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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1883.

### LOCAL LAONICS.

—Best size for a man—exercise.  
—Del. Wing is "doing" Sanborn for a few days.  
—Another big hardware block on the tapis. Particulars next week.  
—Griggs county butter beats the universe, and only 40 cents a pound.  
—Mrs. J. M. Melville has not been in very good health the past ten days.  
—H. P. Smart spent the first part of the week on his homestead at Hope.  
—Worth more than its weight in gold—the deed of a Cooperstown corner lot.  
—Byron Andrus left for Valley City, Fargo, and possibly the east, yesterday.  
—Frank Smith has the contract of sinking a well 44 feet square at the new hotel.  
—R. C. Cooper is off for a few days on business in connection with the interests of the town.  
—Why is the COURIER like a tooth brush? Because every man should have one of his own.  
—One of the Cooper farm employes, a Mr. Sullivan, is lying quite low at the ranch with erysipelas.  
—The COURIER now has a household. Bring on the big potatoes, turnips, etc., of last year's production.  
—Shingling was commenced on the big hotel Tuesday, and the way hammers have since been clattering is a caution.  
—The Hope gang of claim jumpers, it is said, are not profiting much by their indiscriminating system of conding.  
—To-morrow is the last day of grace for contractors who intend to bid on the construction of the educational institute.  
—A man that would complain with the weather for the past week would find fault with his grandmother because she wasn't a man.  
—Messrs. Smart and Glass are having a fine bank counter placed in their office, over which their volume of business will henceforth be transacted.  
—The county commissioners were to have held a meeting Wednesday, but owing to the absence of a quorum it was adjourned until next week.  
—Services will be held by Mr. Rockwell at 7 p. m. next Sunday in the dining room of the Merrill House. General invitation to be present extended.  
—The daily increasing number of teams seen upon our streets elucidates the fact that farmers are rapidly learning where they can trade to the best advantage.  
—Joseph Hogarth's new residence is nearly completed, and he expects to be thoroughly domesticated before another issue of the COURIER shall greet the public.  
—Just a few more moons, a few more swiftly gliding weeks and you will be kicking yourself for not having purchased more liberally of Cooperstown lots at the start.  
—The rush for Cooperstown property seems to be gathering strength daily, instead of losing force, as is the case with paper towns and those possessing less resources.  
—Contractor Moffat returned from a ten days' visit with his family at Sanborn, Wednesday, bringing his pockets well filled with building contracts from parties who own Cooperstown lots, but as yet reside in Sanborn.  
—The liquor license of Griggs county is \$500, which is a world of praise to our county commissioners. There will be plenty of the poison on sale in the county even if the dispensers thereof are made to pay well for the privilege.  
—Joseph Allen, at present of Fargo, sends for the COURIER, and intimates that we can look out for quite a list of subscribers from that marvelous city. Mr. Allen will remove to his claim, four miles north of Cooperstown, about March 1st.

—Extra copies of the COURIER mailed to any part of the United States or Canada at five cents each. Leave orders as early as possible in the week.

—The Cooperstown Lumber Co. have put in a stock of coal at their yards, and will now supply the public with that commodity at reasonable figures.

—Several bachelor boarding clubs are in successful operation about town. Dish washing seems to be the only serious stumbling stone to celibate happiness.

—Delays are dangerous, if one contemplates the purchase\* of any particular Cooperstown lot, as has been very practically illustrated to more than one already.

—A literary society is already talked of in Cooperstown. Good idea. Let us develop our intellects as the city goes marching on toward metropolitan proportions.

—Numerous inquiries and subscriptions to the COURIER are already pouring in from the states. It is a good omen of the interest felt abroad in Cooperstown and Griggs county.

—Manly Davis, soon to become a livery man in the "Hub" came up from Sanborn Wednesday to see how his new barn looked. The institution, we believe, is to be stocked at an early date.

—A. E. Shue has added to his livery a pair of fine roadsters, which he received from Fargo Monday. Al. proposes to keep abreast of the demands on his stables, and furnish good turn-outs, too.

—The shades of night were falling fast, when through our busy village passed, a youth, who bore mid snow and ice, a banner with the following advice: Subscribe for the COURIER, only \$2.00 per annum.

—If good goods and bottom figures are what our readers want, they can do no better than to patronize our Cooperstown merchants, who are determined to sell heaps of merchandise if they don't lay up a cent.

—A great quantity of delayed mail arrived at the postoffice Thursday and made many of the boys smile serenely. Some had really begun to fear the "girls they left behind them" had purposely forgotten their address.

—If the Hope Pioneer wants to garble for the COURIER columns without giving proper credit it must borrow a paper to do so. We can't force that journal to exchange, and won't contribute to its columns and furnish it choice literature free any longer.

—Contractor Phillippee says that if this fine weather continues the entire carpenter work on the big hotel will be completed in ten days, and the great structure turned over to the plasterers. Messrs. Phillippee & Kent are rustlers and no mistake.

—Mr. Anton Enger will visit his old home, Lanesboro, Minn., before he returns from his purchasing expedition. A gentleman at our elbow is vaguely hinting as to the object of his visit at Lanesboro, but then we can't see any harm in going a few miles to see a lady friend. We'd do the same ourself if we had a chance.

—Mr. Harry Clarke, one of the pioneers of the Red Willow Lake country, paid his respects to the county's seat of government Wednesday. Mr. Clarke informs us that documents have arrived from the powers that be at Washington, establishing a postoffice to be known as Willow in his neighborhood, and appointing him as postmaster. He also says that there will be a great transformation in that part of the county next summer.

—To-day (Friday) is the day set apart by Prof. Wiggins, the great weather prophet, as the occasion for a mighty storm, to be equalled and surpassed only by the one he has predicted for March 10. Wiggins' storms are to our liking and we trust he will keep right on sending them to our address until ordered discontinued, and send in his bill at the end of each quarter. It is seldom we have storms when the sun shines so brightly and all nature looks as lovely as it does to day.

—You may hang the ocean on a grapevine to dry, lasso an avalanche, skim the clouds from the sky with a teaspoon, throw salt on the tail of our great American eagle—whose sleepless eye watches over the welfare of our glorious nation, and paste the COURIER on the moon and stars, ride to heaven in a chariot of fire, or fail to get rich in the west, but never for a single moment delude yourself into believing Cooperstown does not possess more solid foundation to the square inch, and more building enterprises to the yard than any other town in North Dakota.

—A letter from the publisher's paternal ancestor, who resides in Michigan, brings the intelligence of terrible severe weather, and the preparations for an immense Dakota forward march from that state in the spring time.

—Nary a saloon in Cooperstown, and the need of one not felt. The pet theory of some that a town can't prosper without beer and whiskey is knocked higher than Gilderoy's kite, for the Griggs county capital beats anything on record for thrift.

—The Fargo Republican has our thanks for a supply of blotters and its annual catalogue of Dakota legal blanks. The Republican has one of the very best equipped job printing establishments in the entire Northwest, and grinds out work at eastern prices.

—The young man who did not come to time when a Christmas present was expected, and who failed to rent a swallow-tailed coat and make a certain New Year's call, will soon have an opportunity to buy a 5-cent valentine and send it. Next Wednesday is the day.

—Owing to the death of his infant and only child, aged eight months, on Tuesday last, at Hope, Dr. Virgo has postponed opening his drug store in Cooperstown until next week. Mr. and Mrs. Virgo have the sympathy of the entire community in their affliction.

—The railroad blockade that has prevailed in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, and many of the central and eastern states is about over with, and travel is on the increase. It is a noteworthy fact that, while trains on the main lines of Dakota have been delayed at times, there has been no blockade.

—The Dakota Clipper, H. S. Harcourt's new Libby paper, has brightened the COURIER shop with the halo of brightness its pages reflect. Mr. Harcourt is without exception one of the very best newspaper men in the entire Northwest, and his new venture cannot fail of ultimate success as long as his hand is able to grasp a faber.

—The COURIER already has a mail list of over five hundred names that are sent outside the territory by our enterprising people. The ground covered by this circulation extends from Washington Territory and Lower California on the west, to England on the east, and includes nearly every state and territory as well as the provinces of Canada.

—A nice new base-burner warms the office of Andrus & Jorgensen, attorneys and land agents. What, with new carpets, easy chairs, and other little conveniences, looks as though they were getting just a trifle stylish for so new a town. But then, we suppose it is the spirit of prosperity and progress which pervades our atmosphere that prompts them to fix up so fine.

—Messrs. N. L. Lenham, and J. M. Burrell, two of Cooperstown's most vigilant and enterprising guardians, came up from Sanborn Tuesday and remained until Thursday. They were both "too full for utterance" as they viewed in astonished wonderment and with feelings of superlative rapture the many rapid strides the embryo city had made since their previous visit. Mr. Cooper "steered" his respected co-operators about the place, and ere they had half gone the rounds had them fairly intoxicated with enthusiasm.

—A Lisbon merchant, who has not been able to keep a lady cashier over two months at a time, owing to the great demand in that city for female life partners, now advertises for the ugliest girl in America, and the Star tersely adds: "Dakota is rightly named the poor man's paradise. It might also be called the Eldorado for girls who do not wish to die old maids. The pretty ones go off like hot cakes—can't keep a large enough supply on hand. And, in fact, girls and young ladies of all classes, high, low, rich, poor, slim, stout, short or tall, cannot do a better thing than to come to Dakota."

—It may be a trifle late to mention last seasons crops, but as the "only paper of Griggs county" neglected that duty at the proper period, the COURIER will from time to time mention specimen yields from our soil in order that non-residents may know something as to the merits of the dirt. To show the strength of our dirt as a producer of tubers, we will refer to Justice S. Goldthrite, who resides north of Cooperstown in town 148. From a ten-quart pail of cut potatoes he last summer dug 150 bushels, it being the second crop from that single pail of seed. Mr. S. says, and no one dare gainsay his word, that 600 bushels per acre can be raised "like a nice."

—The illustrious Pat Donan has been interviewed by a Valley City Times reporter. Pat is strenuously opposed to the formation of new counties where they are not necessary to the convenience of the people. And in regard to the proposed division of Griggs, he pronounces it an outrage, and thinks it high time a curb was put upon such proceedings. Pat's head is level.

—County Commissioner Allen Breed, of the first precinct, came over to the capital Wednesday on legal business. Mr. Breed is one of the cultivated, progressive farmers, a goodly number of which Griggs county proudly boasts. The important position he occupies in the management of our county affairs promises to be marked by intelligent and careful action. Mr. Breed did not forget to leave a few subscriptions for the COURIER.

—Last Wednesday was the first day our respected citizen, Mr. R. C. Cooper, had been down from his residence for over a week, having been battling with a little siege of sickness. An over-worked constitution seems to have been the main trouble. While all of his untiring efforts are expended in devising and executing plans in the interest of Cooperstown, our own queen city of the swelling prairie, we trust he will not neglect to give that powerful body and mind of his a full measure of rest.

—Cashier J. M. Burrell, of the Barnes County Bank, leaves for the east Sunday, to be absent about thirty days. Mr. B. will spend a good portion of his time at Greensburg, Pa., and he will ever be on the alert to put in a good word for Cooperstown, the "apple of his eye." Upon his return Mr. Burrell will take up abode at the "Hub," and will be prominently connected with one of our banking houses, as well as the city itself. It is just such energizing, wide-awake young men as Mr. Burrell that contribute largely to Dakota's rapid advancement, and he will prove a most welcome acquisition to Cooperstown business and social circles.

### 100,000 BUSHELS

Represents the Capacity of the Elevator Soon to be Erected in Cooperstown.

There seems to be no end to the stream of news proclaiming improvements that portend the unparalleled growth of Griggs county's proud capital. No sooner had we taken notes from the busy penmanship here for the purpose of staking out the ground and giving instructions regarding the construction of the new temporary bank building, than we ran square against another enterprising individual who informed us that plans were about consummated for an immense grain elevator, with a capacity of 100,000 bushels of No. 1 Hard.

The building will be located near the lumber yard, and will contain all the modern conveniences and machinery calculated for the cleaning and handling of grain.

The company formed for the erection of this mammoth store-house for the wealth from our soil, is composed of prominent Duluth and Minneapolis capitalists, and one of our townsite owners, whose names we are not at liberty to mention at the present time. The elevator, we are glad to note, will run independent of all associations or grain combinations, which ensures our farmers the utmost market value for their wheat.

The work will be commenced on this gigantic structure as early as possible, material now being enroute, and it undoubtedly will be in readiness to receive much of the "golden," now in the granaries hereabouts, by mid-summer.

The erection of such establishments by men thoroughly versed with the resources of the country, should be the strongest kind of evidence to the skeptical or unacquainted as to Cooperstown's future destiny as an important grain and trade center.

### The Cooperstown Lumber Co.

Are determined to render every available assistance to the rapid development of Cooperstown and the adjacent country, and are doing so by giving builders the advantage of very low prices on material. By special arrangements with Mr. Cooper and other large farmers they are enabled to get their overland freighting at exceptional reduced figures, which advantage is given to their customers, as they charge only just what they pay for teaming in addition to prices of same material at Sanborn or Valley City. The Cooperstown Lumber Company are a "bonanza" firm for Cooperstown and are duly appreciated.

### THE BOOM ABATETH NOT!

A Magnificent Brick Bank Block Among the Latest Building Announcements.

Cooperstown Bankers 'Ere Many a Day, Will Cash Your Drafts Politely, or "Draft" Your Cash Without Delay, and do it Square and Sprightly.

Operations to Begin at an Early Day.

We are again constrained to repeat with emphasis that no place of its age ever had prospects that glowed with a brighter hue than do the promises of Cooperstown at the present time. She is not only to-day the most flourishing young city of the golden New Northwest, but her location is such that she can hold that position through the future. Solid financial institutions are the only foundation upon which a town or city's industrial superstructure can be built, and this young and rapidly growing little city is to be provided well with this great essential. No event can augur more for the prospective stability of our commerce and industry, than the establishment of a first-class banking institution in our midst at this early date of the town's existence. It affords us the greatest gratification to state this week that such an institution has been organized under the title of "Bank of Cooperstown," by Mr. Geo. L. Lenham and his associate eastern capitalists, though it has not yet been decided whether it will be started as a national bank, or a private one. In any case it will eventually resolve into a national bank.

Contractor Moffat has instructions to begin the erection of an ordinary frame building at once, in order that business may be opened up as soon as possible. Plans are being drawn for the permanent building, which will be a model of architectural beauty about 40x100 feet and two stories high. It will be built of solid brick, with French plate windows, and will be located on the corner of Burrell avenue and Tenth street—just opposite the big hotel. The managers of the bank are negotiating for the lot adjoining their two, and may change plans and erect a triple block.

The officers of the bank have not yet been chosen, but that it will be manned with competent and courteous men there is no doubt. Abundant capital will always be at their command to fully meet all the financial wants of the town and surrounding country, and the institution cannot fail to wield a valuable power in furthering the industrial interests of Cooperstown and Griggs county. Welcome, then emblem of solid commercial prosperity.

—The wheat market is firm at 89 to 90 cents.

—Fred O. Harris, of Sanborn, paid the metropolis of Griggs a flying visit this week.

—A permanent amateur dramatic association is the latest addition to Fargo's attraction.

—Trains on the Casselton branch have been abandoned for the present. Mail goes to Mayville and intermediate points by team now.

—Hope, the great and only town of Griggs county, has a railroad, and feels fortunate in having had as many as two or three trains and as many mails the past month.

—Sheriff Johnson is expecting soon to open a meat market in Cooperstown, the home of a free, hearty, happy and prosperous branch of the human family. The quicker done the better.

—The Messrs. Cooper have had their half-way barn, formerly at the Springs, moved to the end of the track and an addition added thereto. The building is now 30x100 feet in dimensions, and will accommodate all the teams that are apt to assemble there at one time.

—The Dakota Clipper is responsible for the assertion that seven babies were born in Tower City inside of 24 hours. What does T. C. want of a new county and the capital thereof, when it possesses such facilities for increasing the population? If they keep that little racket up a single year a nice little city will be theirs!

### 100 Cords of Wood

Wanted at once by Odegard & Thompson, Pioneer Store.

### 100 Tons Hay.

Hay wanted at the Pioneer Store. ODEGARD & THOMPSON.