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**LICKIN' STAMPS.**

When you grab a bunch of stamps and lick them carefully, one by one, before affixing them to the mail matter which you are sending out, do you stop to think just what it is you are doing.

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**WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH VALLEY CITY.**

Harping on one subject is at times distasteful, but also necessary. The Times Record has twice referred to the carelessness of hotel men who drive their push carts along the main street between the hotels and the depot.

Yesterday an incident occurred which forcibly illustrates the need of enforcing an order compelling them either to be more careful or to keep off the streets altogether.

A group of women were talking in front of one of the stores, when one of the hotel carts passed, struck one of the women with the wheel, and tore a skirt so badly that it was completely ruined.

This was not a case of young girls blocking the sidewalks, driving innocent pedestrians into the streets, but of wanton carelessness which should not be tolerated. In spite of the fact that the public has been almost unanimous in commenting favorably upon the Times Record's suggestion in this direction, nothing has been done, either by the hotels or the city government to remedy the evil. Cannot some action by the council or the hotel owners be urged directly, through the public which is compelled at present to suffer.

With the primaries but thirty days away, county politics is beginning to warm up, and prognostication and speculation as to the result of the contest for various offices is increasing.

Probably the most interesting campaign so far as the voter is concerned is that for the office of sheriff. Three candidates are and have been, in the field for more than a month. Of these, one lives at Litchville, the other two in Valley City. All three have held public office, one as representative in the state legislature, another as sheriff of Barnes county for four years.

The third candidate, James Kelly, is making his first campaign for an elective office, and is now, and has been, for four years, deputy under the present incumbent.

In public office, as well as in private business, it is a well established and natural rule, that service well rendered deserves recognition and promotion. For nearly four years Mr. Kelly has served the county as deputy in the sheriff's office. During that time he has not only made for himself a reputation for faithful discharge of duties, readiness to serve the public and a courtesy to those who transact legal business with the office, but for many months, when compelled by the sheriff's illness, he took on his shoulders the duties and responsibilities belonging to the sheriff, and gave unanimous satisfaction.

Mr. Kelly is conducting an active and energetic campaign to place his merits before the people of the county. Whether or not he will secure the nomination will, of course, be in doubt until the votes are counted on election day. But it is a certainty that if the tax payers of Barnes county believe in rewarding work well done, in placing responsibilities upon those who have been trained to bear them, Mr. Kelly will be the choice of a large majority of voters next month.

From an exchange we note that the Devils Lake Chautauqua has taken

unto itself the Farm Boys' Encampment, a unique and original feature of the local Chautauqua a year ago. All honor to Devils Lake for having good sense to see the "hole in the doughnut." But let it not be forgotten that the idea for this great feature originated in Valley City. However, the Valley City Chautauqua still has in reserve a few exclusive features such as the Farm Girls' Encampment, the Dairy School, the Poultry School, The Child's Welfare Conference, The Reading Circle—but why continue. In the language of the great Eastern Sage, "We Should Worry."

**THE CRIME OF A COURT.**

A boy 20 years old, out of work and hungry and who had been a waif since childhood, was charged with holding up and robbing a man of \$1.85 and an overcoat in St. Paul, Minn. Judge Grier M. Orr sentenced him to 40 years' imprisonment, practically a life sentence, a sentence only one degree short of hanging.

Judge Orr says the boy pleaded guilty to first degree robbery and there was nothing for him to do but impose the sentence he did. But the Judge was on the bench to protect the interests of the youth, as well as those of the state. Those of the youth were sadly neglected and the state was too zealously served. Judge Orr should not have permitted the youth to plead guilty to first degree robbery if he was bound to impose the sentence he did: It is not surprising that he should hear himself adversely criticized—New York Herald.

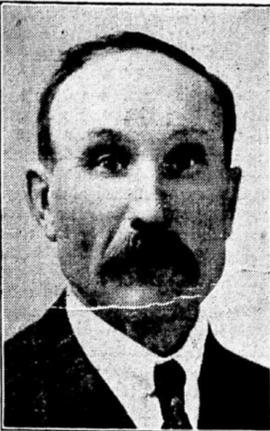
**A GOOD RECORD.**

F. E. Ployhar, member of the state legislature from the fifteenth legislative district has announced his candidacy for re-election, and will be a candidate at the primaries next month. Mr. Ployhar has served the county well, been watchful for the interests of the public institutions of his district as well as those of the state, and there is no doubt but that his constituents as a whole have approved his incumbency of office. While at times we disagree with Mr. Ployhar on some issues, we are glad to give him the support of the Times Record, and believe that he will be re-elected by a large majority.

Too much credit cannot be given to Miss Nielson, county superintendent of schools, and T. W. Burkhalter, director of Physical Education of the State Normal School, which resulted in the tremendously successful Play Day and picnic in Valley City on Saturday. The Play Day has been an annual feature in Barnes county since Miss Nielson first took office, but it is to Mr. Burkhalter that credit must be given for having helped develop and broaden its scope until it has become the biggest school day in the state. A large meed of credit is also due President McFarland of the Normal school, for the splendid showing of students from the Normal and Model departments of the school.

Chautauqua Park is a popular place for many picnickers these warm days. On Sunday many little groups found their way to the park with lunches and made merry during the afternoon. On Monday afternoon the Jenny Wren club held a picnic at the park and the pupils of the third and fourth grades of the Model school with their teachers, also enjoying the afternoon picnicking.

**FOR STATE TREASURER.**



**ROLLEF BERG.**

I am a candidate for nomination of State Treasurer on the Republican Ticket, at the June 24th, 1914 Primary Election.  
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 (Adv.) Courtenay, N. D.

**TELLS OF PERILS ROOSEVELT BRAVED IN AMAZON JUNGLES**

Colonel and Kermit Tough Wore the Natives Out on as Coiled Wire, Says Returned Explorer. Terrible Hunt—Fiala Nearly Lost Life.

FRESH from the wilds of the Amazon, Captain Anthony Fiala, explorer, artist and author, brings a thrilling story of the perils encountered in Brazilian jungles by himself and Colonel Roosevelt, who is expected home about May 17.

"We set out for the headwaters of the Paragayo river," said Captain Fiala, "on a Brazilian government boat and afterward started into the wilderness with a pack train. After 400 miles of marching through an unexplored country we came to the Duvida river, which in English is known as the River of Doubt. Up to the time of our arrival no white men had ever explored it. We set out from Utiarity, the last telegraph station in the wilds. Two

time strenuousness and that Kermit Roosevelt is tougher than his father. If such a thing is possible. "Kermit, I believe," said he, "is made of coiled wire all bound up in bronze." He gave as an illustration of the colonel's vigor the manner in which he spent New Year's day.

**An Exciting Hunt.**

"Colonel Roosevelt, Kermit and a party of Brazilians set out at daylight on New Year's to hunt tiger cats. Their path lay through swamps filled with crocodiles and snakes. The morning wore into afternoon and the afternoon approached evening without a word from the party. Just about the time that I decided something had happened to the party one of the natives staggered into camp. He could not speak and simply made signs and pointed. We set out to go to the colonel's rescue, thinking he had met with disaster.

"As we made our way through the tropical forest we came across natives of the party who were staggering and unable to speak. Then we came to an open place and saw two of the Brazilian army officers lying on the ground. They were completely exhausted. While we were striving to learn what had happened we chanced to look up and saw the colonel and Kermit. The colonel was bleeding, and his clothes were torn to shreds. He and Kermit were assisting a Brazilian officer, who was half unconscious.

**Wildest March of All.**

"When the colonel caught sight of me he began to grin. He was certainly a ferocious sight with his cut and bleeding face and torn clothes, but he was happy. He did not have any tiger cats, but he had led his party the wildest march they had ever been upon. It took those Brazilians fully two days before they recovered sufficiently to continue the march. The colonel had a good sleep and was as fit as ever.

"The principal difficulty every one in the party experienced was being



ANTHONY FIALA, WHO TELLS OF PERILS IN "DARKEST SOUTH AMERICA."

days out of Utiarity we decided to split up our party. The colonel said he would follow the Duvida river, and I chose to explore the Papagayo river. The colonel and I parted in a drenching rainfall, and I was set back two days' journey.

**Fight For Life In Rapids.**

"The greatest hazard in South American exploration is the rapids and falls in the rivers. We met with disaster when we encountered the first rapids in the Papagayo river. I had with me a Brazilian officer and seven men. We were traveling in two canoes. Without warning our canoes went under, and we found ourselves struggling in the terrific current. I sank four times before I managed to grasp hold of the branch of a tree overhanging the river. I was almost exhausted, and it was with great difficulty that I pulled myself on to the bough and began a tedious passage to the bank. I think I would have fallen back into the river had it not been for the assistance given me by a powerful native of the party who had made shore.

"When we got to the bank we had to hack our way through the dense tropical growth with machetes. After that experience I began to lose confidence in the native canoes and determined to use the American canoe I had with me. The natives were skeptical of my light canoe, thinking it would be broken like an egg shell; but, as it was afterward demonstrated, the American canoe was the only thing that made our passage possible. The upset of the canoes resulted in the loss of most of my effects. Cameras, rifles, guns and foodstuffs went to the bottom of the turbulent stream.

"Our passage up the Papagayo, Jurana and Tapajos rivers was the hardest experience I have ever undergone. We had to portage continually and to take our canoes out of the river, and carry them overland around the many rapids meant cutting down trees, and through the densest tropical growths. The rapids where I met with trouble were formerly known as the Rapids da Diablo, or Rapids of the Devil. When Colonel Roosevelt heard of my trouble he sent word that the name of the rapids had been changed from da Diablo to da Fiala."

**Roosevelt Pluck.**

Captain Fiala, who had heard nothing from Colonel Roosevelt until he arrived at Manaus, said he was not surprised to learn that the colonel had been sick.

"That is the richest country in the world," Fiala declared, "but it is a terribly hard country to travel through—just tremendous, roaring waters and big trees. We all had a hard time.

"It is not surprising that even Colonel Roosevelt became ill. It must have required all his amazing vitality to stand the fatigue of travel in that country, where, unless you go by water, every kilometer of the way must be hacked through the jungle. Very often, indeed, a kilometer is a good day's journey. I have seen insects so thick on a man as to cover his back like a cloak."

Captain Fiala says that Colonel Roosevelt has lost nothing of his wild



MAP SHOWING ROUTE TAKEN BY COLONEL ROOSEVELT—HE STARTED AT BUENOS AYRES AND CAME OUT AT MANAOS.

without food. I lost over twenty pounds in three weeks. I believe Colonel Roosevelt lost some too. I never want to see another bean. Colonel Roosevelt, however, ate many of them and did not seem to mind having the same diet.

"The greatest luxury in the Amazon country is eggs. We found them selling for 35 and 40 cents apiece. We came across an English explorer who insisted on having boiled eggs every morning for breakfast, and that meant that everybody in the whole countryside had to go without the delicacy."

**THE EXPENSIVE SANDWICH.**

A New View of the "Poor Man's Lunch" Shows Its Lack of Value.

Max Rubner, a Berlin physiologist and hygienist, says the American sandwich is becoming popular in German cities.

The sandwich is not as economical as is popularly believed, says the Journal of the American Medical Association. It is true that a palatable sandwich can be purchased for a few cents, but the same proportionate expenditure in the household or in the purchase of a warm meal that deserves the name will procure surprisingly more nutriment, even in the more expensive type of restaurants. It has been calculated, for example, that 25 cents will buy:

Calories.	Grams	protein.
In a public eating house 3,590 containing 105		
in a good restaurant... 1,590 containing 75		
in the form of sandwiches..... 1,140 containing 30		

The sandwich is frequently looked on as the "poor man's lunch," and current practice is tending to increase its use. If it is really desirable to increase the purchasing power of a small daily income so as to increase the amount of food, the reform cannot be instituted by pointing to the supposedly inexpensive lunch counter.

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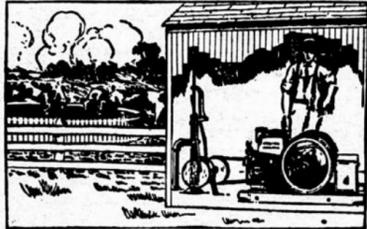
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