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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1883.

### LOCAL LACONICS.

—Coal famine at Hope.  
—Services as usual next Sunday evening.  
—Nightly prayer meetings continue at the Meadow Brook Farm residence.  
—The attention of our readers is directed to Attorney Jacobson's card elsewhere printed.  
—Contractor Moffat is building the new bakery and J. M. Melville is putting up the meat market.  
—Wood has been lively in our market this week. Odgaard & Thompson will buy all they can get.  
—R. C. Cooper contemplates building a business block for rental purposes. 'Twill be a good one if he builds.  
—A few more pleasant days and the man who loafs around the grocery will begin to talk about the broken back of winter.  
—Isaac E. Mills, postmaster at Ottawa, came down to the "Hub" for a couple days this week. He has just proved up on his claim.  
—James Rankin, who possesses two valuable claims within a mile of Cooperstown, has had the misfortune to lose one of his best horses. Glanders did it.  
—We notice a couple barns have been built over near the Boulevard this week. One belongs to Upton & Johnson, and the other to Jos. Hoggarth, we believe.  
—Singly and in pairs are the best business men and mechanics of the "railroad terminus," located in a certain corner of this county, coming to Cooperstown to live and prosper.  
—Many of the boys this week received tender verses of love and gay pictures of blissful entanglement, calculated by the fair senders, undoubtedly, to have reached them about the 14th.  
—Messrs. Upton & Johnson are cutting fine, juicy steaks, that fairly melt in one's mouth. At present they are supplying the public at the Pioneer Store, but will be in their own building shortly.  
—We were shown, the other day, a sample of wild hops that are said to grow profusely on the banks of the Sheyenne. They are strong and are regarded fully as good as can be raised by cultivation.  
—A good substantial bridge has been ordered built across the coolie just east of Cooperstown, by the county commissioners. It is expected it will be completed before the spring dampness comes.  
—Our worthy probate judge, Byron Andrus has returned from his two week's visit and business trip to the outside world. He thinks there's no place like home, especially when that home is in Cooperstown.  
—The first item we remember of seeing accredited to the Hope paper for many a week was one taken from the COURIER and by mistake given to the credit of that paper. Hope is bound to profit by a live county paper though it be published 25 miles distant.  
—S. J. Ax Dahl, of Hope, called on the COURIER, yesterday, and enlisted in its army of paid-in-advance readers. Mr. A. will soon become a prosperous resident of the "Hub," as he and his partner have decided to open up a large machine depot here at an early date.  
—A. N. Adams is the latest addition to our list of live business men, he having decided to build a two story building on Burrell Avenue. He will engage in the tinware and jobbing business. Mr. Adams is a christian gentleman, and with his wife will be welcomed to the social and temperance ranks of Cooperstown.  
—Just as we are going to press in comes Al. Shue with a whole stack of envelopes for the management of the Washington Party at Mardell, which was a grand social success. He says the bon ton of Hope were all there, and for the courteousness extended to the Cooperstown lads, who were unable to take partners, they are deserving of much praise.

—The Fargo Republican quotes the Hope Pioneer as saying that Mr. Wamberg shot a deer near Mardell. It undoubtedly was a mistake on the part of the typo who set it up. He must have caught a "Dear" near Mardell. \*\*

—We have been practically convinced that Bro. Mc Kean, of the Sanborn Enterprise, is every inch a gentleman, and we sincerely trust that his already good list of subscribers in this vicinity may grow ten fold. He, as well as the paper, deserves it.

—F. B. Pease, of the popular Sanborn "horse clothing and furnishing" store, gazed upon and admired the many marches of improvement about the "Hub" of Griggs Wednesday. Mr. Pease may establish in business here.

—The inner man of the COURIER force is under profound obligations to Mrs. J. N. Jorgensen for a kindly remembrance. If there is any one thing we love better than another, it is eating, and that person who pleases our appetite touches a tender chord.

—Mr. Joseph Allen came up from Fargo Thursday, and as he beheld the numerous enterprises about town his feelings completely gave way to emotions and expressions of superlative rapture. "The half has never been told," said he, "and I find I knew nothing of the realities of the embryo city I have been booming among my fellow men at Fargo."

—Several citizens of Hope have ordered all their mail sent to Cooperstown in order that they may have communication with the outside world with some degree of regularity. Our neighbors have been particularly unfortunate in being "snow bound" for so long a period, and are welcome to any assistance in the way of supplies and mail the "Hub" can offer.

—Messrs. Clark and Pierson are two young men who heard of Cooperstown while up in the Northwest Territory of British America, and came straight way to verify with their own eyes the many glowing truths told of the "Hub's" future prospects. They are satisfied, or at least are negotiating for a corner lot, on which they agree to erect a good business house at once.

—Last Sabbath was as fine a winter day as could reasonably be wished for, and many of the people in the country hereabouts availed themselves of it by attending worship in the evening. Mr. Rockwell discoursed with his usual earnestness and ability, and he did not forget to strike a sound blow for temperance, which is akin to a blow for the Lord.

—Manly Davis and William Sandy are great on snow shoes. That is, they can drive their craniums into the snow drift more times and not feel discouraged than any two men in Dakota. The boys made their own shoes, which are about seven feet in length,—that being several inches longer than their feet—and if they persevere they no doubt will reach great proficiency in sliding o'er the crested snow.

—J. G. Myers, an experienced painter and grainer, is busily engaged at swinging his brush on the big hotel. A fine job is what the proprietors call for, and it looks as though the right man had been secured to do it. Mr. Myers has concluded to make Cooperstown his future home, and as he is a skillful artisan, the acquisition is desirable. Peruse his adv. and when you need anything in his line don't forget him.

—The Cooperstown Lumber Co., it would seem are determined to meet the great additional demand that will soon be made upon their yards in this place. Great strings of teams are daily unloading the material that is soon to contribute to the general appearance of Cooperstown, besides which the company are putting in a large stock of lime, hair, etc. For the accommodation of this new branch of their industry a nice new building, with regular store front, is being erected under the direction of Contractor Moffat.

—Mr. Marshall Britton, a well-to-do gentleman from the mining regions of Michigan, enjoyed the thrifty atmosphere of Cooperstown a couple days this week, and seems deeply impressed with the remarkable energy of our fair young capital. Mr. B. is looking up a location for quite a colony of his neighbors, and you needn't be surprised if he "plants" them all within ten miles of this place. Strong, rich soil with a gently undulating surface, extraordinary good drinking water, and an intelligent class of citizens are desiderata. Mr. B. seems most anxious about, and he does not fail to take note of this section's unequalled advantages in that respect. The COURIER has been ordered to Mr. Britton's home to help him paint the realities of this glorious clime for the benefit of his fellow men.

—And now comes the information that Bucheit Bros., quite well known in this county, are to start an agricultural implement house in this place, and that they have already started several car loads from South Bend, Ind. They will also operate their farm in the Red Willow Lake region.

—Dr. Virgo and his good wife will please stand up while they receive the COURIER's blessing for that little donation. By the way, Mr. Virgo has opened his stock of drugs in Mr. Melville's building, where he will be pleased to meet any and all needing goods in his line. For particulars consult his adv. on the fifth page.

—The Sheyenne bridge will be constructed one mile south of Mardell, at a point called Johnson's crossing, on the direct route between Cooperstown and Hope. Work will be commenced as soon as it is possible to get material on the ground, and the commissioners trust to see it completed ere the spring boom of surging waters get along.

—The COURIER is pleased to acknowledge the receipt of four copies of the Hope Pioneer and a friendly notice of our newspaper efforts. We might also manifest our appreciation of the little editor's reprehensory attempts directed at our sheet, though we can hardly refrain from speaking of said paragraphs as the most abortive attempts at sarcasm it has been our lot to read for some time. The Pioneer evidently seeks notoriety through a controversy with the widely circulated official paper of the county. From fraternal feeling we might grant the Pioneer a little attention, but upon looking its columns over we cannot see wherein the editor has said anything, aside from reciting a few locals in the usual hum-drum style. All told there is less than one column of original matter in the Pioneer, and yet the presuming young man at the helm expects the COURIER to find merit enough in it to warrant our giving him a little free advertising. Our rates are \$1.25 per inch a month, sir.

### A Farm Worth Having.

Perhaps not one of our many big farmers has seen more of this United Yankeedom than our valued friend, Jack N. Brown. Mr. B. has travelled far and wide and finally very wisely purchased a couple sections of Griggs ground, built a fine residence, and now, as his splendid farm develops and brings in its rich returns, he and his most estimable lady enjoy life after a true, christian manner. He has one of the prettiest laying pieces of land in Dakota, a sparkling brook of pure spring water, and with high banks, running directly through it; thus the name, "Meadow Brook Farm." We asked Mr. Brown for the best average of wheat of any forty-acre patch of his farm, to which he replied: "Well, I didn't have a very big crop last year, though I consider it fair, one field averaging 30 1/2 bushels of No. 1 Hard per acre."

### Will the Trouble Never Cease?

The rumpus over the Griggs county contest has done a good deal to advertise the lively little town of Cooperstown, and it seems that it will do more. The Times some time ago announced that owing to the return of the stolen records, further proceedings against the eight rioters (who were bound over to await the action of the grand jury upon a preliminary examination before Justice Jones of this city in the sum of \$1,000 each) would be dropped. But it appears that some of the parties identified with the record-stealing have been very active in the scheme to divide the county, which has awakened much feeling against them. It is now reported here that a number of citizens of Griggs county have again resolved to co-operate in their prosecution. It is strange how individuals will sometimes insist upon overreaching themselves.—Valley City Times.

The COURIER cannot vouch for the authenticity of the above, as we have never heard it even intimated from any reliable source that prosecution of those eight felons, who did an incalculable damage to Griggs county by their burglarious act, is to be dropped. As to division, there seems to be various sentiments. The settlers along the Sheyenne, and especially those east of the river who would be brought into the proposed county are bitterly opposed to the scheme. At Cooperstown there is no interest manifested in the matter, as it will not in the least affect the prosperity of the village to have a couple tiers taken from the east end of the county. If the Red River Land company can get east side settlers to play into their pockets by standing the expense of new county machinery the COURIER simply says, "so note it be." Those who will have the burden to bear should have the say, and will if the scheme develops enough life to get through legislature, which is doubtful.

## COOPERSTOWN INSTITUTE

### And District School House to be Erected at Once.

#### Plans of the Building and its Probable Cost.

Wherever you find education you will meet an intelligent, refined and law-abiding community. Aristotle once said: "All who have meditated on the art of governing mankind, have been convinced that the fate of empires depends upon the education of youth." To a certain extent cannot the same words be applied to counties, municipalities and communities? It is a well known fact that in a hundred men, there are more than ninety who are what they are, be it good or bad, useful or pernicious to society, from the instruction they have received. An intelligent class are rarely indolent or vicious. Education to the mind is what cleanliness is to the body. Knowledge is progressive, and Cooperstown people are fully alive to the fact that good schools are of vital interest. The minds of our young must be carefully, skillfully developed, to perform which requires time, labor and money. Cooperstown stands ready, and is meeting the requirements by the erection of an edifice of learning that will stand as a perpetual monument to the little city's intelligence. Though only three months old the district will soon boast of a more spacious and better equipped school house than is possessed by many towns whose years outnumber her days.

The plans and specifications as drawn by Architect Phillippee are for a building 50 feet square, to be placed on a solid stone foundation. It will be 23 feet from foundation to plate, with a high roof and tower, or belfry. The tower will be 18 feet tall with a mansard roof and an ornamental iron balustrade. The school rooms will be 30x40 feet in dimensions, with a seating capacity of 75 to 100 scholars each, the upper room having a recitation department in connection. The halls will be 10x40 feet. Completed the edifice will cost from \$8,000 to \$10,000, as money will not be stinted where actual requirements are to be considered. The board held a meeting Monday for the purpose of letting the carpenter work, and the following report, kindly sent us by the district clerk, Mr. F. M. Rockwell, explains their action:

"At a meeting of the school board of District No. 4 (Cooperstown) held Monday afternoon, proposals for the carpenter work in the erection of the school building were duly considered. Sealed proposals were received from the following contractors, viz: James Muir, \$850; A. M. Moffat, \$784; Phillippee & Kent, \$700. Phillippee & Kent's proposition being the lowest figure the contract was awarded to this firm. The Cooperstown Institute would have been substantially built by any of the above named parties, and we are assured that under the careful and thorough management of Phillippee & Kent we shall secure a building which will be substantially and thoroughly constructed. The building will be begun at once and doubtless be ready for occupation about the first or middle of May."

### BOYUM & HOLLAND

Is the name of a very extensive firm of dealers in agriculture implements, wagons, etc., whose card will be found elsewhere. Boyum & Holland propose to keep on hand at their Cooperstown establishment a complete stock of farm machinery, which they will offer to new settlers at prices that will open their eyes. The firm enjoys an experience that enables them to understand the wants of Dakota farmers and the machinery best adapted to their use; hence a new comer or an old settler will always be able to find in their institution the latest and most approved makes of farming tools and wagons. Those here, or those intending to locate hereabouts, will best subsolve their own interests by deferring all purchases in the farm implement line until either Messrs. Boyum & Holland or their agent, N. C. Rukke, have been consulted.

### A Call.

The ladies of Cooperstown and vicinity are requested to meet at the Merrill House next Sunday evening, at 7 o'clock, for the purpose of perfecting an organization to be known as the "Ladies Temperance Union, of Cooperstown." Some of our ladies have felt that now is the time to adopt this measure, for the preservation and advancement of our society. We feel that each one must promptly take their place in this work. By so doing we may possess this important field of aggressive christian work and reform, and thus retain the front ranks in the contest. As this subject is of equal and vital importance to every citizen, man or woman, of our town and community, we hope the ladies will respond heartily.

WOMAN.

### To the Courier.

Two girls sat in twilight gray,  
And watched the fitful freight play,  
And talked of things the Courier told,  
Of how, though young, it seemed so bold,  
For news this paper's most complete,  
To read it through is quite a treat,  
It tells of news the county round,  
And most of all "booms" Cooperstown.  
A leader it is bound to be,  
And have Dakota's sympathy,  
In all good work 'twill surely guide,  
And with the right will ever side,  
And surely you will all maintain  
To take this journal, is but gain,  
And when its pages you unfold,  
You'll find it worth its weight in gold.  
Just here to our editor we'll give place,  
And once again he may "turn his face,"  
To lure by flattery is not our plan,  
But for his place he's just the man.  
Just now we need a man at helm  
Whom the tide of evil cannot o'erwhelm,  
We feel that we have such a man there,  
In the shrewd, enterprising manager Stair,  
And then the true mission of the press,  
Without a doubt he has already guessed;  
To defend the good, and check the bad,  
Is the choicest privilege that man e'er had,  
Yes! without a saloon our town can go,  
All honor to him who will tell him so;  
And show that without such fatal den,  
Our town will have more honorable men.  
And now perchance this say will do;  
We generally know when we are through,  
If any one thinks this not enough,  
Perhaps we'll try and write a puff,  
Though it's not our style to make believe,  
Or engage in ought that would deceive;  
We feel compelled to rise and explain,  
That what we've said we do not feign.  
L. M. B.

MARRIED.—At Cooperstown, Feb. 21, by Justice Glass, Miss Mary E. Williams, of Cooperstown, to William F. Carter, of Sanborn.

The high contracting parties of the event are young people who carry with them the hearty good wishes of many friends into the new state of matrimony. Our worthy justice is said to have tied the silken bands with a grace and proficiency creditable to the oldest hand at the business. The wedding repast was partaken of by "His Honor," the officiating justice, County Clerk Smart, District Court Clerk Jorgensen, County Coroner, Dr. Virgo and "Pioneer" Nelson, who expressed themselves as thoroughly gorged upon arising from the bountiful spread. The blissful pair are sojourning in Sanborn, but will make their home in Griggs county shortly. Mrs. Carter is the daughter of that thrifty farmer, Hiram Williams, who resides six miles from here.

### Cooperstown Mail and Stage Line.

I would respectfully inform the public contemplating a journey to or from Cooperstown that I am prepared to carry passengers between the end of the S., C. & T. M. railway track and Cooperstown for the low figure of \$1.50 each.  
Having secured the contract of carrying the U. S. mail my conveyance will make regular trips every alternate day. Sundays included.  
AL. E. SMITH.

### County Commissioners Proceedings.

Met Jan. 9, at 9:00 a. m. Neither of the commissioners being present Clerk adjourned from day to day.  
Met Feb. 15, 1883, at 1:30 p. m. in accordance with adjournment.  
Present—Rollin C. Cooper, Allen Breed and A. C. Rukke.  
R. C. Cooper in the chair.  
Minutes of last meeting read and approved.  
Commissioner Breed reported the approval of bonds of Theodore F. Kerr, county superintendent of schools and Herbert P. Smart, register of deeds on the 9th day of January, 1883.  
Commissioner Cooper reported the approval of bond of Ole O. Groff, constable, on the 13th day of February, 1883, satisfactory affidavit having been made for default of qualification before January 11, 1883.  
Resignation of W. J. Skinner, justice of the peace, filed and accepted.  
Moved and ordered that W. J. Skinner be appointed justice of the peace to hold his office until the next annual election and as provided by law.  
The following bills filed:  
Andrew Johnson, sheriff . . . \$ 64.01  
Odegaard & Thompson . . . 37.50  
John N. Jorgensen . . . 22.00  
Lucas & Merrill . . . 49.98  
Cooperstown Lumber Co . . . 12.96  
Hope Pioneer . . . 14.25  
A. Shue . . . 5.63  
Geo. L. Lenham & Co . . . 254.37  
C. A. Renwick . . . 56.21  
Cooper Bros . . . 173.51  
Fargo Rep. Co . . . 121.42  
John E. Huggart . . . 218.25  
Moved and ordered that the following bills be approved and paid, and that orders be drawn upon the treasurer for the several amounts, to-wit:  
John N. Jorgensen . . . \$ 22.00  
Lucas & Merrill . . . 49.98  
Cooperstown Lumber Co . . . 12.96  
A. Shue . . . 5.63  
Geo. L. Lenham & Co . . . 254.37  
C. A. Renwick . . . 56.21  
Cooper Bros . . . 173.51  
Fargo Rep. Co . . . 121.42  
John E. Huggart . . . 218.25  
Odegaard & Thompson . . . 37.50  
Moved and ordered that bill of C. R. Black, \$8.00, be taken from the table and approved at \$6.75.  
Moved and ordered that bill of Hope Pioneer, \$14.25, be laid on the table.  
Moved and ordered that bills of Andrew Johnson, \$17.00 and \$64.00 be laid on table for correction.  
Moved and ordered that the county clerk be instructed to procure copies and session lays for the county officials not already supplied.  
HERBERT P. SMART,  
ROLLIN C. COOPER, Clerk,  
Chairman.