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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2nd, 1883.

LOCAL LACONICS.

Bids are wanted for the erection of the big school house. See notice.

Dr. Virgo will remove his stock of drugs from Hope to this place next week.

Verily, the world doth move, and it seems that Cooperstown is on the spot farthest from the axle.

Wilson & Son are doing a brisk business in the freight and passenger line between this place and Hope.

D. R. Swartout, of Sanborn, but a prospective resident of glorious Griggs spent the first days of the week at the "Hub."

It is said that Justice Glass not only becomes the judicial tripod, but that he rules court with dignity and fairness becoming of a supreme judge.

Postmaster Barnard is doing all in his power to get our mail system into regular routine, and his efforts are about to be crowned with success.

Geo. Gray, from the old Empire State, has caught on to the true spirit that prevades our young city and is now interested in a new building scheme.

Land Attorney Glass now has his office in H. P. Smart's building, where his numerous friends and patrons are directed to call when in quest of him.

H. P. Smart, Register of Deeds, is now located as comfortable as you please in his new office, where he still continues to record documents at the same old price.

Messrs. Lyons, Moffat and McCullough went down to Sanborn Monday, but getting lonesome returned to the city of bustle and building music after a day's sojourn.

There is nothing so good for the soul of ordinary mortals as financial success, and Cooperstown is the place where this remedy is given out in allopathic doses. Come on, ye afflicted.

Those who chuckle over the fact that they haven't had a cold in the head or a sore throat this winter, had better go slow. We haven't had the right sort of weather to bring on chilblains yet.

Stacks upon stacks of new goods are daily arriving at the general store of Odegard & Thompson, who still extend the invitation to every living soul in grand young Griggs to give them a call of inspection.

Subscriptions and kind words have rolled into the COURIER shop this week as fast as gossip can travel in a well-regulated eastern village. Keep the good work moving, friends. Our books are large, and our pockets larger.

There is not to exceed three dozen carpenters living in Cooperstown, yet when we cast our eyes about and behold what has been accomplished in the building line since Dec. 1st, it hardly seems possible that it is all the work of less than two score pairs of hands.

The person who locates or invests in Cooperstown, or Griggs county, before the almost doubling of real estate values, that is as sure to come as the month of May itself, will forever sing sweet songs of praise to Cooperstown and the county. Golden opportunities await you; do not let them pass.

It beats the Dutch that our mechanics can't lose a day or two during a whole winter, and let old Boreas have a picnic, without becoming so terribly impatient. They should think of their brother plane-shovers back east, who can't average half time, and then congratulate themselves upon their better lot.

Mrs. J. N. Jorgensen, and a lady who accompanied her for the purpose of rendering assistance in "settling" at her new home, arrived in Cooperstown Sunday evening, having been on the road five days in coming from Mrs. Jorgensen's old home in Minnesota. They are now cozily ensconced in the new residence on "court house hill" much to "J. N.'s" joy and comfort.

C. A. Renwick, one of Hope's popular lumber dealers, is enjoying a few days in the county seat.

Another project involving the building of a block containing three stores and an opera hall has just developed. Further particulars when the plans are mature.

Those who would secure government lands in Griggs county, or desirable lots in Cooperstown, must hurry along. Both are going like gingerbread at an old-fashioned Fourth of July celebration.

Dr. G. L. Virgo sold a twenty-five foot front piece of Cooperstown dirt yesterday at a good round profit. The purchase was made for Michigan parties, who knew all about, and have great faith in the capital of Griggs.

The dining room at the Merrill House was filled to repletion last Sunday evening with careful listeners to the practical preaching of Mr. F. M. Rockwell. The discourse is said to have been an able one, and we regret not having been present.

The land monopolies as they exist in Manitoba are to redound next season to Dakota's good. Numerous families who have lived in that country several years have been heard from and their verdict is: "Griggs county shall be our home in the early spring."

Joseph Hoggarth rejoices in the ownership of a lot on the Boulevard, and he is having a residence erected thereon. Sakes, but it almost keeps one man busy to record the new buildings going up, and yet it is mid-winter and papers down east are telling their malicious lies about our "terrible weather."

Cooperstown is now a regular U. S. postoffice, Mr. Geo. W. Barnard being the appointed and commissioned postmaster. He has received the long hoped for orders to engage a carrier, which has been done, and we now receive our mail securely locked and in charge of a sworn disciple of Uncle Sam.

Mr. A. B. Kent arrived home from Minneapolis Saturday last. He denies the "soft impeachment" of last week's COURIER. We are extremely sorry not to be able to start him into the world of benedicts with our best wishes, but can congratulate him on obtaining the contract for the erection of several stores by his enterprising firm.

Since our last issue much carpenter work has been done about town, notwithstanding the most unfavorable weather of the entire season. Work on the mammoth new hotel has proceeded, though Mr. Phillippe informs us that more time has been lost in the last ten days on account of weather than during the whole winter previous.

H. P. Merrill is thoroughly imbued with the boom spirit, and will soon have erected, on Lenham avenue, a bakery, confectionery and restaurant building. His enterprise, no doubt, will be rewarded with a hearty response of prosperity. Mr. Merrill expects to have his family, who are now at the old home in Canada, with him ere long.

C. W. Fulford, of Ford county, Illinois, enjoyed the inspiring atmosphere of this busy burg a couple days this week. Mr. F. is looking up a point for the location of a custom flouring mill, but is yet undecided as to where to locate his establishment, though he feels quite certain that the very best farm lands he has ever seen, lie adjacent to Cooperstown. He says in his Illinois neighborhood farmers have already contracted for 56 freight cars to bring their effects to this glowing clime of milk and honey, and No. 1 Hard, in the early spring.

Cooperstown is a full-fledged Dakota town, which means her capabilities cannot be gauged or guessed at. Last week we printed 700 copies of the COURIER, which we expected would supply the demand and leave 400 or more for free circulation. That this is a land of surprises and plenty of money we were soon convinced. In an hour from the time the forms left the press every paper was sold, and we have since had demand for some two hundred. You of the slow east, put this in your pipe for a smoke.

A very pleasant and instructing weekly gathering of the ladies of Cooperstown is sustained for the development of social interests. At each session some prominent literary character is discussed. Sketches, reminiscences, incidents in such life, together with some production of the writer is read and considered. James Russell Lowell was the character presented at the last gathering. Such efforts are sure to give a decidedly healthful tone to our social and intellectual life, and are stimulating in their higher direction.

The resources of Griggs have never been told. If a man sows a bushel of wheat he reaps a score of bushels in return. If he plants an investment in our soil his reward is likewise great, and if he plants an ad. in the COURIER the results are a prolific harvest of business. Our business men all know it and are represented.

Messrs. Stevens & Enger, our enterprising hardware dealers, have a tale to unfold to all enquiring readers. Their chartered column will be found on the eighth page. Mr. Anton Enger departs for the wholesale markets on Monday to purchase an immense stock in order to be in readiness for the big building boom now focalizing.

Lawyer McMahon, of Hope, here as the counsel for Mrs. Charleton in the assault case, feels sanguine of the division of Trail and Griggs counties for Hope's benefit, but we fear Mac's judgement is as fallible as before election, or when he bet on Will Jones' weight and had to "set up" five pounds of Thompson's best nuts to the boys at the Merrill House for his mistake.

C. A. Van Wormer has been at the Griggs "Hub" all the week, the guest of R. C. Cooper. He is delighted with the boom and bang of things about town and he will do lots of tall talking for Cooperstown during the six weeks he will spend in Pennsylvania between now and April 1st. Mr. Van Wormer was the plaintiff's attorney in this week's trial at Cadi Glass' court.

If President Arthur, or any other individual, wants the COURIER he must remit the collateral. We haven't been in journalistic harness many centuries, but we have had a little experience with pay-in-a-few-days subscribers. Our lesson has cost us more than a poor man generally carries in his pantaloons pockets, but it has taught us well. Cash in advance is the result.

As will be seen by announcement elsewhere, Washington's birthday is to receive due recognition at Mardell. The Park Avenue Hotel has an enviable reputation as to its cuisine and general management, and when an opportunity is offered our lovers of Terpsichore to avail themselves of its dance hall and tables they always respond numerously. The party on the 22 inst. promises to be the affair of the season, and we bespeak for the management a goodly representation from this vicinity.

NUMEROUS FACTS

That Recommend Cooperstown to the Business Man, the Artisan or the Capitalist.

It is a railway terminus. It has the great advantage of being the county capital.

Its geographical location and the natural beauty of the site itself are strong points.

The citizens of the vicinity are educated, enterprising, liberal men and women.

A man cannot legitimately invest a dollar here without reaping in double the investment within twelve months.

Our city is the most convenient railway mart for an immense tract of country north and west, which is booming big.

Our commerce is not likely to suffer from a wet season, the whole county being gently undulating.

The city will not only be backed by the vast fertile fields tributary, but will also have the very healthful co-operation of a railroad.

We will soon have the best educational institute in North Dakota, and our society is already unexcelled.

A failure or light crops have never been known in this county, and farmers are proportionally prosperous.

The purest water in the universe is found in our wells. No alkali or other deleterious substances to destroy perfect harmony of the functions.

Cooperstown has the most liberal, energetic and enterprising original owners of any town in the land. They are all men of brains, money and vim, who are putting their shoulders to the wheel and building up, instead of booming the place as a speculative venture.

The Sanborn, Cooperstown & Turtle Mountain railroad is owned and managed by those interested in the prosperity of our city. The result will be unusual freight and passenger advantages for Cooperstown.

It offers the most substantial opening for live business men of any town in Dakota, as they can now get in on the "ground floor" and grow with the city and county.

GRIGGS COUNTY.

Her Fertile Soil, its Development and Progress.--Free Homes For Thousands.

As to North Dakota in general so many able pens have attempted in vain to portray the beauty of its boundless fields, the advantages of its inexhaustible fertility, indomitable spirit, marvelous growth and wonderful prospects, that we will not expend our efforts in attempting to cope with so vast and well-read a subject, but will direct the attention of our readers to the flower bed of the world's great wonderland,

GRIGGS COUNTY.

Bounded on the south by Barnes, east by Trail, north by Grand Forks, and west by Foster counties, lies a great garden spot some 36 miles long and 30 miles wide, commonly known as Griggs county. The county was organized by the governor on June 16, 1882, and the first election occurred last November, resulting in the choice of Cooperstown as the seat of government and level-headed, economic men as the board of commissioners. A glance at the map is all that is necessary to convince the doubtful of its most advantageous geographical location, situated, as it is, midway between the Northern Pacific railway and the Devil's Lake region, a large and prosperous city must of necessity grow up within her borders. The surface of the entire country is gently undulating, being well watered and drained by the Sheyenne river, which traverses the center of the county from north to south, and its several tributaries. Numerous lovely lakes are found within the county borders, from the crystal waters of which can be taken various species of the funny tribe. The problem of fuel is easily solved by the vast acres of timber land that skirt our rivers and lakes, from which our wood supply is obtained at lesser rates than it can be had for along the N. P. line of railway.

THE SOIL.

A rich, dark, vegetable loam constitutes the soil of Griggs county. It is from twenty to thirty-six inches deep, and lies over a subsoil of clay marl. From its unusual depth and richness, the soil does not, and will not for untold years, require artificial fertilization, and when fertilization shall become necessary, the subsoil needs only to be turned up slightly to supply the ground with new vitality sufficient for many years longer.

RAILROAD FACILITIES.

Griggs county, from virtue of its central location, must at an early day be well supplied with railroads. At present it has the Manitoba R. R. in the southeast portion, while the Sanborn, Cooperstown and Turtle Mountain road will supply, and furnish an outlet for the products of the central, northern, western and southern portions of the county. There are several other roads and extensions headed for this county, but as we are dealing with realities only they will not be mentioned, though we verily believe it will not be many years before nearly every farmer in the county can see the smoke of a locomotive from his door.

OUR CROPS.

The conditions which best conduce to successful farming are nowhere as sure as in Dakota. In Griggs county oats, corn, rye, barley and flax are raised with profit and with less labor than in any other part of the west. Potatoes, large and mealy, are produced by this soil most abundantly, but farmers are devoting the greater part of their time to the growth of wheat, of which cereal the crops are certain, simply immense and extraordinarily profitable. The quality is so superior as to command a higher price in the markets of the world than the product of any other country.

VACANT LANDS.

Having been remote from railroad communication there has not been a great rush of speculative land hunters in Griggs, and the result is that there are still thousands of acres of the most productive lands in America still untaken. Those with energy, honor and muscle desirous of homes can find no better opportunities than those offered in this county at the present time. People are already flocking this way, and with the close of next spring's influx of settlers it is doubtful if a single choice piece of Government land can be had in Griggs county. Now is the accepted time, and those desirous of becoming citizens of the grandest little domain in Dakota should not hesitate. March is the best month to come west in.

According to the old reliable weather prognosticator, the ground hog, we are to henceforth have salubrious weather and an early spring. No bear or ground hog could discern a shadow last Thursday.

Words of Praise.

The lives of editors are not always lined with gloom. No, there are many little pleasantries strewn along their path of toil, and often a streak of sunshine enters their sanctums, as did the following, under the care of Uncle Sam and within the folds of an envelope. From a letter to the publisher the attached lines are taken, which we trust our readers will peruse while we modestly stand with our face turned:

"We congratulate you upon the first issue of what undoubtedly is, and we hope will continue to be, the best weekly journal in Dakota. Both locals and advertisements are of a live and spicy nature. * * * If the COOPERSTOWN COURIER gains favor in other localities as it has done among Sanbornites, there is no telling where her circulation may extend to."

Let 'em Come.

Manager Bohon, of the Dakota Land Company, reports the sale yesterday of a section of land in Griggs county to Mr. Newell, a practical farmer from Illinois, the consideration being ten dollars an acre. Mr. Newell expects to move his family up in the spring and commence operations at once. Mr. Bohon is a boomer, and has some good lands on his list.—Fargo Argus.

The bill to create the county of Steele by taking two tiers each from Trail and Griggs has been introduced in the house at Yankton. It provides that the measure shall not take effect unless approved by a majority of the voters living within the proposed territory.

For the especial benefit of our eastern readers we print on the fifth page of this week's COURIER a very concise digest of the land law. Those in quest, or likely to be, of the information therein contained will do well to preserve the article.

The case of Dr. Virgo vs. Mrs. Annie Charleton and her son, C. Charleton, has been dwindling along in our justice court all the week, owing to the non-arrival of Mrs. Charleton, who was alleged to be on the sick list. Charleton was finally arraigned separately, and bound over by Justice Glass in the sum of \$500 to appear before the district judge. It would seem from the evidence that the defendants attempted to force entrance into Mr. Virgo's apartments, and that they made dire threats against the doctor's safety. The object of the attack it seems was a desire on Mrs. Charleton's part to eject Mr. Virgo from the premises. Charleton departed in custody of Sheriff Johnson, not being able to get bail.

The Cooperstown Lumber Co. is an institution we may well feel proud of. Located 36 miles, as they were when their yard was established, from railroad facilities, they have displayed remarkable push and pluck in supplying the demand for building material at this point. Notwithstanding the constant heavy drain upon their yard, it is notable that they always have a supply sufficient to keep every enterprise on the move, besides daily increasing their stock. They make a specialty of dry lumber, for the protection of which they have erected a large two-story store house 20x102 feet in dimensions. The company now draw from the end of the S. C. & T. M. track, which shortens their overland freighting some 22 miles.

Pettigrew will present statistics for use on the division bill, showing number of homesteads taken from 1863, when the territory was organized, to Jan. 1, 1883, was 65,167; that the population is about 200,000, and that the government derives more revenue from Dakota postoffices than from Delaware, Florida, Nevada, Oregon or West Virginia. Pettigrew will introduce a bill granting 100 sections of land in Dakota to the coming state, from proceeds of sales of which timber is to be cultivated.

100 Cords of Wood

Wanted at once by Odegard & Thompson, Pioneer Store.

100 Tons Hay.

Hay wanted at the Pioneer Store. ODEGARD & THOMPSON.

Notice to Builders.

COOPERSTOWN, D. T., Feb. 1, 1883. Notice is hereby given that sealed proposals for the school house building of District No. 4 of Griggs county at Cooperstown, will be received for ten days after the above date, at the office of Mr. Wm. Glass, Cooperstown, where plans and specifications can be seen. The District Board hold option as to the acceptance or rejection of all proposals.

FRANK M. ROCKWELL,
Clerk of Board, District
No. 4, Griggs Co., D. T.