

THE COURIER.

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OUR OBEISANCE.

If there is one rule in journalism that we have ever felt inclined to snub, it is the one of making promises with the initial issue of a newspaper, but we are bound to respect the custom in a measure from the fact of its almost immemorable origin. While we are launching our craft on the sea of journalism in the dead of winter, a long distance from any operating railway, and in a town scarcely old enough to sport a name, and under many disadvantages attendant in so new a place, we do so with the most flattering prospects of early financial success, for we believe the people of Griggs county feel the need of an honest exponent. Not many Sabbaths shall bring peaceful rest and worship to this community of christian people before Cooperstown will be found double its present size, with triple the population, and possessed of all that bustle and boom incident to a young city rapidly growing in commercial importance. 'Ere Saturday night shall many times tell the story of the wearisome duties of a week, this lovely site will bloom with the many scenes of activity and thrift its manifold advantages must inevitably and speedily bring. The time is not far distant when manufacturing interests promise to be of considerable importance in Cooperstown, and her factories and mills will send over the entire Northwest glowing evidences of her industry; while the foundation for an educational institute that will be the pride of North Dakota is already here laid. To this end will the COURIER lend its most ardent endeavors, for it believes it can assist in hastening the realization of these assured results.

Our readers will excuse us from entering into a list of vague and irredeemable promises concerning the COURIER's future course, suffice it that we state a few of its honest intents and purposes. First, we may candidly state that the interests of the proprietor will be guarded to a certain extent, though it shall always be our paramount aim to be found on the side of justice, liberty and humanity, no matter what the cost. Not caring to be caught in the meshes of any organization, faction or clique, the COURIER will be independent in politics and everything else. Independent and free as the winds that agitate the swollen waters of the classic Sheyenne in the merry month of May. With all the earnestness and ability at our command, we shall oppose all provocations against right and morality that may perchance prevail in our midst. While not hesitating to express its true convictions on men and measures, the COURIER will endeavor to do so courteously and fairly.

Though the paper will labor strenuously for the advancement of the most promising young city in the universe, namely, Cooperstown, it will be published as a county paper, and will strike every possible blow that may aid in the rapid progress and settlement of Griggs, the grandest county in Dakota. It will be one of the principal designs of the publisher to give a faithful and full review of the happenings throughout the county every week—in short great efforts will be put forth to make the paper a correct mirror of Griggs county. Being the official paper, all county legislation will appear in its columns immediately upon enactment.

The columns of the COURIER will be open at all times for the discussion of any live county or local matters, but we shall always reserve the privilege of exercising our own judgement as to fitness of communications for publication, and under no circumstances will contributions tainted of personalities be admitted.

The almost unparalleled rapid increase of our local industries, and the remarkable growth and development of Griggs county, demands the services of good papers to chronicle said prosperity. The COURIER will try to be such a paper, and each number thereof must speak for itself. To the considerate judgement of a discriminating public we leave the estimate as to our worthiness of patronage, trusting in the meantime that all will see it to their advantage to tender us their co-operation and substantial support. With the hope that we may be able to make our paper creditable alike to the county, town and publisher, as well as worthy of warm encouragement, we are yours.

Most Respectfully,
E. D. STAIR.

ALTHOUGH Mr. Dorsey is still weak in the eyes, he is said to be enjoying the best of spirits. The Brooklyn Eagle remarks, truly, that at Washington nothing seems to brighten a man's prospects so much as the sweet consciousness of guilt.

THERE are men who seem possessed with the fallible idea that money will accomplish anything from the acquirement of a five-cent whistle to the purchase of a county seat. That such a belief is erroneous was proven at the late election in this county, but not satisfied with their ultimate failure to corrupt our yeomen, these same men again are found abroad in the land with still another corruption fund. This time their efforts are directed to the bribing of certain Trail county politicians, from whom they trust to get a few townships to which they intend to add, with legislative aid, just one-half of Griggs county,—or that portion lying east of the Sheyenne—and thus make a new county with Hope as the seat of justice. Can the Red River Land Co. with its filthy lucre induce the territorial legislature to divide a county against the unanimous will of the actual settlers? We hardly think they can, and it looks as though they now have a full darker and more foolhardy scheme on hand than when they were endeavoring to steal the county seat from the honest people. If these impolitic sharks are not sat down upon with a crushing weight at Yankton we'll simply miss our guess. The committee on counties is composed of men who will not be insulted with their overtures or their dollars.

IN THE last nine months there have been 150 post offices established in Dakota. In all the other Territories combined there were 142. This fact will show more plainly perhaps than any other the marvelous rapidity which settlement has advanced across the Dakota prairies during the year just closed.

THE United States is no country for polygamy. Look at the figures. There are only 971 females to every 1,000 males. One of these days the bachelors will make a raid upon Utah and settle the "Mormon question" for good.

A FEW days since they were commending the governor of New York for his plebeian simplicity. Now they are berating him for his appointments. They think he knows more than they gave him credit for.

THE GRIGGS COUNTY "DAISY."

Under the above unique heading the truthful editor of the Sanborn Enterprise imparts the following informing to his readers concerning this place:

"The Eldorado of the claim-seeker, the mechanic, the trader, the capitalist, and the speculative investor in real estate, at the present time and in this region, is the new capital of Griggs county, yeelped COOPERSTOWN, in honor of its enterprising projectors and original owners. It claims for the public favor are not based upon pretension or buncombe, but will bear the critical examination of the most sensitive capitalist; and the investment of energy, activity, ability, intelligence, or capital will be adequately remunerated.

The location of Cooperstown has been wisely chosen, it being centrally situated in the county which it graces as the seat of government. It is not only the centre of the county, but also of a large tract of country which for a long time will necessarily be tributary to it, and which will do its buying and selling at Cooperstown. It is the first town located on the road from this direction to the Devil's lake country, which is also coming "booming" into importance and prosperity, and will be a half-way point between Sanborn and that attractive region. Being thirty-five miles or thereabouts north from the main line, it will be comparatively without competition; and ought from the start to develop as a wholesale depot for younger and more distant places.

That it has already a good right to its existence is indicated by the fact that there are some 200,000 bushels of grain awaiting shipment on the completion of the railway. Of this quantity, about 150,000 is the product of the Cooper farms, and 50,000 of the surrounding settlers.

Mr. Cooper's policy with regard to his farm lands has been liberal and wise from the outset,—a policy eminently calculated to encourage actual settlement. He has always been willing to sell to bona-fide settlers, who would cultivate and improve the land; but no ghost of a chance has been offered to the mere speculator.

One hundred and fifty thousand feet of lumber are already billed for the new hotel alone; and if the lumber can be freighted up to build them, there will be some twenty places of business under way by spring.

A Big Bonanza.

The Pioneer Press Co. has issued a new and brilliant poster advertising The Weekly Pioneer Press for the season of 1882-83. This paper is so well known and appreciated as to hardly require our hearty endorsement, but to those who may not have seen it, if there are any such in this country, we would say emphatically that it is by far the best Weekly in the West.

Its columns are full of well and carefully selected matter, giving complete and accurate reports of the political, scientific and business worlds. To some of its special features, such as "Hints for the Housewife," "What Women Want to Know," "The Farm," "Commercial Review," etc., we would call particular attention.

Having effected a very favorable clubbing arrangement with the publishers, we are enabled to offer The Weekly Pioneer Press and the COURIER for the very low price of \$3 per annum, postage paid. Send in your names.

THE ACCEPTED TIME

Is the Present, if you desire to locate or invest in

Cooperstown

THE COUNTY SEAT OF GRIGGS CO.,

—AND ALSO—

A RAILWAY TERMINUS!

The rapidly growing embryonic city of Cooperstown is surrounded on all sides by the very richest lands in North Dakota. Cooperstown, situated as it is in the very heart of a new and fertile region, must boom to keep pace with the unparalleled

Rapid Developement

of the surrounding country. When you stop and consider the facts, you will realize the advantages this new town enjoys. It is the

GEOGRAPHICAL CENTRE!

of Griggs County, of which it is the established seat of government, the county officers now being located and transacting all official business here. It being the Terminus of a Railroad, the entire country for miles and miles around must make it their

UNIVERSAL TRADING POINT.

—LOTS HAVE ALREADY BEEN SOLD FOR—

Several Stores, Two Banks,

SHOPS, LIVERY STABLES, OFFICES, BAKERY, RESTAURANT, HARDWARES, FURNITURE STORE and Numerous other Business Houses.

ON A LOVELY SITE RESERVED FOR THE PURPOSE

THE COUNTY COURT HOUSE

will be built the coming summer, and the stone foundation is now laid for an

\$8,000.00 EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTE!

Which will be completed in the early spring. The walls are up for a

LARGE HOTEL,

WHICH WILL OPEN ITS DOORS TO THE PUBLIC IN MARCH.

GEO. L. LENHAM & CO. Have orders ahead for several hundred thousand feet of lumber, which they are delivering fast as possible,

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It is the intention of the owners soon to move their offices to Cooperstown, as the town is fully capable of booming itself.