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FRIDAY, MARCH 2, 1883.

### LOCAL LACONICS.

—Trot out your spring overcoat.  
—The big hotel will be finished white.  
—Register Smart is over at his home, near Hope.  
—March came in a little blustery; how will it leave?  
—A little white-feathered fleeciness this morning.  
—R. C. Cooper is down to Sanborn for a few days. Business.  
—Painter Myers took a flying business trip to Sanborn this week.  
—Ice is being packed by that firm of firms, Odegard & Thompson.  
—"Home laid" eggs have been on sale at Odegard & Thompson's pioneer emporium.  
—The new bakery and restaurant is up and inclosed. Contractor Moffat is a rustler.  
—W. M. Wellman, of Sanborn, has been in the "Hub" on business most of the week.  
—The pleasant weather this week has been improved by builders having shingling to do.  
—Dr. Virgo can be found at any hour of the day or night in H. P. Smart's office Burrell avenue.  
—It does seem good to see the local army of carpenters all at work in their shirt sleeves and with gloveless hands.  
—Cooperstown is as full of boom and bustle as a nest of riled up yellow jackets is of "sting." Come, see, and believe.  
—A note from Attorney Iver Jacobson brings the intelligence that he will soon land in Cooperstown, and "for keeps," too.  
—The money market is easing up handsomely, and our land attorneys smile blandly at the prospects of a good final proof business.  
—An exchange says it makes a woman sick to keep a secret. He must have guessed at it, as it has never yet been put to a practical test.  
—Work on the new school house in district three was commenced on Monday by Contractor Muir and force. The frame is now up and inclosed.  
—Mrs. G. W. Barnard has placed the COURIER gang under lasting obligations, by affording them an opportunity and the material for a winter picnic.  
—Judge Byron Andrus, who recently returned from Fargo, reports the money market easier. He says he now has abundant funds for all desirous of proving up.  
—Our county superintendent of schools, Dr. T. F. Kerr, reports several applications for the organization of new school districts. Prima facie evidence of the county's progress.  
—J. L. Angell, of Fargo, gazed with enraptured soul upon our lovely city Thursday. He owns property here, but forgot to subscribe for the Cooperstown COURIER.  
—The "West End" bachelor club are immense on the eat act. Should they fail to pay their grocery bill we fear a smash-up of the institution trusting them. They do live high down there.  
—Fargo Argus: "Ed. Stair, of the Cooperstown Courier, is making a very neat paper and deserves success. The Cooperstown Courier and North Dakota Clipper are two original boomers."  
—The King of Portugal has no need of coming to Dakota, as his salary of \$140,000 about equals the income of a bonanza farmer, and then he can live a little cheaper on the other side of the big pond.  
—Another carload consignment of flour from the famous Fargo Roller Mills at Odegard & Thompson's. It is expected that Mr. Roberts will ship in several more carloads of his celebrated flour ere the snow goes off.  
—Messrs. E. J. Fitch, of Mardell, and Matthew Davidson, of Gallatin, called this morning and paid tribute as well as subscription to the COURIER. The feeling over in their neighborhood is that they ought to have a vote on the division question.

—Mr. Orr, of Sanborn, was up to the city of push the first two days of the week and left orders for the immediate erection of his store, which he hopes to have stocked with hardware and stoves by April 1st.

—These are trying times of insecurity. Old Sol and his mischievous rays have been making a run on the snow-banks, and it looks as though those hitherto solid institutions must soon go into liquidation. Let 'em go.

—The Lisbon Star, always one of the most ardent and able exponents of North Dakota gospel, seems to infuse more life into its columns with every turn of the fly wheel. Lisbon has much to feel proud of in her newspapers.

—The refreshing zephyr swept gently o'er the swelling prairie's bosom yesterday, but allee same we poked our head out the den door in the afternoon and counted some seventeen farmers' teams congregated around the Pioneer Store.

—The cunning man on the Detroit Free Press thinks Dakota should be admitted and called the Blizzard State. Let him think. As long as Dakota can attract the cream of Michigan's population to her fertile grain fields and business circles, what matters a few irrelevant puns.

—The Sunday Argus thus speaks of one whom Cooperstown has a tender regard: "Major Manning spent last week in this city, visiting his brother, the doctor, and a host of friends, which he never fails to have wherever he is known, and where he is not known would be a difficult matter to ascertain."

—They are coming, the rich and poor, to a land of sunlight and prosperity. Every mail brings in hosts of inquiries regarding the county of Griggs and the route to take thereto. Our people are preparing to give these searchers for homes a warm reception, let them come in what numbers they may.

—S. Mc Kenzie has suffered considerably from erysipelas in the face for a couple weeks, but is improving. He says it makes him long for the old home among the bonny hills of Scotland to be thus afflicted in a strange land. LATER—Mr. Mc Kenzie, becoming worse again, he departed this morning for Fargo, whither he goes for treatment.

—C. H. Brown, of Amenla, was in the "Hub," yesterday. He became wrought up to a high pitch of enthusiasm over the general thrift of the place, and it seemed as though the boys couldn't make out the deed for several choice lots, on Lenham avenue, quick enough to suit him. Mr. Brown is to become one of our business men, though it will be several months ere he will be able to take up his abode here.

Flour and ground feed in any quantity at Odegard & Thompson's.

—Our worthy town projectors and benefactors, it seems, have an extensive acquaintance. A professional gentleman remitting for the COURIER from Prince Edward's Island, winds up thusly: "I am delighted beyond expression at the excellent progress your town is making. If any people in the world deserve to succeed it is the Coopers, who are about the best men I have ever seen. Believe I shall see you soon."

—Private advices from Michigan brings the common information that Dakota is going to catch it big this spring, and that many Wolverines are already packing their duds preparatory to starting about the 15th inst. We've been there, and know what it is to have a high run of the fever, and yet feel it policy to wait for a certain date ere starting. But then, after one gets here how handsomely he is paid for the brier suffering.

—The temperance ladies of Cooperstown convened yesterday afternoon, in Andrus & Jorgensen's office, for the purpose of considering and discussing the best plans to pursue in the grand fight against the monster in this place. After careful thought the ladies concluded they could accomplish full as much with the assistance of the sterner sex, and consequently have delayed permanent organization until the men can be invited to co-operate.

—Two months of 1883 have already passed into history, and for Cooperstown as well as the world in general, a good deal has been crowded into that short space of time. However, while the record in general is one of dire disasters, floods, fires and storms, which can only be recalled with a shudder of sadness, that of Cooperstown is replete with events that can be referred to with feelings of joy and pride. In time to come, "how our little city grew the first two months of 1883," will always be a pardonable theme.

—Charles Cooper, of the Washburn & Cooper farm, departed for a brief visit at the paternal home in Chicago Monday. If there's any young producer of No. 1 Hard in these regions who has earned a recreation, it is "Charley," for he is a perfect "nailer" to drive things when he is on duty.

—One of the clerks in Odegard & Thompson's was asked, by a pioneer from up the river, yesterday, where Mardell was located, stating he had always supposed it was on the Goose river, but that he heard it intimated a few days since that it was in Griggs county. The gentleman and all others are informed that that prosperous little burg is just 8 miles east of Cooperstown, on the Sheyenne.

—The following item, from a Southern Michigan exchange, makes us shudder as we think of our many friends and relatives who must undergo all the horrors depicted, while we are enjoying the steady dry weather: "The whole country has been literally locked in the icy bands of winter this week, and rarely have we seen the fields, forests, and indeed everything visible, was encased in a covering of sleet and ice for a long time."

—F. B. Adams, of Deer Creek, Wis., has seen the capital of Griggs this week and been captured by the lovely lay of the place and its enterprise. He has gone straightway to Wisconsin, and if he can so arrange his affairs, will be with us again ere the wild flower blooms on the verdant prairie, in the capacity of a live business man. Mr. Adams says he is thoroughly aroused to the fact that Cooperstown has bright destiny, and he is determined to get a slice of our prosperity.

—The whirligig of time is great on sudden and unanticipated changes in this land of sunshine and promise. A man in this clime often retires poor—with naught of earthly possessions save, perhaps, a piece of land or a few lots which cost him a paltry sum,—only to awaken and find some one anxious to give him a comfortable competency for his beggarly estate of the day before. Oh, but it's delightful to live in a land of such capabilities. One never knows when to dodge the blow of fortune, and he is just as apt to get struck as not.

—Anticipating the great influx of people and stock that is soon to strike this county, the settlers up in Justice Goldthrite's neighborhood and in the Red Willow Lake vicinity, refuse to sell their hay and grain, maintaining that the new settlers arriving in the spring without these commodities must be provided for. It is a spirit that will aid greatly in settling our country, and it does the COURIER good to see it manifested. Looking to the comfort and accommodation of unknown future neighbors is generosity no other land can boast of.

—Twenty thousand working girls in Boston alone labor hard for \$4 per week and pay \$3.50 of it for board. Those same girls could come to Dakota, take up a piece of land and get domestic work near their claim at \$10 to \$20 a month and board. In six months or a year they could prove up and be worth, at a low estimate, \$1,500. No telling how many might find more valuable claims in the shape of loving life partners. Several of Cooperstown's prosperous bachelors have already expressed the wish that females would immigrate to this section more plentifully. Any information concerning the country, its resources, or its celebrities will be furnished by the COURIER.

### COURT HOUSE AND JAIL.

The Bill Authorizing Griggs to Provide a Cage for Her Prisoners and a Place to Transact County Business Passes the House.

Nothing gives a county more stability and favorable prestige than to be supplied with suitable buildings and conveniences for the safe transaction of county business, and it affords us pleasure to this week record the fact that Griggs county is soon to be provided for in that respect, by the will of the people.

A bill legalizing the erection of a suitable court house and jail has passed the territorial house, and been favorably reported in the council, and perhaps ere this is read will be enacted. It is a matter of congratulation to the whole county, that at this early date of her history steps have been taken to complete our civil government and maintain it independent of the assistance of neighboring counties. The matter will be voted upon during the coming season, and we may expect when the golden grain is being gathered to see good substantial county buildings well under way.

### AGRICULTURAL GROWTH

Of Griggs County Ahead of Her Commercial Industries, but the Capitol in Close Pursuit.

The Building Record of Cooperstown for Two Brief Winter Months Aggregates \$28,325.00.—Why it will be Even Grow Greater Henceforth.

It is the general supposition of the average eastern reader that Dakota towns and business enterprises are far ahead of the requirements of the country. While this may be the instance in some cases where an ephemeral boom has been created for speculative purposes, it is not the rule. In the case of Griggs county it is the direct opposite, the development of the farming lands being far ahead of any town within the county borders. With thousands of fertile acres on every side of it, a fine percentage of which lands are ready for crop, to say nothing of the tens of thousands more that will be turned over this year, does it seem strange that a bustling city must soon thrive where Cooperstown now blooms?

The thoughtful observer acquainted with the topography of this region at once realizes the enviable location of Cooperstown. The nearest trading points of any consequence are Valley City and Sanborn, 36 to 40 miles on the south. To the north, the east and the west, the trading territory tributary to this point is indefinite, as it extends for miles and miles around. For a radius of fifteen to twenty miles the country is thickly settled with happy and prosperous tillers of virgin soil. The unsurveyed land for twenty to twenty-five miles north and northwest of here will all be squatted on this summer. A gentleman coming down from that rich region the other day said that shanties were already arising from the snow crested prairies like magic, and all these settlers must come to Cooperstown for supplies. Another great advantage, commercially speaking, this town enjoys, is being on the edge of the indemnity, or railroad land grant limit. North of Cooperstown no big farms can spring up, as every quarter section must be settled upon and improved before it passes from Uncle Sam's possession. This fact ensures a thickly populated rural district contiguous to the "Hub," and is a favorable point that but few towns in north Dakota possess. When the great start Griggs county already has attained toward a place in the front ranks of civil organizations is considered; when we contemplate the great impetus the grand army of future citizens, preparing in all parts of the east to come hither, will give to an already vigorous land; when we reflect on the several hundred thousand bushels of golden cereal that must be marketed at this point the coming season; when we meditate on the superior location of our busy young city, her prospective early railroad facilities and the character of her business men; and lastly, but very importantly, when we reflect on the fact that the prime factors in upbuilding the place are men who engage in the grand work in dead earnest, and whose plethoric purses are constantly and freely "on tap" in all cases where good may result, and who are to be permanently interested with us, can anything but a flourishing town of almost incalculable and marvelous growth be anticipated? A commercial traffic of important proportions must spring up here within the next six months. The people are here, and more coming, that demand merchandise, lumber, flour, beef and all kinds of farming implements in plentiful quantities, and they shall have them without being compelled to freight their wares from 25 to 50 miles by team. Goods are coming to the metropolis of Griggs by the railroad, yea, by the train load, and the heart of the yeoman rejoiceth.

There are many opportunities here for the merchant, the mechanic, the professional man and the farmer. With a fair degree of diligence they must succeed. "Failure" is an unknown word here. Persons at a distance may think, read, wonder and inquire; but thoughts and imaginations will fail to even approach the reality of things in this land of life. The rapid growth of Cooperstown since Jan. 1 is nothing compared with the progress that will be made during the coming two months. Think of it, during the past 59 days, which has included the most severe and continuous cold weather known to Dakota, there have been completed (counting the hotel, which yet lacks the plastering) some 19 buildings, representing a total cost of over \$28,325.00. In two or three instances buildings included in the approximate were commenced previous to Jan. 1, but all have been completed, and nearly all projected

since that date. Does such unprecedented progress in the dead of a severe winter augur anything for the place? If so, accept its promptings, hie yourself to a land of plenty, a town brimming with prosperity, vigor and vim. If you are skeptical come and doubt your own eyes as you behold visions that will almost make you believe that the power of human attainment is unlimited. The gates are ajar, come in and rejoice, or stay out and regret, at your own option. Every man has it in his power to gain a handsome farm at a trifling expense and with a little labor. Will you embrace the opportunity?

### An Inadvertent Omission.

The Sanborn Enterprise quite pertinently calls attention to the fact of an important omission on the part of the COURIER in ascribing the credit for the early completion and operation of the S. C. & T. M. railroad. The neglect was purely accidental, as the COURIER recognizes in Mr. Nate L. Lenham one of the shrewdest and hardest working young business men in Dakota, and we were not fully conversant with the early work of organizing, etc. Right here it might be added that Mr. Lenham has been and is doing a vast amount of solid work for Cooperstown, the fruit of which labor is already manifesting itself. Virtually, he has "planted" a goodly number of our business institutions, though he operates so quietly and modestly that it requires an argus-eyed, omnipresent local scribe's especial attention to keep track of his good deeds and give the proper credit. The Enterprise says:

"Upon the principle of 'Give honor to whom honor is due,' we ask the COURIER to notice also the very important part in the enterprise borne by Mr. Nate L. Lenham, of Sanborn, the vice-president of the company. The preliminary labors and correspondence of securing the charter, arranging with the Northern Pacific, and giving definite shape to the undertaking, was largely assumed by Mr. Lenham; and it is not claiming too much for him to say that his shrewd and skillful efforts really laid the foundation and something more, of the present prosperous condition and promising future of the company. Sanborn capital also—as represented by Mr. Lenham—has contributed largely to the financial strength of the company."

### Veracity Rewarded.

An eminent capitalist of an eastern city, who is interested in farming lands of this golden grain belt, evidently appreciates the truthfulness of reality of the COURIER columns, while the paper is deeply appreciative of his very substantial appreciation. The gentleman in a letter to the editor, among other things, says:

"Your neat and spicy paper of the 5th inst. lies upon my table, and I heartily congratulate you in the enterprise. I hope you will not stop until you make your paper second to none in the territory. Enclosed find my check for twenty-five dollars; it will help a little in greasing the new press."

—J. M. Morley, an experienced journalist who has of late been connected with the Sanborn Enterprise, will soon start a new weekly at Carington, a flourishing town on the Jamestown Northern railroad. Like all Dakota scribes he must succeed.

—Mr. Ed. Hamley, track master and conductor of the S. C. & T. M. R. R., has managed by hook or crook to report at headquarters every day this winter, at times being obliged to make part of the run on the hand car. Bucking against snow drifts without a plow is not healthy for locomotives, and already five engines have been sent in for repairs.—Sanborn Enterprise.

—The clerk of the district court has received from the governor of the territory the following proclamation declaring elected on the election held Nov. 7, 1882: John B. Raymond, delegate to congress; Adolman J. Plowman, district attorney for the 1st judicial district; Eilion G. Smith, district attorney for 2d judicial district; Wilbur E. Ball, district attorney for 3d judicial district; Jervis N. Carter, district attorney for 4th judicial district.

—In a crowd of twenty-four young people who went sleigh-riding in Ohio the other evening there was not cash enough to pay six cents toll, and one of the young men had to leave his hat for security. Now, what would be thought of a Dakota party without that amount of funds on hand. Ten chances to one if a young man in this country should let his finances run down to that stage, he would be sent over the road a flying. Twelve young men without a combined capital of six cents, and all this Dakota land at their disposal as a place to gain a competency. We suppose their love laughs at their cash, but some day they will all regret not having taken the advice of the great sage of Chippewa.