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FRIDAY, JANUARY 26th, 1883.

AL LACONICS.

Father to-day.

Secure trade—advertise.

Everybody busy; everybody happy.

Cooperstown and Griggs county;

and all the time."

Storm door adds to the comfort

of the Merrill office.

Any luck in odd numbers

will bring it.

At the Merrill House

is being done by Mr. Rockwell.

Write to your distant

missionary work.

is has now got nicely

and the result is a heavy dis-

buffalo coats.

Muir has the job of erecting,

and furnishing the school house

at No. 3. Consideration \$1,240.

Master of Deeds Smart is about to

his official quarters in his own

just completed by contractor

description book is now open.

Progress and enlightenment

comes with two-dollar ac-

quiring firm of go-a-heads.

propose to keep

are now engaged

ing up a

Many will this

receive the

who are not

It is

only a polite invita-

recip-

add his name to our list.

Loughton Bros. have joined the

army of property owners in Coop-

erstown and are preparing for the

erection of a commodious cabinet shop.

The hardware firm of Stevens &

Ainger are now temporarily quartered in

Odegard & Thompson's store await-

ing the erection of a building of their

own.

Cooperstown, the legal and commer-

cial hub of Griggs county, is very perti-

nently called a "daisy" by a neighboring

city. It is of a new species, too, bloom-

ing in mid winter, as it does.

Henry Retzlaff, of Casselton, the

happy possessor of a Cooperstown corner

lot, has been in town this week. Like

the majority of our property holders, Mr.

R. proposes to build, and he will soon, too.

Mr. J. M. Melville, one of Griggs

county's foremost contractors, is now

happy in the bosom of his family, Mrs.

Melville having arrived, and opened up

business operations in their new residence

on Boulevard avenue.

The twirling of the scratch awl, the

song of the hand saw, and the click,

click, of dozens of hammers about town

would persuade one to believe that busy

spring is really upon us if it were not for

the occasional reminder from old Boreas.

William Glass, Esq., one of the ear-

liest of the profession in Griggs county,

speaks to the public by means of a card

in another page. Mr. Glass is one of

the most conservative of business

men, in whom one can place implicit

confidence.

Mr. A. R. McDonald, a skilled car-

penter, is among the late en-

terprises arriving at the county capital.

From a young age, he is captivated with

the "play out" of the "future big"

of things, and he proposes

to some of the prosperity

has been rendered to the energetic.

It is a noticeable fact that R. C.

Cooper has been more regular in pulling

to Sanborn and Cooperstown than have

the trains on the Northern Pacific. A

very excited number of boys than

has the hold the ribbon on "H. C.'s"

can, one of a never finish for blizzards,

wind is

—Farmers along the Sheyenne can do well by drawing wood to Cooperstown. Any quantity in demand at \$8 per cord.

—The Hope Pioneer has been enlarged to a seven column folio, and having dropped its Minneapolis ads. now gives its patrons considerable more reading matter.

—Justice Glass has an assault and battery case between Hope parties on his docket for Monday. The case is quite an important one, and legal fur promises to fly profusely.

—As we go to press the jolly manipulators of saws, planes and hammers are enjoying what is commonly known as a "stag" dance, with Henry Lyons presiding over the fiddle.

—Our latch string is always out when we are in, and no excuse will be accepted for a neglect on the part of neighboring citizens to call on the COURIER when at the hub of Griggs county.

—Manly Davis, at present of Sanborn, is preparing to reap riches in the Cooperstown field henceforth, by the erection of a large livery and feed stable on Burrell avenue. Contractor Moffat is doing the job.

—Our efficient young assistant, Addy Moore, declares his faith in and love for Cooperstown by the assertion that it is as heaven to hell, when compared with certain other Dakota towns he is acquainted with.

—In sending names for the COURIER subscription book do not neglect to inclose the dollars. In the management of newspapers money is an important factor, besides we do not desire to do a credit business.

—It is suspected that A. B. Kent's absence from the scenes of duty in this county is occasioned by a wound he received some time ago from Cupid's dart. In plain English, he is believed to be in St. Paul on matrimonial intent.

—Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Cooper returned home Tuesday evening after an absence of several weeks, which time was spent by Mrs. Cooper in visiting her numerous friends at Sanborn, Fargo and St. Paul and by Mr. Cooper in looking after his vast business interests.

—Dr. G. L. Virgo, of Hope, is paying respects to the bonanza town of Griggs this week. The Doctor will remove his stock of drugs to this place as soon as he can get a building erected, and will also practice medicine.

—Chief Civil Engineer G. B. Edwards, of the S. C. & T. M. railroad was in the county trade centre Wednesday. He left one of Uncle Sam's certificates in payment for the COURIER, and then went on his way east for a brief visit with friends in the "Old Bay State" rejoicing.

—One of our leading townsmen recently shot himself by accident, inflicting a slight flesh wound and spoiling a pair of new pantaloons, but as he has ordered us "mum" on the matter under a severe penalty, too, we cannot mention the particulars, not even for the sake of moralizing on the careless use of firearms.

—Pure, sweet drinking water is one of the greatest blessings bestowed upon man. As all know, good water is the exception rather than the rule in Dakota, and we feel that in having a heavy vein of quicksand water but twenty feet below the surface, Cooperstown possesses something a mint cannot buy or a king bestow.

—Yes, we keep a fighting man and also keep our blunder-buss loaded with grape, but on the start we wish to be understood as desirous of peace and good will at all times. However, if anyone must seek vengeance for anything we say or do, please record us as being emphatically in favor of being shot with a volley of advertisements and paid-in-advance subscribers.

—All persons who have legal business to transact, or who are desirous of obtaining information concerning real estate or the investment of money, will do well to consult C. A. VanWormer & Co. Mr. VanWormer is a member of the bars of both the states of Pennsylvania and New York, and brings to Dakota the very best of recommendations. Offices at Sanborn, Barnes Co., and Cooperstown, Griggs Co., Dakota. Their card appears in another column of this issue.

—That veteran contractor and builder, Mr. C. C. Phillippe, with his array of helpers, has displayed the most remarkable kind of vim in pushing the big hotel toward completion, considering the extreme unfavorable weather of the past few weeks. The mammoth structure is enclosed, and it now looks as though Messrs. Phillippe & Kent are determined to surprise the proprietors and everyone else as to the date of getting the building ready for the plasterers.

—Unless that trio of bachelors down the avenue, who are keeping house and living on the top shelf, make less fuss everytime the dishes require washing, we will be tempted to complain of them for disturbing the quiet of the neighborhood.

—Robert Moon, who has been connected with the Cooper farm as blacksmith for some time, is having a shop erected in the city, and expects soon to be striking the anvil with strong and steady arm. Farmers will see that his shop is filled with work.

—There seems no limit to the number of "early birds" who are determined to be in readiness for the capture of a good portion of the prosperity that will be showered upon Cooperstownites so profusely in the early spring time, if one may judge from the eagerness with which building operations are being pushed.

—We have refrained from asking anyone to subscribe for the COURIER, and have even refused subscriptions, desiring that all should see the "animal" before paying for it. Gentlemen, if the paper will answer your purpose, we are now ready to receive your dollars and names as thick and fast as you can pass them in.

—The double column adv. of Andrus & Jorgensen will be found on another page. They are a strong firm, well versed on every phase of the land business, and when we consider their official position—judge of probate and clerk of the district court, respectively—it must be conceded that they are in fair way of building up an immense land business.

—Mr. A. E. Shippe, that jovial embodiment of pluck, energy and perseverance, has a "shot" at our readers on another page. Mr. Shippe is one of the veritable pioneers of this region, having been a valued foreman of the Cooper farm from its inception, and his engagement in the livery business in our booming city means "the best accommodations in that line to the public, and big success to him."

—Mr. Geo. Foley, contractor for the grading of the Cooperstown railroad, called at the editorial den last week just as we were unpacking. Mr. Foley knows a good thing when he sees it, and "caught on" to a couple business lots in the county capital, on which he expects to erect a double store for rental purposes. He also secured his future happiness by leaving a subscription for the COURIER.

—Owing to the indiscreet and criminal act of the Hope parties in stealing a portion of the records, money loaning and final proof business has been quite suspended in Griggs county the past two months, and much injury done many an honest settler. However, everything now promises to move along smoothly in that line, since the return of all the valuable papers they took. The men who cast the blot upon the fair name and credit of Griggs will be remembered.

—Mr. J. N. Brown, one of the most successful of Dakota bonanza farmers, called on the COURIER today with avowed intent of waiting until the paper went to press, but had to give up his purpose as we are late in the matter. However, Mr. Brown didn't forget to drop four subscriptions on our pine trimmed mahogany desk, and to also order some 25 extra papers sent to his eastern friends. Such men as Mr. B. are the kind that build up new countries, and Griggs county glories in a good quota of them.

—Mr. S. Goldthrite, of town 148, range 59, dropped in on the editor during last Friday's blizzard and, besides enthusing on the invigorating condition of the atmosphere, gave us a few pointers on crops in glorious Griggs. Mr. S. is one of those thorough farmers of the down east sort, who furnishes an example of what can be done by close cultivating. From ten acres he gathered just 1,007 bushels of oats, and from a field of wheat to which was seeded one bushel and one quart per acre he threshed 40 bushels of No. 1 hard per acre. The above items are indisputable facts, the ground alluded to having been measured.

—That Cooperstown is destined to be an important educational centre, as well as a commercial city, is quite an established fact at even this early date of her history. The plans and specifications for an \$8,000 edifice of learning have been finished by Architect Phillippe, which is equivalent to saying the institute will be complete in every detail and arrangement. The foundation walls are laid, and material is being drawn for the early erection of the building, which will prove a creditable one to any town or city in Dakota. Full Particulars concerning this worthy emblem of enlightenment will be given in the near future.

COOPERSTOWN.

The County Seat of Griggs County, and what its Signs of Promise Are.

A Word Concerning its Projectors, Surroundings, Advantages, Etc.

Search history as long as you desire, and we will warrant that not another instance can be found where a town has been started as substantially auspicious as was the capital of Griggs county.

Within three weeks from the date the plat was filed for record, the people of Griggs said most emphatically with their little ballots: "Cooperstown shall be our seat of government." And why was this honor conferred upon a town possessing not even the dignity of a single citizen, may be the query of many of our distant readers. The reasons are plain and quickly told. Cooperstown is platted on one of the loveliest, most advantageous sites on God's great footstool, and within forty rods of the exact geographical center of the county, a very important desideratum to fair minded settlers; its founder, R. C. Cooper, is recognized as having done more for the development of this section than any ten or twenty men; is known throughout this entire region as a man of not only unlimited financial backbone, but as a person in strong sympathy with every honest tiller of the soil, as well as a warm friend to all who put forth reasonable endeavors to improve their conditions. His indomitable energy, integrity and warm-heartedness being so well understood by nearly every settler in Griggs county, they were perfectly willing, yea, more than pleased to vest the county seat in even the embryo of a town where they knew Mr. Cooper was interested, for with his name connected therewith, they felt sure it meant success, and a thriving city right in the center of their most prosperous county.

When Mr. Cooper's associates in the town site are brought into due consideration it makes one of the strongest companies ever engaged in the development of a new Dakota city. Messrs. C. A. Roberts, of the Fargo Roller Mills and General Manager of the Sanborn, Cooperstown & Turtle Mountain R. R.; N. L. Lenham, of the immense Barnes county mercantile, lumber and wheat firm of Lenham & Co.; J. M. Burrell, of the Barnes Co. Bank, and T. J. Cooper, Chicago capitalist, are individually and unitedly putting forth their best endeavors to make Cooperstown the pride of the prairie and a glowing monument to their memory. These gentlemen have all reaped a rich reward of worldly goods and Dakota having contributed largely to their financial success, they now propose to manifest in a measure their love for this prosperous clime. Their energy, hearts and money have been enlisted in the cause of Cooperstown, which they will build up, instead of booming it solely for speculative purposes. Every one of the town site owners will be interested in business operations in the county capital in various capacities, such as bankers, hotel proprietors, lumber dealers, flouring mill owners, etc., which ensures the place of their constant fostering care and enterprise.

A liberal policy toward every project that is in any manner desirable to town or public has been adopted and will be continued until shall be seen as the result of such liberality an important, bustling little city, which shall serve as the supply mart of the country for miles in every direction. That their extensive plans shall all have absolute existence and the brightest reality there is no doubt.

The town lots for this assuming young trade centre were placed on the market late in November, since which time the sales have continued daily, the making out of deeds requiring the constant services of an efficient clerk. While there was no spread-eagle advertisements in the papers; no glowing posters hung in the streets; no irredeemable pledges made, and not even a single boomer's trick resorted to, it was noticeable that those most eager to get at the plats to make their selections were of the conservative sort of men, who fully understood the location of Cooperstown, and bought with the intention of building.

Located in the richest tract of farm lands in America, besides having the advantage of being capital of a growing county and the terminus of a railroad, were important factors of a town's prosperity that those desiring business locations or investments could not resist. The confidence the public at large bestow in our infant city is a most emphatic augurial. There are still golden business oppor-

tunities here in nearly every branch of trade and profession, which only await the taking, and those desirous of casting their lot in a really solid, prosperous place should lose no time in coming, or addressing for particulars any citizen, or better still, the Cooper Townsite Co., Cooperstown, or Sanborn, Dakota.

An Enterprising, Liberal Firm.

In the starting of new towns quite as much depends upon the class of business men who establish in the place as upon the owners themselves, when a high and lasting degree of success is the desired result. In this respect Cooperstown has unusual good luck, being the chosen field of operations for the firm of Odegard & Thompson, gentlemen of extensive business experience who believe in the broad-gauge, liberal system.

We are not repeating hearsay when we tell our readers that Odegard & Thompson have a large assortment of well selected general merchandise, and that they offer goods at prices that compete with, and in many cases undersell, any mercantile house in North Dakota, notwithstanding they have some 35 miles to team freight. They at present have no competition, but a call at their place will convince anyone that they are building up a trade on the solid foundation of "square-dealing and equally low prices to all." Read their adv. on another page.

—Allen Pinkerton, one of the original Cooperstownites, is convalescing from a month's siege of sickness.

—To all advertisers the circulation of the COURIER is guaranteed to exceed that of any other paper printed or circulated in Griggs county.

Henry Lyons rejoices in the proprietorship of a very desirable piece of Cooperstown dirt over which he intends to have erected 'ere the files of March are past, a very respectable business house.

—Merriell Bros. & Luce are soon to open an immense array of hardware in Cooperstown. Merriell is now in Chicago selecting the stock therefor and visiting old time friends and relatives.

—We had intentions of writing to say something nice to those who have aided us in various ways since our arrival at the "future great," but we will only say, gentlemen, thank you. Our gratitude for your courtesies and aid is beyond mere expression of words. If we do not have the opportunity to reciprocate we trust some one else may.

It was a man who stepped into Odegard & Thompson's store with his eyes open, so surprised to find such a stock of goods out in this new country. He picked various articles; found he could buy 10 pounds Rio coffee for \$1.00, 11 pounds "C" sugar, and other goods in proportion. He started home, told his neighbors, and they all now come to Cooperstown for their goods.

—The Hope owners, it would seem, have at last abandoned the fallacious idea that they stand any show for success in contesting the late election in this county, and are now uniting money and exertion on the organization of a new county. While many of the measures of the Red River Land Co. cannot be approved, they display pluck and enterprise worthy of commendation and a better cause.

—Vague rumors are floating in the air the gist of which indicates that one of our jovial "wood butchers" has gotten himself into the limbo. He is charged with being accessory to the crime of attempting to poison foxes with sal soda, and his early arrest and trial by those at the boarding house who constitute our local "limerick of law," may be expected. William you have our sympathies.

—Would you be healthy, wealthy, happy, and an influential citizen of the finest agricultural county on the face of this terrestrial sphere? If such is your ambition, and if you have honor and lots of vim in your constitution, come east your lot right here in Cooperstown, and ten chances to one your fondest hopes will in due time be realized. Dead-beats, sharpers, or that class of indolent desirous of "making money out of their brains" had best steer clear, as their presence is no more needed now than six months ago, when the place was a waving wheat field, and they are respectfully enjoined to pass on and help increase the population of the towns that date on the number instead of the stability of inhabitants.

100 Cords of Wood

Wanted at once by Odegard & Thompson, Pioneer Store.

100 Tons Hay.

Hay wanted at the Pioneer Store. ODEGARD & THOMPSON.