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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1883.

LOCAL LACONICS.

—Come to
—Cooperstown,
—The County Seat, and
—The Future Great of the
—Grand Golden Garden of Griggs.
—Thos. Chapman, the veteran mason arrived at the "Hub" again Thursday.
—The snow fall of Minnesota is authentically reported to be fully double that of Dakota.
—Good fresh fish from the Sheyenne river on the bills of fare at the various bachelor halls this week.
—Song service at 7 p. m. Sunday evening at the Merrill House, to be followed by preaching. All invited.
—Architect Phillippe went to Hope Wednesday to close the contract for the erection of a block of stores.
—Mr. Upton, of Mardell, will be associated with Sheriff Johnson in the meat market enterprise soon to be established here.
—Landlord Merrill very wisely proposes to have a cellar under his new bakery and restaurant, frost or no frost, and has let the job of excavating to Smith & Kuhn.
—The noble-hearted christian people of Cooperstown have been holding nightly prayer meetings this week at Mr. J. N. Brown's residence on Meadow Brook farm.
—Dr. G. L. Virgo and wife arrived in the capitol city Wednesday to remain. Until a store can be erected the doctor will open his drug stock in Mr. Melville's building on the Boulevard.
—One of our local lady literatures has favored the COURIER with some splendid verses that neither pertain to snow or spring. Owing to crowded columns they are held until next week.
—The Board of County Commissioners met at the clerk's office yesterday (Thursday) and transacted quite a grist of business, a full quorum being present. Proceedings of the meeting will be published next week.
—The adv. of our new meat market, which will be found on page eight, has the correct ring to it, and it is evident Messrs. Upton & Johnson to please the public, if variety, prices and courteousness will do it.
—Track laying on the Sanborn & Cooperstown railway has been postponed until spring, the end of the grade having been reached. Trains run out with supplies, freight and passengers regular. It is about twelve miles from Cooperstown to the track.
—The COURIER was pleased to receive as callers last Monday Mrs. R. C. Cooper and Mrs. J. N. Brown. Our den, unfortunately for our pride, had not yet been swept and brushed up that day, so the ladies are hardly prepared to judge of us as tidy housekeepers.
—Little Herbert Langford, son of our respected farmer friend S. B. Langford, who had the misfortune to have his leg broken last Saturday while coasting, is doing well under careful treatment. An account of the sad affair by one who was there can be found on another page.
—Sheriff Johnson has appointed as his deputy guardians of the peace for Griggs county H. H. Hosford, of Hope, and B. A. Upton, of Cooperstown. They are both men of unflinching nerve, and will never waiver from duty through fear or favor, and their appointment reflects credit upon the good judgement of our sheriff.
—Just as we are about to go to press the positive information that Boyum & Hoiland, a well-known agricultural implement firm of Mayville, are to establish a house here reaches us through no less a reliable channel than Mr. Hoiland himself. Mr. H. has fairly been captured with the beauty of the county, which he has just traversed, and says he will at once begin shipping in plows, wagons, implements, etc.

—They say out in Dakota that the mercury has gone down so low lately that decent people won't associate with it.—Chicago Herald. That's another of those intended flings at our salubrious clime. Dakota people may be too high minded to associate with it, but they have the satisfaction of knowing our Mercury generally ranks far above the renowned and immortal Zero.

—Mr. N. C. Rukke, county commissioner from the second precinct, paid Cooperstown and the COURIER a visit this week. Mr. Rukke has a couple choice city lots and expects to erect thereon a large agricultural implement warehouse at an early date of the coming summer. He is one of the most enterprising machine men in the Northwest and will do his share of business every time.

—The St. Paul Weekly Pioneer Press should be in every Dakota home, and should be second choice only to the COURIER. It is a paper that not only leads all others in news pertaining to the great Northwest, but is also a model family journal—clean, clear and able. It is furnished, postage paid, in club with the COURIER, for \$3, or will be sent by the publishers to any address for \$1.15.

—"Al." Shue has the contract of carrying the Cooperstown mail, and began duties this week. At present we get a pouch mail from Sanborn tri-weekly, that is, our carrier tries to get it here three times every seven days and as much oftener as possible. Cooperstown is to be congratulated on getting mail more regular than many towns situated much nearer postal car routes than we are.

—Chas. G. Merrill, of the extensive hardware firm of Merrill Bros. & Luce, was in our bustling young mart Tuesday. Mr. Merrill feels a keen interest in Cooperstown's prosperity, and judging from the serene smile that sat gracefully upon his beaming countenance as he "planked" down a subscription for the COURIER, he must have been eminently pleased with the aspect of things about the place.

—Land Attorney Iver Jacobson was in town this week vainly endeavoring to rent a room to open his office in, but finding every nook full concluded to build. Mr. J. did not neglect to have his name spread upon the Cooperstown roll of honor, commonly called the COURIER subscription list, and of course will keep posted on matters in general, and things pertaining to Griggs county in particular.

—The papers still persist in getting off satires on Dakota weather down east, in the hopes of scaring people who have eyes turned this way. Why, here it is the 16th day of February and we are having the finest kind of "growing weather." We'll warrant no town east of the Red River ever had the like of this balmy weather in dead winter. In fact there has not been a week or day since December 1st but our little city has grown either in population or the uprising of some building.

—In our perambulation about town Tuesday we noticed that a certain bachelor retreat was unusually tidy, the dishes all being washed and the floor presenting the appearance of having had a recent contact with a broom. Upon inquiring we found the "club" had unexpectedly been favored with lady visitors, who remained for dinner, the day before, and it leaked out that said ladies didn't fully approve of their methods of housekeeping. We are glad to note the valiant efforts of the boys toward improvement, and we doubt not but they would soon reach the personification of perfection were they favored frequently enough with lady callers.

—A goodly number of our people assembled in the Merrill House dining room last Sunday evening to listen to Mr. F. M. Rockwell discourse. There was good singing and plenty of it, and the sermon able. Mr. Rockwell chose for discussion the third chapter of St. Johns, and he held that close attention of his audience, which betokens full appreciation of a masterly effort. The speaker elucidated the fact that the revelation of God teaches that He loves and deals with every being as an individual, and not, as many believe, collectively. He also impressed upon his hearers the folly of endeavoring to secretly bargain with God for peace of soul or eternal happiness, by simply joining church, giving of substance to the poor and trying to live an upright life after a sinful career, claiming that one's self must be delivered lovingly to God for that happiness. Mr. Rockwell is a biblical scholar and orator of fine ability, and his preachings every Sunday evening at the above place cannot fail to result beneficially to the place.

—From the Sunday Argus we learn that North Dakota now has eleven daily, one semi-weekly, three Sunday and forty-three weekly newspapers, besides three monthlies and a half dozen bi-monthly and semi-occasional publications. The oldest of all these exponents of Dakota gospel is the Bismarck Tribune, which was established in 1873. Gentle reader, just think of a wilderness being transformed in nine years to a beautiful blooming land of prosperous daily, weekly and Sunday newspapers. Is it not enough to convince you of Dakota's marvelous growth and wonderful resources?

FIGURES AND FACTS.

A Small Grist of Information for the Enquiring.

The COURIER is already besieged with anxious inquiries regarding North Dakota in general, and Cooperstown and Griggs county in particular. Some want to know if work is plenty and the prices paid, the cost of living, etc. Others want to know the prospects for obtaining government land. Then comes a letter of some one desirous of embarking in trade, and another person will ask what the prospects are for investment. To this varied list of seekers for new homes, investments and information, the COURIER would say come on, and if your avocation is honorable and you have a spark of push in your composition success can hardly fail to crown your efforts. The man or woman desirous of a choice 100 or 320 acre slice of Uncle Sam's domain should be here this spring, without fail. The capitalist can do as he pleases, but the longer he delays investing the more he must pay. Intelligent and vigorous people can elect themselves to perpetual prosperity, and snap their fingers at "bosses" and oppressive employers, by driving stakes in Dakota, and we might include the information that Griggs county is the loveliest spot for a permanent camp in creation. The coming season will present the last opportunity for you to get soil as rich as Ceresus for the mere asking. Delay not and an independent competence is yours. Come to the land of sunshine and promise; the home of the warm-hearted and free; the country where work and prosperity are catching like the itch. Come and dance with joy and gladness while your pockets fill with golden ducats, and your heart rejoices that you are a denizen of the great wonderland.

Laboring men and mechanics have vast opportunities in Cooperstown. Common labor commands from \$2 to \$3 per day, while mechanics, especially carpenters, obtain \$3 to \$4 per day. Plenty of work for all who will labor, and living not very much higher than in the east, as the figures below will attest. Here the laboring man has an opportunity to get a piece of prime land and he can soon become as independent as a lord, while in the east he can plod for generations and then not have enough left at death to pay for a respectable wooden overcoat. The man who has a will can do wonders in Dakota. Try it.

The many inquiries as to cost of living in Cooperstown prompted the COURIER scribe to investigate, which he did by pricing the following articles at Odegard & Thompson's. The reader can compare the items with prices at their home and easily compute the difference in cost of living:

Flour, per 100 lbs., \$3.25; wheat, per bushel, 85 to 90 cts; oats, 60 cts; potatoes, 60 cts; hay, \$5 to \$8 per ton; "C" sugar, 11 lbs. for \$1; coffee, 6, 8 and 10 lbs for \$1; butter 30 cts. per lb; kerosene oil, 30 cts. per gallon; canned fruit, 20 to 25 cts. per 3 lb. cans; soap, 12 to 14 bars for \$1; best prints 7 cts; muslins, 10 to 15 cts. Good four-foot wood is plenty at \$6 per cord, delivered. House rent is some higher here than in dead towns of the east, but not extortionate at all, only good fair interest on investment being demanded.

That Washington Party.

The Grand Party at Mardell on the 22d inst. promises to be all that the managers could wish. Extraordinary efforts on the part of the proprietor of the Park Hotel are being made to secure satisfaction to all who attend. It will be one of the most enjoyable social events ever held in North Dakota. Arrangements have been made to secure the presence of all the ladies in the country round, so that gentlemen from a distance who find it impracticable to secure partners to accompany them from home need not stay away from that account.

In case of a severe blizzard preventing the gathering of the party, it will be postponed one week without further postponement. Those wishing private rooms should secure them in advance.

A REPLETE RECORD!

Augmented by Still More Enterprises Developed During the Past Seven Days and Nights.

Operations on Two Big Hardwares, Bakery and Restaurant and a Meat Market Commenced or the Jobs Under Contract.

Wild, romantic and uncongenial to civilization was the spot where Cooperstown now blooms but three or four years ago. The bison or buffalo, the antelope and the wolf roamed o'er these fertile broad acres at will, disturbed only by the wily red man. But now how different. Comfortable farm residences and nicely painted school houses dot the prairies like so many ships at anchor in a grand sea of fertility. Considering this rapid development of the county's agricultural resources—the blood of all prosperous commercial places—does it seem at all strange that a little city should almost phenominally spring into active existence right in the very midst of these great transformations of the virgin soil? Cooperstown is not having a mushroom growth, but is being substantially built up by people who come to stay and grow wealthy on the resources of the land. Of those who have arrived to the new metropolis of Griggs since our last issue, and enlisted in our business ranks, prominently stands the firm of

MERRILL BROS. & LUCE,

general hardware, stoves, and agricultural implement dealers, of Chicago. Several carloads of their stock is already enroute for the capitol city, and will be here ere they can get their building ready. They are preparing for, and will build at once a large store about 25x70, two stories high. Mr. Cooper's granary has been secured for a temporary store house and shop, hence the firm will commence the manufacture of tinware at once and will also open, for public accommodation, the most staple articles in their line. Merrill Bros. & Luce are energetic, broad-gauged firm and will be welcome to a slice of Cooperstown prosperity.

ORR & PICKETT

Is the title of a firm of practical tinmiths and business men who have shown wisdom in selecting their field for operation, having decided and let the contract for a commodious store and shop in Cooperstown. They will make a speciality of tinware, stoves and jobbing, and come to the "Hub" highly recommended as gentlemen of unimpeachable honor and as square dealers. Mr. Orr we hear spoken of as a tinmith of unsurpassed ability in the Northwest, and we predict that his mallet and soldering iron will be kept in constant use by our progressive people. Contractor Moffat has the job of putting up their store, which ensures expeditiousness.

UPTON & JOHNSON

are two gentlemen well known in Griggs county, the former a successful farmer and the latter our efficient sheriff. They are having erected on Roberts street a store building which they expect to occupy as early as next week in the capacity of meat dealers. They will butcher only first-class stock and expect to keep constantly on hand a nice stock of fresh and salt meats, fresh sugar-cured hams, spiced rolls, canned meats, etc. In fact they inform us their aim shall be to satisfy the varied tastes of the people, and bring their business to that standard of perfection which always meets with public approval and insures substantial success.

H. P. MERRILL,

our pioneer landlord, is another of those whose foresight prompts early action in the building line, and he expects to have completed in a very short time his bakery and restaurant which will be erected on Lenham avenue, just opposite his boarding house and hotel. Mr. Merrill possesses the correct qualifications for a good restauranter, and he no doubt will cater to the innerman to the eminent satisfaction of all who may have the pleasure of a seat at his table or lunch counters.

H. GILLEPSIE

arrived from Wheatland, Thursday, and it took him about fifteen minutes to make up his mind to anchor permanently in Cooperstown. His resolution was no sooner formed than its execution begun, for he at once found Mr. Cooper and bought a good lot on Roberts avenue. His next move was to contract with his old friend, Jas. Muir, for the erection of a good store building 22x40 feet in dimensions. He then rattled a couple of dollars into the bony clutches of the COURIER and started for home to make preparations to remove his effects to this favored spot forthwith.

THE S., C. & T. M. R. R.

Is Not a Long Line, but is Blessed with a Big Business.

When the Sanborn, Cooperstown & Turtle Mountain railroad was being projected late last summer, little did its most sanguine friends, aside from its actual projectors, dream that it would be in operation at this season of the year, when half the "plug" lines of the territory are in winter quarters. Beginning operations late in the season, and laboring under unusual disadvantages, the energizing president, R. C. Cooper, and its persevering general manager, Chas. A. Roberts, have pushed the enterprise with that vim that is so characteristic of their business lives that to-day trains are running regular to within twelve miles of Cooperstown.

That the road will prove eminently profitable is foreshadowed by the very respectable traffic it is already getting. Though only in operation a distance of 24 miles the business of the line the first two days of this week amounted to the handling of forty car loads of freight. This is more than the business will average, but from forty to sixty car loads constitutes the regular weekly business, to say nothing of a fair passenger traffic. When we consider the vast amount of wheat yet in the regions north of Cooperstown, and for that matter on all sides of it, and the multitude of settlers already billed for the end of their track, to say nothing of the volume of business the coming rush for Dakota homes will force upon them, it must be conceded that the stockholders of the Sanborn & Cooperstown railway have struck a "lead" equal to the richest returning bonanza farm, and we're glad of it.

The men at the helm are there as public-spirited citizens, and though entirely unacquainted with the railroad business, are doing for Griggs county and the country northwest of it, what a rich corporation, that had sold all its lands, refused to do—giving us an outlet by rail, and that greatest of modern civilizers, the steam locomotive. We believe the COURIER but voices the sincere heart of this entire country when it wishes the stockholders and officers the heaped-up measure of financial success in their noble undertaking that is now presaged them.

Our Temperance Stand Endorsed.

MONDAY, A. M., Feb. 12.

EDITOR COURIER:—We felt like giving three cheers and a "tiger" this morning as we sat down to breakfast to deglilit ourselves with the COURIER and read your declaration that Cooperstown could get on and up much more rapidly and magnificently without a beer saloon and beer element. We believe you from the very bottom of our boots, and from the crown of our cranium, and we want to bless you for the impulse you give us in the direction of dealing with the dark demon of all devilishness at the very start of your career in our fair capitol. We know that you carry the sentiment of the whole town with you in the stake which you stick in the total abstinence question, and you shall never have cause to be ashamed of your constituency for we pledge you our active persistent and constant sympathy and co-operation in making your excellent paper the pride of our families. Somehow we have taken you into our hearts. We adopt you, Mr. Editor, as our newly-born brother and look to you to stamp public opinion with the purest principles for our promotion and future development. Press the potent power for public good with every push of your pen, and will all "Stand by until the Morning."

QUILL.

Quill is assured that the COURIER will ever be found a most earnest exponent of teetotal abstinence, for from the innermost promptings of our heart we consider temperance one of the greatest and grandest causes a being can be engaged in. While there is no immediate prospects for prohibition of the damnable traffic we, the people of Cooperstown, can create and keep alive in our midst a sentiment that will make the dispensing of the poison to our fellow beings a most unpleasant as well as unprofitable vocation. Let us unite at an early date and consummate some organization that shall have for its object the extension of helping hands to all who desire, or can be persuaded to drop the accursed cup. Let us begin our work ere the demon gets a foothold.

100 Cords of Wood

Wanted at once by Odegard & Thompson, Pioneer Store.

100 Tons Hay.

Hay wanted at the Pioneer Store, ODEGARD & THOMPSON.