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Will the legislature undertake to remodel the Australian ballot this winter?

The Plaindealer shows signs of considerable rustling on the home news pages.

On final counts the democrats gain an elector each in the states of California and Virginia.

Many of our exchanges liken the Thanksgiving "blow out" to the big blizzard of March, 1892.

Bierly, of the Northwest News fame, is regaining his health and will enter the newspaper field in the south.

Editor Minder is alderman of the second ward over at Crystal and occasionally fills the pulpit in cases of emergency.

Twelve inches of snow fell in a blizzard experienced down in Virginia last Wednesday.

The annual meeting of old settlers who located in the Red River Valley prior to 1878 meets at Pembina on the 18th inst.

Speaking of the blizzard at Steele last week Editor Wood says the Ozone shack is located in a huge snow drift east of the livery barn.

The annual excursion of North Dakota editors to Texas last week seems to have been largely made up of doctors, lawyers and bankers, all of which is dead wrong.

North Dakota patrons of the T. M. Roberts supply house at Minneapolis will suffer inconvenience for awhile.

Grant S. Hager tells the readers of the St. Thomas Times in editorial correspondence how it feels to ride in the luxurious parlor cars of the Burlington along the banks of the Mississippi.

Following the close of the political campaign and in view of the approaching session of the legislature the State Business Men's union finds that its usefulness can be brought into actual practice.

In last week's Milton Globe the attention of the legislators of this district is directed to North Dakota's divorce laws.

Congressman Johnson was beaten by Burke in his home precinct by 8 votes and in the county by 34 votes.

Mercer, the versatile pen pusher on the Leader, at Larimore, has entered on a new venture.

Official returns from South Dakota and Wyoming place both in the Bryan column.

Training headquarters for the senatorial fight that comes off in the legislative halls at Bismarck this winter have been established at both Fargo and Grand Forks.

McKINLEY'S PLURALITIES.

McKinley's popular plurality is dwindling as fuller returns come in. Unreliable partisan organs are still deceiving their readers with the pleasing fiction that it approximates a million and a half.

An approximately complete table of the McKinley, Bryan and Palmer vote in the whole country, made by a New York newspaper, shows McKinley's popular plurality to be 829,064.

Grant's popular plurality over Greeley in 1872 was 762,991. McKinley's over Bryan will not exceed that much.

When the immensity of the total vote is considered, this is not big enough to warrant the revel of intolerance indulged in by the partisan press.

THE MAJORITIES.

The table below is corrected up to date from official figures, with a few unofficial returns, and shows majorities as follows:

Table with columns for McKinley, Bryan, and Richard-son. Lists names and vote counts for various locations like Barnes, Benson, Billings, etc.

Total 7073 1179 6733 1579. Net majority for McKinley 5894. Net majority for Briggs (rep.) 5164.

The galaxy of North Dakota ex-governors that congregate in the wheat pit at Duluth received an addition in the person of Ex-Gov. Shortridge last week.

Since Foster slipped a cog in his weather predictions for the last week of November the Fargo Forum isn't so busy patting the accurate (?) prophet on the back.

North Dakota's blizzards are preferable to the cyclones of Iowa. People may freeze occasionally but are never jerked into eternity on short notice.

THE POPULAR VOTE.

At last reports the following table gives the vote of the states as far as the official and unofficial returns were known.

The total prohibition vote will not exceed 80,000. The socialist vote was smaller than 1892.

Table with columns for McKinley and Bryan. Lists states and vote counts: Alabama, Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Colorado, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming.

Totals 7,050,516 6,221,552. The total vote approximates 13,579,638.

The private indebtedness of the people of the United States amounts to more than \$22,000,000,000.

The value of the cotton crop of the country is 8,000,000 bales; at \$25 per bale it is \$200,000,000.

Bishop Shanley is reported to be preparing for a vigorous attack upon the divorce laws now in force in this state.

Deacon Britton, the newspaper man up at Bottineau, had the glass front of the Courant office demolished by flying bricks during the Thanksgiving blizzard.

Space writers for eastern papers got in their work on the blizzard. Just as we predicted they would.

The post office inspector has given orders that no person or persons shall be allowed to make a practice of collecting mail and mailing it on the train.

Absolutely pure, perfectly harmless, and invariably reliable are the qualities of One Minute Cough Cure.

FRANK'S LAMENT.

Frank Wilson, of the Bathgate Pink Paper grinds out the following mournful dirge in honor of his obsequies in the late senatorial conflict against "Mahogany Jud" in the first district.

"Oh! the crow, the beautiful crow! You are poor and tough, but we love you so! We'll pluck your plumage, glossy and black, And we snipe the hair from your skinny old back.

FREE PILLS.

Send your address to H. E. Bucklen & Co., Chicago, and get a free sample box of Dr. King's New Life Pills.

The old way of delivering messages by postboys compared with the modern telephone, illustrates the old tedious methods of "breaking" colds compared with their almost instantaneous cure by One Minute Cough Cure.

U. S. Land Office. Grand Forks, November 2, 1896.

Notice is hereby given that Peter Penke has filed notice of his intention to make final proof before the clerk of district court, Cavalier county, N. Dak., on Saturday, the 19th day of December, 1896.

U. S. Land Office. Grand Forks, N. D., Nov. 12, 1896.

Notice is hereby given that Adolph Schulke has filed notice of intention to make final proof before the Clerk of District Court, Cavalier county, N. Dak., at his office in Langdon, N. D., on Saturday the 16th day of December, 1896.

U. S. Land Office. Grand Forks, November 3, 1896.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Judge and Ex-officio clerk of county court, Cavalier county, N. D., on December 15, 1896.

U. S. Land Office. Grand Forks, N. D., Nov. 12, 1896. Notice is hereby given that George W. Reekie has filed notice of intention to make final proof before the Clerk of District Court, Cavalier county, N. Dak., at his office in Langdon, N. D., on Monday the 29th day of December, 1896.

U. S. Land Office. Grand Forks, N. D., Dec. 5th, 1896.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make commutation proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Clerk of the District Court for Cavalier county, N. Dak., at Langdon, N. D., on Jan'y 15, 1897.

U. S. Land Office. Grand Forks, N. D., Nov. 11, 1896.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Clerk of the District Court for Cavalier county, N. Dak., at Langdon, N. Dak., on January 2nd, 1897.

U. S. Land Office. Grand Forks, N. D., Nov. 18th, 1896.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Clerk of the District Court for Cavalier county, N. Dak., at Langdon, N. Dak., on January 2nd, 1897.

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LANGDON, N. DAK.

Default having been made in the condition of a chattel mortgage bearing date the 24th day of April 1896, executed and delivered by Frank B. Coates as mortgagor, to W. J. Mooney & P. McHugh as mortgagees, and filed in the office of the register of deeds of the County of Cavalier and State of North Dakota, on the 24th day of April 1896.

U. S. Land Office. Grand Forks, N. D., Nov. 14, 1896.

Notice is hereby given that Francis Coates has filed notice of intention to make final proof before the Clerk of District Court, Cavalier county, N. Dak., at his office in Langdon, N. D., on Tuesday the 29th day of December, 1896, on timber culture application No 6276, for the ne 1/4 sec No. 17, in twp No 162 n, range No 60 w.

U. S. Land Office. Grand Forks, N. D., Nov. 12, 1896.

Notice is hereby given, that by virtue of said default and the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and by order of W. J. Mooney & P. McHugh the present owners of said mortgage, I will sell the following chattels described in said mortgage to-wit: All crops of every name, nature and description, grown and harvested on the nw 1/4 known as Ab. Prinyer tree claim and owned by Mary Donovan, of section 14 town 162 range 60 in Cavalier county, also one black horse age 5 years, three white legs and face, weight about 1050, one 14-16 disc harrow complete 4 horse whiffletrees and tongue, as public auction, for cash, at First National Bank corner in the City of Langdon, Cavalier county, and State of North Dakota, between the hours of 1 and 4 o'clock p. m., on Saturday the 12th day of Dec. 1896.

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