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Auditor, Donald Thomson.
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County Judge, E. W. Conroy.
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Surveyor, F. E. Hebert.
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Charles Edwards, Drayton.
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THE CHRONICLE PLATFORM.

Editor Fairchild launches his new departure in county journalism on the following political raft.

"Politically the Chronicle will be independent republican, especially in its treatment of national, state and legislative district affairs, but opposing candidates and measures of merit will always receive fair treatment at our hands. In local and county affairs we shall aim to give aid and support to candidates and measures best qualified to bring the highest good in service to the people, without drawing strict party lines."

We do not quarrel with Brother Fairchild on his independent sort of platform. Theoretically it is a most excellent one, practically it is the most difficult to carry out. The man who in war time attempts to cross from one line of battle to the other, is apt to be shot at by both armies. Such a platform presumes that the individual opinion is better than that of the party organization, which may or may not always be true. As a rule a straight out "bolt" for reasons expressed, gives a better idea of real independence than an "independent" way of picking out the "best candidates" from various parties. The motives of the independent style of political selection are almost invariably, whether rightly or wrongly, impugned as mercenary, and when it comes to reward, the newspaper which is independent—is independent, and has no claims.

In these remarks we do not intend them as personal to Mr. Fairchild, except as his independence in the past illustrates the truth of our conclusions. And, though we have used his editorial as a text, the sermon is general in its application, and we agree that a man or an editor has a right to be as independent as he pleases.

REPUBLICAN MONEY.

"We are unalterably opposed to every measure calculated to debase our currency or impair the credit of our country. We are therefore opposed to the free coinage of silver except by international agreement with the leading commercial nations of the world, which we pledge ourselves to promote, and until such agreement can be obtained the existing gold standard must be preserved. All our silver and paper currency must be maintained at parity with gold, and we favor all measures designed to maintain inviolably the obligations of the United States, and all our money, whether coin or paper, at the present standard, the standard of the most enlightened nations of the earth." Republican platform of 1896.

The recent order of President McKinley takes every man, but four in this customs district from the civil service list. These four men are located two at Pembina, one at Necedah and one at Portal. We understand there are several applicants on hand, with Senator Handborough's endorsements, ready to serve Uncle Sam as soon as places are open for them.

TOWNSHIP ELECTIONS.

Voters, about one-fourth of your taxes are levied at the town meetings next month and by the men elected at these town meetings. Don't you think you should look after financial reports and candidates pretty soon?

This don't necessarily mean that your taxes are too high or that your officers should be changed. It means, are your taxes a good investment to you and your township. A high rate with value received is not so high as a low rate extravagantly or foolishly expended.

As to township officers, it is a good rule, that men who run their own business successfully will run the township business in the same manner. The township clerk should have good clerical ability, and the assessor should have good business judgment and be able to handle figures. In both these latter offices, experience is worth considerable and where such officers have proved capable in the past, they should generally be re-elected. The ensuing town elections are to be held on Tuesday, March 1st.

Ex-candidate Bryan's western friends are disgusted at the fickleness of his erstwhile eastern supporters in not only dropping him, but widely advertising the fact. In the presidential campaign in which he and free silver were overwhelmingly defeated, no paper was more earnest and vehement in its support of a candidate than was the New York Journal in championing the cause, and personality of Mr. Bryan, but this paper now drops him like a red hot cake. Its editors, however, claim that they are not inconsistent and that Mr. Bryan's unreasoning advocacy of dead issues justifies them in their course. The following is a sample of what the Journal says of Mr. Bryan editorially, and in double-leaded type: "As a Bryan Democrat I have to confess that I grow weary of Mr. Bryan. And his is important because I find myself in a constantly increasing company. With these other Bryan Democrats, I am coming to believe that he is not large enough to be the leader of the cause which is known by his name. He is showing narrowness or an irrational obstinacy. The persistence with which he clings to 16 to 1, as if it were not only the solitary tenet in the Democratic creed, but the axis of the revolving cosmos, betrays either Mr. Bryan's incapacity to comprehend Bryanism or a dogged disposition which refuses to acknowledge what is presented to his eyes and those of every other intelligent man in the country, whether for or against the Chicago platform of the new democracy."

A new breed of prophets has arisen from the ranks of democracy, which bids fair to outclass all the old competitors. Our Uncle Richard Bland foretells sweeping democratic gains next fall in the congressional elections. But he is a little too general in his predictions for the present order of things. The Honorable Champ Clark comes to the front specifically and announces that the democrats will capture congressmen in every district that did not go republican in 1896 by at least 5,000 republican majority. This is pretty good stuff, but it takes Texas statesmen to do things up artistically. One of the Lone Star's congressmen grows enthusiastic in the statement that "the next house of representatives will consist wholly of democrats." That is the kind of a prophet to have.

The Grand Forks Herald says W. C. Plummer, well known as a campaign orator in this and other states, is hopelessly insane at Bellevue Hospital, New York. Plummer was a man of brilliant talents, almost a genius, but his career was a terrible example of "one thing you lack—st." Genius is oftener a curse than a treasure. If Plummer had only respected himself he might have attained almost any position, and while his faults were those which reflected mostly on himself, yet the world has at least the right to regret the waste of so much talent which might have been used to benefit mankind; and it has the right to regret the loss of such a man as Plummer might have been. His opportunities and capabilities were of the grandest, his accomplishments puerile and pitiable.

Some counties which advertised under the retroactive tax law, have discovered that the sheriff gets \$5 besides other fees for each lot or parcel of land sold. "Myrick & Co.," as the Pink Paper calls the county board, found out that there were something over 1,000 lots in this county to sell—and didn't advertise.

The title of Dr. John's lecture sounds something like a parody on the Forum's XX letters, "Did North Dakota make Jim Hill or did Jim Hill make North Dakota?"

W. C. T. U.

Town and County Officials.

The clause in the prohibition law relating to town and county officials, may disabuse the minds of many people of the idea that the W. C. T. U. is the only body that is accountable for the enforcement of the law. If the officials who are elected and paid by the people to perform this work, with the added prestige of being voters and having helped to make the laws—fail to accomplish its enforcement (not always their fault, for no small obstacles stand in the way of its enforcement; it is hedged about with difficulties which requires nerve to surmount) but if they often fail in their duty, why in the name of justice should a company of women be berated for not doing their work for them, simply because they have entered an organized protest against intemperance and are engaged in educating themselves on temperance lines, and in awakening and creating public sentiment on the subject?

Doesn't it look rather queer for a company of able-bodied and sound-minded men, whose place it is to execute the law, by virtue of their legal and divine responsibility, say, "why don't the women shut up these blind pigs?" (Not only are men in legal office directly responsible for the law's enforcement, but every citizen of whatever business or occupation.)

Now, only fancy these protectors of home, society and country taking their ease while the gentle home-maker is our chasing pigs trying to get them into a place which they cannot uproot and pollute by their filthy presence. It's an ugly task, pigs are stubborn and hard to manage. They recognize no law that they are bound to obey. They have no sense of the beautiful; they will as ruthlessly uproot the choicest flowers as the dirty heaps of rubbish. Their choice is to wallow in filth. Their only quest is to gratify self, overturning anything that comes in their way, with contemptuous grunts for what it may cost others, and true to their cowardly nature when they are caught they piteously squeal. This is the animal, in the moral sphere, which the gentle guardian of the home with her unequal physical and legal strength is expected to catch and control. Really, now, brothers, this is not worthy of you; has your sense of chivalry so deserted you as to render you unmanly?

The W. C. T. U. will take a share of the responsibility (though in the eyes of the law it hasn't any) and it will not shirk the share of censure that falls to its lot, for it is not endowed with infallibility; but it must occasionally protest against being made the object—by friends and foe—upon which to heap reproaches and criticisms for the combined errors and failures in duty of every legal citizen. If people whose temperance principles are strong enough to desire to see the law enforced (and feel that the W. C. T. U. is the proper body to do it) would do the humane act of joining hands with it, they would create a force that no blind-pigs and law breakers could withstand. May they think on these things and see upon which side justice falls. Every man and woman who believe in abolishing the liquor traffic should unite their influence in one body against it. The question is, why don't they? When their convictions are as strong as their assertions, they will. A W. C. T. U.—In Coopers-town Courser.

Council Proceedings.

Regular meeting city council. Present Aldermen King, Price, Felson Hart and Short. Alderman Short in the chair.

Minutes of meeting of Dec. 6th, 1897, read and approved.

Bills allowed.
M. J. Switzer, lumber \$111 20
Pioneer Express, printing and advertising 53 85
R. F. Smith, engineer 29 00
Waterproof Engine Works repairs 1 75
T. L. Price, fire apparatus 6 73
do streets and sidewalks 35 00
Salary of R. F. Smith fire engineer, was on motion, fixed at \$100 per year for 1898.

Financial statement to Jan. 1st, read and filed.

The Auditor was directed to procure a place for the township meeting and caucus. Adjourned.

F. A. WARDWELL, Auditor.

A Valuable Prescription.

Editor Morrison of Worthington, Ind., "Sun," writes: "You have a valuable prescription in Electric Bitters, and I can cheerfully recommend it for Constipation and Sick Headache, and as a general system tonic it has no equal." Mrs. Annie Stehle, 282 1/2 Cottage Grove Ave., Chicago Ill., was all run down, could not eat nor digest food, had a backache which never left her and felt tired and weary, but six bottles of Electric Bitters restored her health and renewed her strength. Price 50 cents and \$1.00. Get a bottle at T. R. Shaw & Co's. Drug Store.

Auction Sale.

As I am about leaving the country, in order to close out my stock, I will sell at public auction, without reserve, on Saturday, February 19th, 1898, at one o'clock p. m. sharp, at my stables in Pembina, a large amount of horses, cattle and miscellaneous articles, of which the following is a partial list.

HORSES.

One pair drivers, weight 2300, 5 and 6 years old.
One pair drivers, 6 and 8 years old.
One brown horse 6 years old, weight 1300 pounds.
Three brown horses, 6 years old, 1250 pounds apiece.
Four steel grey horses, 6 years old.
One pair bay horses, 6 and 7 years, weight 2800 pounds.
One pair sorrel horses, 4 years, weight 2700 pounds.
One pair sorrel horses, 6 and 7 years, weight 2800 pounds.
One brown driver, 6 years old, weight 10.0 pounds.
Three two year old colts.
One three year old colt.
Five yearling colts.
One pair black mares 6 years, weight 28 0 pounds.
Three saddle horses.

WAGONS, ETC.

Three Northwestern wagons.
Four buggies.
One cutter.
One bob sleigh.
Two pair trucks and tank.

HARNESSES.

One double work harness.
One double driving harness.
One single driving harness.

MACHINERY.

One 7 foot Havana drill.
One 20 shoe Tiger drill.
Two gang plows.
One sulky plow.
One disk harrow.
One horse rake.

CATTLE.

Ten cows.
Two yearlings.

MISCELLANEOUS.

One office safe.
One pump.
Two tank pumps and many small articles too numerous to mention.

This will be a rare opportunity to get bargains, as sale will be positive and without reserve.

Will sell any of the above at private sale previous to auction, at very low figures.

Terms: Secured notes due Nov. 1, 1898. Ten per cent off for cash. All sums under \$10, cash.

A. J. McFadden, CHAS. ATKINSON, Auctioneer. Owner.

Atlantic Currents.

It is an interesting fact in the records of scientific progress that the United States has for a long time past been dropping bottles overboard in the Atlantic ocean at the Azores, in deep water along the coast of Spain and from the Madeira and the Canaries northward along the coast of Africa. The fact that all these bottles that have been recovered have been found on the coast of South America, on the Atlantic, and some of them as far west as the mouth of the Rio Grande, suggests the inference that every buoyant object which has been dropped into the ocean during the present geological epoch by prehistoric or historic Spaniards, Portuguese or Africans has found its way to America and been stranded somewhere between the tenth parallel south and the thirtieth parallel north. In the northern part of the Atlantic ocean the currents run the other way, and the bottles have been delivered from America to Europe. In the Pacific ocean the daily mails delivered on the west coast of America from Mount St. Elias southward have proceeded from about the twentieth parallel north, in the vicinity of the Malay peninsula and archipelago, thence have traveled through the China sea and the Japanese sea to pick up matters designed for the western hemisphere.

Eureka Gas.

The name of Eureka gas is given to a new illuminant, expected to rival acetylene. This gas, as described in invention and originated by M. Hector de Favi of Montebasone, Italy, is obtained as follows: Lime as pure as possible is employed as a base, colophony and calcium carbide being added—1,000 parts of the mixture ready for use consisting of 900 of quicklime, 50 of colophony and 50 of calcium carbide—and there is said to be no liability of explosion by mixing with air. No heating of water and no special burner is needed. One thousand parts of the mixture give 60 liters of gas at a pressure of 85 millimeters of water, and the photometric intensity of the flame is stated to be 92.4 candle hours, while the same amount of calcium carbide employed singly would give only 18 candle hours. Thus, it is asserted, the new gas is 50 per cent cheaper than acetylene, or that at equal cost it will give half as much more light.

White Goods.

Sweeping Sale of White Cottons.

Our cottons were purchased at very close prices and are the best value in the city.

- White tucked muslin,
- White spotted muslin,
- White checked muslin,
- Victoria lawn,
- India linen,
- Toweling,
- Fancy white dress goods, In all the latest patterns.
- White sheeting,
- White pillow cotton,
- Toilet covers,
- Table napkins,
- Table linen,
- Ladies night-gowns,
- Ladies drawers,
- Ladies white underwear,
- Ladies corset covers,
- White organdies,
- White buntings,
- White laces,
- Bureau covers,
- Stand covers,
- Stamped goods, In all patterns, at very low prices.
- 100 patterns embroideries From one cent a yard up.

Our dress goods have just arrived and will be opened for inspection on Saturday morning. Come and get a new dress.

CHAS. FULL'S, Cheap Cash Store.

To Make a Mistake

is natural; to rectify it is beneficial. If you have bought verware or jewelry anywhere and got beaten, the experience is worth something. The satisfaction we will give you will be all the more pleasing by contrast. We have just enriched our stock by purchases of

Gold and Silver Watches,

Chains, Hair Ornaments, Hat Pins, Thimbles, Silver ware that is Silverware, etc.

However good your taste, or moderate your purchasing capability, we can give you satisfaction.

M. H. MILLER, The Jeweler.

New Store! New Goods!

AT GARDAR, N. D.

A Fresh and Complete Stock of General Merchandise, Groceries, Dry Goods, Clothing, Hardware, Shoes, and every thing needed for yourself or your household.

Prices as low as the lowest. The goods were bought right and will be sold right. Believing that our prices and our goods will please your patronage is respectfully requested.

N. B.—I can still loan money and renew mortgages on as favorable, if not more favorable, terms as anyone. Write or come in and talk it over with me.

E. H. BERGMAN.