It will also be a damper on watered stock schemes that have flourished of late.

As to the Securities company Mr. Hill announced sometime since that the company was only waiting the decision to enable it to intelligently proceed within the established law. As far as making any difference in the operation of the roads in the Securities company, no important change can be expected over the policy that has prevailed for years. As far as the public is concerned there was in effect a merger on rates long before the Securities company was organized. All the roads have the same rates in common now as before and will no doubt continue to have. The decision shows that honest efforts to enforce the national anti-trust law will meet with support not only from the people but from the supreme court.

ACTS NOT SONG WORDS.

The last issue of our esteemed exchange the War Cry has a cut of a lady with her masculine friends around her, seated at the piano in a luxurious room, all singing "Rescue the Perishing." Editorial comment on the illustration from the War Cry is as follows: Sentiments are right and proper; without the fountains of sympathy the crop of good actions would wither and die. But sentimentality is to be shunned, for it is fruitless sentiment—a plant that flowers but bears no fruit. One half of humanity, in affluent circumstances sings about Christian duty, the other half does it. Let us be on the doing side, for the danger of falling into mere sentimentality is always with us. The taking up of the cross is inseparable from duty; life is rough and real, and many an action glorified in song, and eulogized in print, looks different at the moment of real doing, and is more often the target for jeers and jests than for applause. But the Master is with us and urges us to lift the fallen, to save the drunkard, to seek for the unloved, uncared for, and despised, and bring them to Him whose grace can perform wonders of transformation.

Lieut. Col. Gardiner inspected "H" company last night assisted by Col. Peake of Valley City. Captain Baldwin had not expected an inspection this time owing to the fact that the company was without an armory and they had not in any manner prepared for what is ordinarily a severe ordeal. Likewise most of the members did not expect an inspection and there was not time enough to notify all. There was, however, a remarkably good attendance owing to the short notice and the colonel complimented the captain and the company on that fact and their general appearance under the difficulties under which they were laboring. He said that there were companies that had armories that had not done so well. After the inspection of the company which consisted only in the examination of the arms, a consideration of the general appearance and a little manual the inspecting officers and Captain Baldwin retired to review the company records. Col. Gardiner and Col. Peake left this morning for the east.

Bismarck Tribune: North Dakota will endorse the national administration and instruct for Roosevelt.

There is not the remotest doubt of this and never has been. Our national committeeman, Hon. Alex. McKenzie, is not only an enthusiastic and outspoken advocate of Mr. Roosevelt, but he is a warm personal friend of the president as well. The state organization, every faction, no matter what local differences may exist, are united for the endorsement of the splendid administration President Roosevelt has given us and North Dakota would have been in the Roosevelt column no matter what opposition may have arisen in the east. It is now conceded that his nomination is assured, that his election is certain, and that the unparalleled prosperity of the United States will continue indefinitely.

The Grand Forks Plaindealer is no more, the paper having changed hands and the name changed to the Evening Press. A dispatch states the Plaindealer was recently sold to Editor Rogers of the Bismarck Settler, W. W. Park, formerly a traveling man for a paper house, and Professor McCann of the East Grand Forks schools. Mr. McCann will write the editorials and will assume an active part in the other work as soon as the school closes in June. Mr. Rogers is to be business manager of the paper and Mr. Park will have control of the job end of the institution. The paper announces its support of the democratic city ticket and will be democratic in state politics.

The department of agriculture at Washington, has discovered that North Dakota has a silo farmer, who raises feed for four horses and thirty-five head of cattle on twenty acres of ground. The farmer is John Daniel and he is said to reside a few miles from Fargo. A special agent of the department has been sent to the farm to see how Mr. Daniels does it, and a stenographer came along to take down questions and answers. Mr. Daniels is said to be making a large income from the place, feeding every thing he raises to the stock. He has only the labor of himself and boy, spreads manure on the soil and has built large silos to hold the green feed of a succession of crops.

For a third time William Barry will get a trial, and a change of venue to Walsh county has been secured on the grounds that Barry can not get a fair hearing in Cavalier county. It is said that a third judge, Judge Fisk may be called in to preside in the case, two judges having already presided, Judge Cowan and Kneeshaw. A great many believe this man is in reality insane and, having been in the asylum once should be again, instead of being tried for murder after failure to convict in three attempts. The expense of the trials, as has been stated, runs into the thousands for the taxpayers, and still justice is in default of a decision.

The work of the Pure food commissioner Ladd in enforcing the law is approved by everybody including the retail grocers. The consumers of family groceries are said to have observed the benefits of the law and its courageous enforcement. The state of North Dakota has been for a long time a good place to get rid of diseased horses, and other stock doctored up for sale to farmers. All kinds of spurious goods have found their way into the state in past years and the pure food law is a beginning in the work of self protection that should have been taken long since.

The department of Agriculture, Washington has reprinted a bulletin, No. 141, on poultry raising on the farm. It can be had on application to the secretary of agriculture. From the high prices paid for poultry, it would seem that a greater interest in raising fowls should be taken in North Dakota, than there is. It is a natural chicken country.

How's This?

We offer one hundred dollars reward for any case of catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O. We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by their firm. West & Truax, Wholesale druggists, Toledo, O. Walding, Kinnear & Marvin, Wholesale druggists, Toledo, Ohio. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price 75c per bottle. Sold by all druggists. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

JUDICIAL COMMITTEE TO MEET.

President Bartlett of the republican judicial committee of the 5th judicial district has called a meeting of the members of the committee for Saturday March 19, at Valley City. At this meeting the time and place for the judicial convention will be set and the apportionment of delegates decided upon.

COURT HOUSE IMPROVEMENTS

What They Will Secure for the Present and Future. Good Reasons for Same.

The plans for the new sheriff's residence and jail and for a separate boiler house at the court house, when carried into effect, will provide room at the county building for the officers and for the same transaction of the public business for ten or fifteen years to come. Unless something of this sort is done it will be necessary before long, to build an addition to the building, and at a cost largely in excess of what the present improvements contemplate. The plans provide for the use by the court house officials of the entire basement. The register of deeds' office is now crowded and the vault room taxed to its capacity. This office will be moved into the two rooms now occupied by the treasurer and superintendent of schools. The treasurer's office will be removed to the one now occupied by the register. The probate judge will probably be left in the present quarters and the clerk of court will not be disturbed in his location. The space in the southeast corner of the basement can be utilized for an office, and on the north side of the basement there will be room for a storage room for old books and documents and for closets. The superintendent of schools will have a nicely fitted up office in the south end of the basement with a room for the examination of teachers. There may also be an office for the county attorney in the building. The improvements are calculated to make the court house convenient and of sufficient room to do the increasing county business.

The sale of the two dwelling houses on the lots bought by the county on the south side of the block was at a good figure, which makes the price paid for the lots very reasonable considering the location and value of the same to the county for the future. If the purchase had been deferred until some future time the owners of the property would have been in position to demand and get much more for the lots, the purchase of which gives the county an entire block of land very valuable. The separate boiler house will be a great improvement in many ways, in lessening the dangers of fire and giving the capacity to properly heat the county buildings.

Another reason for the removal of the prisoners from the court house to separate quarters is that the basement is no place for the confinement of a number of dangerous and criminal characters who are living directly underneath the occupants of the court house. The odors, the moral hazard, the general objections to the proximity of prisoners are alone sufficient reasons to remove them to another building, as is done in most of the counties.

MILES CITY UNDER WATER.

The Tongue river at Miles City has broken and the ice has gorged in the Yellowstone below the city. The city was about all under water Saturday and there was but a small portion of one of the streets where a horse could be used. The Yellowstone ice had at that time not moved out and dynamite was ineffectually used to break the gorge of the ice in the Yellowstone channel that had come from the Tongue river. Half the people have been driven out of their homes and business is at a complete stand still. The water is standing a foot or more in the houses. The ice on the Missouri where the N. P. crosses is as yet quite solid and men were cutting ice there Saturday.

REMAINS A MYSTERY.

With the discharge of the Syrians accused of attempting to wreck the N. P. Coast Limited near Medina all legal proceedings to find out the parties who did the work have ceased. The affair remains a mystery as to who really did the deed. The attorneys for the Syrians may bring a damage case against Hansen, but Hansen who accused them as being, in his opinion, the parties he encountered on the night of the attempted wreck, is working as usual for the company.

NOMINATIONS FILED.

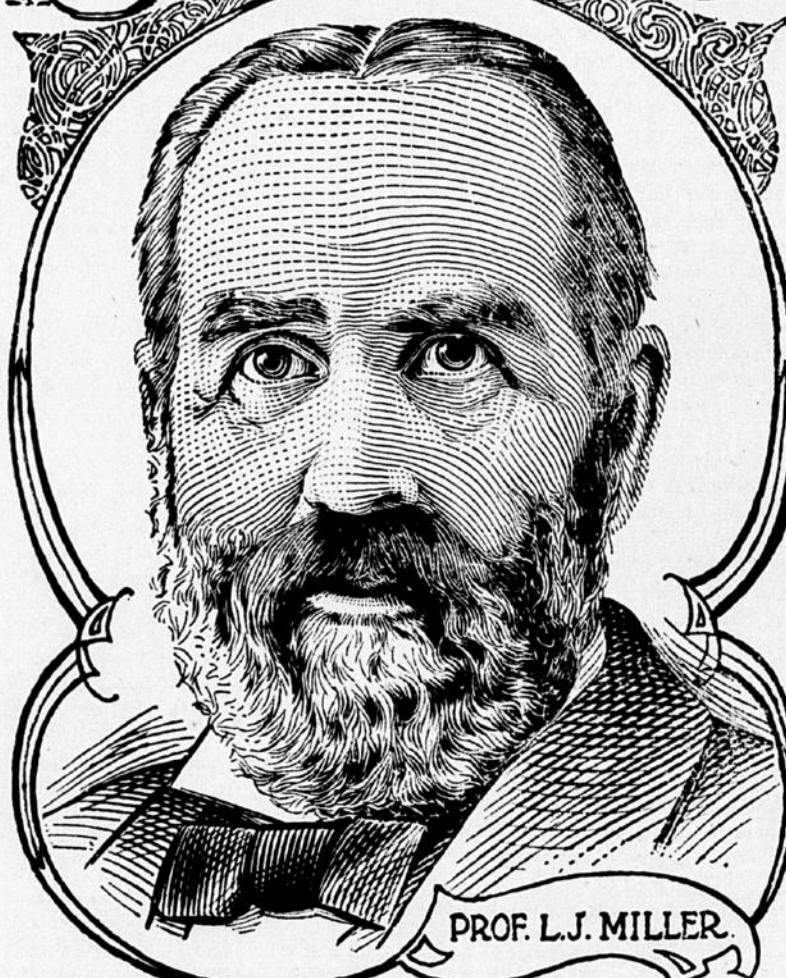
The following nomination for city offices have been filed with the city auditor. For Mayor, J. H. Severn, C. D. Shurlock and G. W. Kurtz; for Treasurer, Chester Hodges; Police Magistrate, Peter Pearson; Alderman for the First Ward, A. W. Dewey and J. H. Bradley; Second ward, Con Buckley, O. F. Bergquist; Third ward, S. E. Ellsworth, J. W. Sifton, R. B. Moses; Fourth ward, Geo. Kurtz, J. T. Nowlin.

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PROF. L. J. MILLER.

Prof. L. J. Miller, late Professor of Chemistry and Botany of the High School of Ypsilanti, Mich., writes from 337 N. Clark Street, Chicago, Ill., as follows:

"As several of my friends have spoken to me of the favorable results obtained through the use of Peruna, especially in cases of catarrh, I examined it most thoroughly to learn its contents.

"I found it composed of extracts of herbs and barks of most valuable medicinal qualities combined with other ingredients, delicately balanced, calculated to tone up the system, restore the functions and procure health.

"I consider Peruna one of the most skillfully and scientifically prepared medicines, which the public can use with safety and success."—PROF. L. J. MILLER.

ATTEMPTED BURNING.

For several days it has been known that an attempt was made last Wednesday night to burn the residence occupied by Clerk of Court Weber on Fourth avenue south near the court house, but that a clue might be better assured, no publicity has been given the matter up to this date.

The facts of the case are pretty well explained by the contents of a letter that Mr. Weber received through the mail the following day a copy of which follows:

"I try to poison your dog Nasholds: git pizen All wrong I owe you: grudge I watch woman leave: house I steal key I wait I see: man and woman leave house I: take little shovel I throw coals: No burn I try again."

The letter would lead one to believe on first sight that the writer was pretty much of an illiterate but after consideration it was decided that it was merely a blind as there are many words of more difficult spelling than others that are correctly spelled.

The letter was dropped in the post office without a stamp on it and cost Mr. Weber two cents for his information. A copy of the exterior inscription:

Mr. Charles Webber,
Jamtown
Court House

The coals that were used are still in Mr. Weber's possession and are not of the kind that he uses in his stoves. The first used was wood coals and was laid in the center of the floor of a closet that is situated under the stairs. It did not ignite and another attempt was made by placing hot lumps of stove coal under the dining table. The latter ones did not ignite and the attempt proved a failure.

Mr. Weber offers a personal reward of \$50 for the identity of the person that wrote the letter.

N. D. HOSPITAL ADDITION.

Governor White arrived in the city last night from Valley City and spent the night here. He says that he thinks there will be available for the improvements at the state hospital, this summer, the sum of \$50,000. It will complete the building already started by the contractors last spring and which is greatly needed.

ADVERTISE IN THE ALERT.

"Builds up the System."

Hon. Joseph H. Ridgeway, Secretary of the American Anti-Treat Society, writes the following letter from the Grand Central Hotel, St. Paul, Minn.:

"It is with great pleasure that I endorse Peruna as an honest medicine, competent to do all it claims. I have used it several times and know of nothing that cures so completely, and at the same time builds up the system.

"I have recommended it to a number of my friends and always feel that I do them a service for I know how satisfactory the results invariably are. I only wish every family had a bottle—it would save much sickness and doctor bills."—Joseph H. Ridgeway.



Joseph Ridgeway.

"Feel Better Than for Five Years."

Mr. James B. Taylor, Roberts, Ind., writes:

"I am at the present time entirely well. I can eat anything I ever could. I took five bottles of Peruna, and feel better now than I have for five years. I have doctored with other doctors off and on for fifteen years, so I can recommend your medicine very highly for stomach troubles. I take great pleasure in thanking you for your free advice and Peruna."—James B. Taylor.

"I Enjoy my Meals as I Used to."

Mr. J. W. Pritchard, Wolf Lake, Ind., writes:

"I am pleased to say that I have been cured of catarrh of the stomach by Peruna. I could hardly eat anything that agreed with me. Before I would get half through my meal my stomach would fill with gas causing me much distress and unpleasant feelings for an hour or two after each meal. But, thanks to your Peruna, I am now completely cured, and can eat anything I want to without any of the distressing symptoms. I can now enjoy my meals as I used to do, and it is all due to Dr. Hartman and his wonderful medicine, Peruna.

"It has been one year since I was cured, and I am all O. K. yet, so I know I am cured."—J. W. Pritchard.

Dyspepsia is a very common phase of summer catarrh. A remedy that will cure catarrh of one location will cure it anywhere. Peruna cures catarrh wherever located. That it is a prompt and permanent cure for catarrh of the stomach the above letters testify.

If you do not derive prompt and satisfactory results from the use of Peruna, write at once to Dr. Hartman, giving a full statement of your case and he will be pleased to give you his valuable advice gratis.

Address Dr. Hartman, President of The Hartman Sanitarium, Columbus, Ohio.

NORTH DAKOTA

The Bismarck Tribune man reports the appearance of a few wild geese pickets on the Missouri river last week but the snow turned the early birds back south again.

A mountain lion, measuring seven feet from nose to tip of tail, was caught in a trap near Ft. Buford on the Missouri river recently.

A creamery company has been organized at Steele. Kidder county is getting in line with the other counties in the central and western parts of the state.

The Barlow Record has died—cause, no necessity for its publication.

Devils Lake (Inter-Ocean)—Devils Lake has the least indebtedness per capita, by half, of any seven of the largest cities in the state which is \$8.21. The next smallest is Bismarck with a per capita indebtedness of \$14.53. That is a good showing but how about Dickinson with its per capita indebtedness of \$80.00?

"DO IT TO-DAY."

The time-worn injunction, "Never put off 'til to-morrow what you can do to-day," is now generally presented in this form: "Do it to-day!" That is the terse advice we want to give you about that hacking cough or demoralizing cold with which you have been struggling for several days, perhaps weeks. Take some reliable remedy for it to-day—and let that remedy be Dr. Boech's German Syrup, which has been in use for over thirty-five years. A few doses of it will undoubtedly relieve your cough or cold, and its continued use for a few days will cure you completely. No matter how deep-seated your cough, even if dread consumption has attacked your lungs, German Syrup will surely effect a cure—as it has done before in thousands of apparently hopeless cases of lung trouble. New trial bottles, 25c; regular size, 75c. At all druggists.

Lynching Threatened by Citizens of Georgia Town.

Americus, Ga., March 16.—The Americus Light Infantry, ordered to proceed to Preston, county seat of Webster county, rescued two white men, Henry Morgan and Sidney Harrell, from lynching at the hands of infuriated citizens.

Morgan was arrested charged with burning the town of Preston. It is said he has confessed and has implicated Harrell, his cousin. The loss from the fire amounted to \$30,000.

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G. PILLING, Grand Forks, N. D.