

Griggs county will average over thirty bushels per acre this year. Our farmers will have money to throw at the birds. If any farmers in the Red River Valley are short of funds and need some good substantial loans, just drop any Griggs county farmer a line and they will be "in it."

The Park River Witness fires a few nuts for the farmer to crack:

Who pays taxes in Walsh county on stocks of goods? Is it the Fargo and St. Paul house, which ask for cash orders when good crops appear? or is it the home merchant? What would the farm be worth without the town close to it, and the stores in that town? Who buys the farmers butter and eggs? Can he send them to the foreign house in exchange for goods? Farmers, citizens, think of these things before sending your money abroad.

Last year the people of Ohio voted against the republican ticket on account of the McKinley bill—they were unacquainted with its workings. Next week one of the most exciting political campaigns in our history will be brought to a close at the polls and it is to decide either for or against this same measure—McKinley the father of the bill, is running for governor against the man who beat the republican nominee one year ago. Will the McKinley bill be endorsed by the election of its author? We think so.

Senator Hansbrough is going to put in some hard work for North Dakota this winter. He is going to try and get all the swamp and arid lands in this state, and which were formerly ceded to Minnesota, deeded to this state. Much of this land has been drained and has proved very valuable. It is a matter involving at present fully \$10,000,000 to the state, and if successfully carried through may some time prove very valuable to North Dakota.

Another important matter to which Senator Hansbrough will give his attention is to secure to North Dakota the 5 per cent. premium from the sale of public land since admission to the Union. Montana and South Dakota have already received their quota amounting to \$20,000 in Montana and \$11,897.50 in South Dakota. In this state it will amount to fully \$25,000.

GROWING GRIGGS.

One of the Finest Agricultural Districts in Imperial North Dakota.

PROSPEROUS AND THRIFTY COOPERSTOWN

An Enterprising Mart in the Centre of a Magnificent and Fertile Domain.

GOOD SCHOOLS AND FINE CHURCHES.

A Section that Demonstrates the Practicability of Diversified Farming.

AN ENTERPRISING WEEKLY NEWSPAPER.

A General Glance at the Business Interests of the Metropolis of Griggs.

COOPERSTOWN, N. D., Oct. 24.—This is the terminal point of what is known as the Cooperstown branch of the Northern Pacific road. Leaving the main line at Sanborn, the road runs due north 36 miles, thus opening up one of the finest sections of country in North Dakota. The original idea of the management in building this branch was to tap the Turtle Mountain country and this end will probably be accomplished in the course of a few years. For the present, however, the company seems content with the amount of business transacted with Cooperstown as a terminus. It is safe to assert that a greater traffic in wheat and other com-

modities is done, than on any road of its length in the west. Wheat is hauled from a distance of 80 and 85 miles to this city, it being the nearest point to be reached either east, west or north. In view of this fact it will readily be seen that Cooperstown must necessarily be a great city from a commercial point of view.

COOPERSTOWN

is located in nearly the centre of Griggs county. The number of inhabitants will range some where from 600 to 800. On the east side flows the Sheyenne river and on the west side is a small stream familiarly known as "Bald-Hill" creek. This makes no pretensions as a staid and sedate river of old-maidish propensities, but gathers in basins along its course, and gradually filling up to the overflowing point, gushes forth to fill up the next pool lower down. There is just enough movement to the water, especially at this time of the year, to keep it from becoming stale, making along its banks the very best of grazing lands. The farmers, ready to make the most of any advantages afforded by nature, have not been slow to gather large herds of cattle and sheep, to feed on the grassy bottom lands, which may be seen from the rolling train. Although this country has gained considerable notoriety from its cattle and sheep industry, yet grain farming is the prevailing business 30 to 40 bushels being the average yield for miles in all directions. The largest operators are the Cooper Bros., the original townsite owners, who farm about 5,000 acres. Of this 5,000 acres 1,100 was sowed this year to barley, which Mr. Cooper sold a short time since for \$27,000, enough to pay the running expenses of a farm, leaving the proceeds of about 3,000 acres of wheat and 1,000 acres of oats yet to be realized on. Who says farming does not pay in Griggs county? Can any one refute facts and figures?

IMMIGRATION.

The county in the last few years, while not having under gone any boom, has gradually settled up with a class of people that has been a benefit to Cooperstown and the county at large—and perhaps it would be well to mention right here—that there is no town in North Dakota that has treated its settlers with more generosity than the county seat of Griggs county. Only a short time since a farmer was burned out a few miles from here. A relief fund was started and several hundred dollars raised in one day.

THE COURT HOUSE.

Griggs county can boast of a very fine red brick court house. The building is three stories high, has steam heat and is in every way a credit to Cooperstown or any other city in North Dakota.

THE G. A. R.

The Frank M. Rockwell Post G. A. R. is taken a deal of interest in and meets in their lodge rooms in the court house first and third Saturdays in each month at 2 p. m. E. C. Butler, commander; Harry Clarke, Adj.

THE A. O. U. W.

Griggs Lodge No. 13, A. O. U. W., has a strong lodge, well attended, and also meet at the court house every Wednesday evening at 7:30 p. m. Visiting brothers are always made welcome. Writer Upton, M. W., Iver Jacobson, Recorder.

THE CHURCHES.

There are three churches, the Methodist, Congregational and Baptist. The ladies of the latter society gave an elaborate supper last evening which was well attended and heartily enjoyed by all.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

For the past seven years Prof. C. W. Hodge has had charge of the public schools, and in that time many important changes have taken place. Many who were once his pupils have grown to manhood and womanhood and gone out in the world for themselves; but the enrollment still averages 125. Mrs. Carleton has charge of the primary department and another teacher is soon to be secured for the intermediate. The scholars have within themselves raised the necessary funds to purchase a organ philosophical apparatus and a large bell.

THE PALACE.

The popular stopping place of the city is the Palace hotel. This hostelry is a model of neatness, and with the Arneson Sisters as managers, their tables are supplied with the very choicest of the market affords.

THE GRIGGS COURIER.

Percy Trubshaw, the editor of one of the largest weekly newspapers of the state, has bought out all competitors and is lord of all he surveys. The city are not backward in giving Mr. Trubshaw a large patronage and he reciprocates by giving them a No. 1 newspaper.

THE BUSINESS MEN.

Limited space will allow only a passing notice of the more enterprising and progressive business men of that city. Great credit is due City Justice T. E. Warner for his activity in securing threshing outfits for this locality. Mr. Warner is kept very busy these days with his business of insurance and collections.

Dr. G. L. Virgo, the pioneer druggist, and member of the uniform rank of Fargo lodge, Canton Royal, is as fine a man as is often met, and is receiving the patronage he so richly deserves.

The largest business done in real estate by any one man in Cooperstown is controlled by William Glass. He makes a speciality of collections and the locating of settlers. Also agent for Northern Pacific lands.

The Bargain Store, and all is meant that the words imply, is owned by Colson & Hazard. This store is headquarters for everything in the way of boots and shoes, gents' furnishings, stationery cigars, etc.

Stringer Bros.' harness emporium is rapidly getting to the front as the best place to buy all kinds of light and heavy harnesses, and the boys always have a supply on hand which is bound to please the most exacting.

F. B. King, well known among the farmers for low prices and upright dealings, comes in for a large portion of the country and city trade. The secret of Mr. King's success is that he keeps good goods and a well selected stock of every thing kept in a first-class general merchandise store.

E. Marquardt, whose restaurant is located on Main street, by catering to the wants of his customers, has a large trade; and those not caring to stop at the hotel—also those desiring a lunch—find their way into this popular resort.

David Bartlett, making a business of law and collections, is indeed a very pleasant gentleman to meet. One is at once impressed with the fact that Mr. Bartlett is a thorough business man and has plenty of business.

S. W. Black does the tonsorial work for the citizens of Cooperstown. Mr. Black is an all-around workman and is very artistic in his line.

BANK OF COOPERSTOWN.

This is a new institution and has been in operation only about thirty days. The bank was started by E. A. Mears with a large surplus of funds and left under the careful management of I. M. Curtis. It is a permanent institution of the city and already has the confidence of the business men and farmers.

L. C. S.

ADDITIONAL LOCAL

Only a few more days until freeze-up. Pull out on your fall plowing.

Remember the Rainbow supper tonight. Go and get a square meal.

Rev. G. R. Searles has fixed up a study in the upper story of the church and says his latch string is out for visitors.

The M. E. conference at Grand Forks voted to admit women as lady delegates. Of course the ladies got there by a big majority.

Postmaster Atchison drew some wheat into Hope. He was offered 59c for his wheat. He refused it, shipped a car, got No. 24 in Minneapolis or 87c per bushel. After paying expenses he cleared 16 cents per bushel. That's all.

Charley Houghton has purchased the threshing outfit of Syvertson & Anderson and took charge Tuesday morning. Charley is a hustler and will make money if anybody can. Here's success to you, Charley.

Notwithstanding all the hard things that have been said about E. Ashley Mears, the truth is that there are many prosperous sheep ranchers in the north, who got their start through him and are now doing well.—N. Dak. Republican.

The parties who brought in a threshing outfit from Wisconsin last week, speak in the highest terms of the good treatment received at the hands of R. C. Cooper and his foremen. They say that they are well satisfied that they came here. These kind of testimonials from strangers are good for the country.

Sunday night while a Northern Pacific coal train was passing onto a switch at Ecleson the engine and a number of cars jumped the track. The engine turned over on its side and a number of cars were piled up, some of the stock being injured although only one head of stock was killed. Engineer Mott was quite badly scalded. Had the engineer and fireman not jumped they would have been more seriously hurt.