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North Dakota has good reasons to congratulate itself upon the assignments of its senators on committees of the senate. Senator Hansbrough is a member of the finance committee, one of the most important in the senate and is also on the District of Columbia committee, the St. Louis exposition committee and the committee on irrigation. He also continues as chairman of the committee on public lands, one of the leading committees for the senate. Senator McCumber becomes chairman of the committee on pensions, one of the most important in the senate and one with a vast amount of labor and responsibility involved. Senator Gallinger has been chairman of this committee for a number of years and Senator McCumber succeeds him to the place. It is seldom that a state of the size and youth of North Dakota has two senators so well placed. Thus again is seen the value of experience and tenure in office to the senator. These places come with time of service and experience, and are of vast importance to the prestige of the state.

Lincoln's Birthday.

The present month, the month of February, is particularly rich in having in her keeping, the birthday anniversaries of two of the most illustrious and eminent men our country has ever known, Washington and Lincoln, who stand as a most excellent type of manhood made by struggle with adverse circumstances—manhood rising above impossible barriers, climbing inaccessible heights, surmounting mountain difficulties, reaching the foremost place by virtue. Born in Elizabethtown, Ky., in 1809, assassinated at Washington, April 15, 1865, and buried at Springfield, Ill., where a beautiful tomb is erected to his memory. The incidents of his life and untimely death, as well as his illustrious words and heroic deeds are household words familiar to every schoolboy. What a true and sincere ring his voice must have had when he uttered such expressions as "Slavery is founded in the selfishness of man's nature." Opposition to it is "his love of justice." "Many free countries have lost their liberties and ours might lose hers, but if she shall, may it be my proudest plume, not that I was the last to desert her, but that I may never desert her."

In Social Circles.

Gilbert Cox entertained the following at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Cox, the event being held in honor of Gilbert's birthday: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cox, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Weiland, Misses Rose Schroeder, Lucile Weiland, Ida Wilson, Messrs. J. J. Brauer, Leighton, Pierce, Nelson and Gram. The evening was very pleasantly spent in music, games and in partaking of light refreshments.

A VOLTAIRE MAN IN TROUBLE.

John Anderson and His Sweetheart—John Registered at a Minot Hotel as Man and Wife—During the Night the Young Lady Goes Violently Insane and is Taken to the Hospital for Treatment—Insanity Only Temporary.

The troubles to which the matrimonially-inclined are subject, are numerous, and of widely varying nature, to which a couple can testify, who arrived on the "Soo" Sunday afternoon and registered at the Dacotah Hotel as man and wife. They were assigned a room and everything was lovely until about two o'clock Monday morning when the house was awakened by loud noise emanating from their quarters and on investigation it was discovered that the young woman had suddenly gone insane, and it was also learned that instead of being man and wife they were merely candidates for such honors, but had neglected to consult Judge Murray in the premises, so in view of apparent facts the young man, who, by

the way is said to be a well-to-do business man a little ways down the "Soo," was installed in the sheriff's best room and the next day given a hearing before Judge Murray, but as there was no proof of any deceptions having been committed he was allowed to go. The poor woman, in the meanwhile, was taken to the County Hospital, where she taxed their care and vigilance to the utmost, and on Monday afternoon, even succeeded in stealing away from them during a moment when no one was watching. When her absence was discovered and a search instituted, she was found roaming around in the Hospital yard, barefooted and clothed only in her nightgown. She evidently had no thought of the thermometer being 25 degrees below zero.

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It is the intention to connect with heating plant in Court House.

The County Commissioners met on Tuesday and in the afternoon the several bids for the building, steel work, heating and plumbing were opened. The lowest bid for the construction of the building was tendered by D. A. Dinnie & Co., of this city at \$10,371 and they were awarded the contract. The Diebold Safe & Lock Co., through their representative, Mr. Harrison, offered the lowest bid for the steel work, it being for \$8,252 and they were given the contract for that part of the building. The bids for the heating and plumbing were all rejected, and the Board will advertise for new ones. It is the intention to connect with heating plant in court house thereby doing away with the necessity of another boiler. When complete the structure is expected to cost about \$20,000 and it goes without saying that it will be up to date in every particular, so that even Stove Pipe Allen, when he comes to make his next visit, will conclude to take off his things and stay a while.

Young Johnson Seeking More Trouble.

Young twelve-year-old Johnson, of this city, of whom mention was made last week, is "at it" again. With his tale of woe last week he prevailed upon the hospitality of the Leland for lodging. Monday night he sang his tale of woe to Mr. White, proprietor of one of the livery stables. Mr. White, thinking the boy was really in need, paid for a night's lodging at the Mercantile. One cold night recently the wayfarer slept in the flour mill. Tuesday Chief of Police Kimball was notified that the boy could not be found. A search was instituted, but without success. The boy has respectful parents who feel badly over his misconduct. There are doubts as to the boy's sanity and, if located, he may be given a hearing.

Asks For Aid.

About a dozen representatives of the Russian Colony south of town appealed to the County Board for public assistance. They stated that they had had little or no crops last season, had large families and were on the brink of starvation. The Board decided to appoint a committee to inquire into their condition and with power to draw on the county to a limited extent if thought necessary.

The American Circus.

W. R. Andrews, of Grand Rapids, Mich., at a recent toast, got off the following appeal to the Filipinos:

You Filipinos don't know what you are missing by not wanting to become citizens of this grand country of ours. There isn't any thing like it under the sun. You ought to send a delegation over to see us—the land of the free—land of fine churches and 40,000 licensed saloons; bibles, forts and guns, houses of prostitution; millionaires and paupers; theologians and thieves; liberists and liars, politicians and poverty; Christians and chain gangs; schools and scalwags, trusts and tramps; money and misery; homes and hunger; virtue and vice; a land where you can get a good bible for fifteen cents and a bad drink of whisky for five cents; where we have a man in congress with three wives and a lot in the penitentiary for having two wives; where some men make sausage out of their wives, and some want to eat them raw; where we make bologna out of dogs, canned beef out of horses and sick cows, and corpses out of the people who eat it; where we put a man in jail for not having the means of support and on the rock pile for asking for a job of work; where we license bawdy houses and fine men for preaching Christ on the street corners; where we have a congress of 400 men who make laws, and a supreme court of nine men who see them aside; where good whisky makes bad men and bad men make good whisky; where newspapers are paid for suppressing the truth and made rich for teaching a lie; where professors draw their convictions from the same place they do their salaries; where preachers are paid \$25,000 a year to dodge the devil and tickle the ears of the wealthy; where business consists of getting hold of property in any way that won't land you in the penitentiary; where trusts 'hold up' and poverty 'holds down'; where men vote for what they do not want for fear they will not get what they do want by voting for it; where 'niggers' can vote and women can't; where a girl who goes wrong is made an outcast and her male partner flourishes as a gentleman; where women wear false hair and men 'dock' their horses' tails; where the political wirepuller has displaced the patriotic statesman; where men vote for a thing one day and cuss it 364 days; where we have prayers on the floor of our National Capitol and whisky in the cellar; where we spend \$500 to bury a statesman who is rich and \$10 to put away a working man who is poor; where to be virtuous is to be lonesome and to be honest is to be a crank; where we sit on the safety-valve of energy and pull wide open the throttle of conscience; where gold is substance—the one thing sought for; where we pay \$15,000 for a dog and fifteen cents a dozen to a poor woman for mak-

ing shirts; where we teach the 'untutored' Indian eternal life from the bible and kill him off with bad whisky; where we put a man in jail for stealing a loaf of bread and in congress for stealing a railroad; where the check-book talks, sin walks in broad daylight, justice is asleep, crime runs amuck, corruption permeates our whole social and political fabric, and the devil laughs from every street corner. Come to us, Fillices! We've got the greatest aggregation of good things and bad things, hot things and cold things, all sizes, varieties and colors, ever exhibited under one tent.

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