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FRIDAY, MARCH 9, 1883.

### LOCAL LACONICS.

—A thing of beauty and a joy forever  
—Cooperstown.

—Farmers are beginning to get their seeders in trim.

—The building boom continues in its almost deafening racket.

—Are you prepared for Wiggins' great storm, of to-day and to-morrow?

—The man who ever settled in Griggs county and regretted it is yet to be found.

—As procrastination is the thief of time, so is delay in purchasing Cooperstown property the thief of profit.

—Upton & Johnson have opened their new market on Roberts avenue, and bid the public give them a call.

—Let every person who can, be at the temperance meeting in the Merrill House next Sunday evening at 7:30.

—As we go to press Wiggins' long anticipated storm is parading in full-dress uniform about the office. Three cheers for Wiggins!

—The COURIER was mistaken, says Mr. Jas. Rankin, regarding the disease that carried away his best horse. 'Twas not the glanders.

—Hope was favored with a train last Sunday. It seemed tolerable easy for the company to get a train there when they once resolved so to do.

—A subscriber presents some very reasonable opinions on the ever live temperance topic, in a communication printed on the fifth page of this paper.

—Mrs. J. M. Melville's health continuing poor, Mr. Melville took her to Sanborn Wednesday, hoping that a rest from all household care may restore her.

—The hens of this vicinity that recently began laying, have suspended business or organized a "corner" on hen fruit. Half a dollar per dozen seems no temptation to them.

—The latest edition of Webster's dictionary defines 118,000 words—just about fifty-five more than is absolutely needed to portray the grandeur of this great Dakota land as a home.

—Mr. Jas. Muir, the skilled contractor and builder, has a card elsewhere. He has the agency for the celebrated Crown Chief and Union school desks, and invites all to give him a call.

—Mr. Ole Serungard, one of the early land attorneys of this county, will probably change his residence from Mandell to Cooperstown in a few weeks, in order to facilitate his growing business.

—Geo. L. Lenham & Co. are probably the largest retail mercantile shippers on the N. P. road. Last month their freight bills amounted to \$12,241.32, and nearly all the bill was for material destined for Cooperstown.

—A grand opportunity is here presented to the capitalist who will erect tenement houses or stores for rental. The demand is already great, and will constantly increase, which will ensure a rich return on any investment of that description.

—Work was delayed on the new educational institute the first few days of the week owing to non-arrival of required material. However, Messrs. Phillippe & Kent now have their forces at work, and we may expect the edifice of learning to be towering heavenward in short order.

—Our genial young hardware dealer, Mr. Anton Enger, returned yesterday from his purchasing and visiting tour, and glad enough he is, to get back to the town of genuine, unadulterated Dakota vim. His big stock is on the way and soon will be placed before the buying public.

—The temperance cause in Cooperstown and Griggs county is marching steadily on. The conflict is upon us as a people, and the armor must be girded and the battle won. "The war is inevitable, and let it come;" our people present a bold, almost unbroken front to the deadly enemy.

—Some wingless angel or incarnate apostle of the lower realm has pocketed Frank Smith's barber shears, and the boys now fear their hair and beards will get a little shaggy before Frank can get another pair.

—That large veins of pure water underlie Cooperstown has again been illustrated by the well just completed at the new hotel. The depth of the well is twenty-five feet and the water has raised some twelve feet from the bottom.

—A stranger entering our busy mart yesterday might easily have been deluded into the belief that the town and the whole country-side were out for an airing, or something of the kind, so crowded was Burrell avenue with teams and people.

—The big granary that stands over near Rollin street is to be remodeled and fitted up for an agricultural implement warehouse. Merrill Bros. & Luce will occupy it. A carload of nails for that firm has arrived and other goods are following.

—G. M. Smedley, who has for a couple years been in charge of the big Pillsbury & Hulbert elevator at Fargo, will come to glorious Griggs to live and prosper. Having resigned his position he will stir the soil of his fertile land in this county and gather in the golden apples.

—Mr. C. H. Frost, one of the thrifty farmers from the east shore of the Sheyenne, was in the county capitol yesterday. He expresses the opinion that the county of Steele ought not to be organized, as it will impose a heavy tax on the few settlers who will be forced into it.

—With her numerous earnest christian workers, and a population almost "solid" for temperance and prohibition, Cooperstown can truly be congratulated as being on the high road to a social and spiritual status that will equal the moral standing of the most refined little cities of America.

—Captain Robinson, mine host of the Park Avenue Hotel, Mandell, is one of the most active workers for the good of Griggs we have in the county. In one mail recently he received fourteen letters from as many different persons contemplating locating here, who were desirous of information.

—We always knew Dakota possessed the best looking women in the universe, but had a presentiment that they were painfully scarce. We know better now. A single bashful glance at a bevy that were yesterday assembled in the Pioneer Store convinces us they are plentiful in this favored region.

—The Cooperstown Lumber Company seems to have abundant capital and a good stock of enterprise. They have purchased of one firm 1,000,000 feet of lumber, and now have 100 carloads at the Sanborn & Cooperstown track. We doubt whether there is a lumber firm in Dakota that deals more extensively. Long may they wave.

—Ed. M. Brown, for eight years postal clerk on the Fargo & Bismarck run, has resigned. A more efficient, better-hearted "mail slinger" never "tied out" a package, and he is to be congratulated upon freeing himself from a service so hard worked and poorly paid. "Ed." is an accomplished printer-journalist, and had no business to thus bury himself from the public for eight long years.

—A great big fat badger basked in the warmth over on the Boulevard, Monday. There being no gun in town Judge Andrus essayed forth with his trusty revolver, backed by Messrs. Jorgensen, Johnson and Melville, who were each loaded with a stick of cordwood. The Judge got within a few rods of the animal and blazed away. It is hardly necessary to add that the beast dropped—out of sight and into his subterranean home.

—The revival meetings at Meadow Brook Farm under the leadership of Mr. F. M. Rockwell are still held nightly, an increasing interest being manifested. The zealous efforts of Mr. Rockwell have already resulted in the salvation of several souls, and the good work goes on. Mrs. R. C. Cooper has generously chartered a "bus of Mr. Weatherbee, which plies between Cooperstown and the Meadow Brook Farm every evening, carrying all who may wish to attend the service gratis.

—Right here the COURIER wishes to be understood as always ready to extend a fraternal hand and good word for its brethren of the quill, for we believe united action for the grand good of Dakota will result much better than can mud-slinging. However, if any of our neighbors desire—as one or two show symptoms of—to "ride us," all we have to say is, hop right on, and when our patience ceases to be a virtue we'll simply bolt and give you the best we have in stock.

—If the Red River Land Co. succeeds in getting a couple tiers of townships from the east end of Griggs for their new county it will leave this county only a trifle over half as large as the state of Rhode Island, a third as large as Delaware, and to make a state like Connecticut it would take a full half dozen counties like ours will be, and a few sections over.

—That busy body and general dispensing agent of good, Mr. F. M. Rockwell, has started a petition, praying that the Board of Commissioners grant no liquor license within the confines of Griggs county. The universal manner in which signatures have been placed upon it in this place and by surrounding farmers and women is a caution to anyone contemplating to traffic in the stuff here! Mr. Rockwell will not rest until the whole county has been traversed and the will of the people expressed. What an incalculable power for right and morality one active, earnest man can be in a community is being finely demonstrated in our midst.

—The Sanborn Enterprise descends a good distance from journalistic decency to announce that this paper is shaky on its adjectives. It says: "Projective" is not synonymous with projected, nor "energizing" with energetic. We were not previously aware, and still have doubts, that the English vocabulary embraces the word "projective," and hence have never knowingly used it, the cut(?) immodesty of the Enterprise notwithstanding. The word "energizing" is Websterian and has never been improperly used in these columns. When the S. E. says it is not synonymous with energetic it lies or is ignorant. It is derived from energy, and means: "to use power in action; to act with force or vigor," etc. The COURIER did not set up shop as an educational journal, a vocabulist, or as the embodiment of typographical perfection, hence the Enterprise has no right to search its columns for trifling errors, and it is not to be lamented that the smart aleck who attempted criticism has displayed inexcusable shallowness. The COURIER is unwilling to believe that Bro. McKeon would be guilty of such a fraternal dishonor, and consequently attributes it to the fussy old grandma who "sticks" type on the Enterprise and occasionally paragraphs.

### ORGANIZED.

#### A Temperance Society with Lots of "Backbone" will War Against the Rum Traffic.

At a call of the ladies of this town and vicinity a meeting was held at the residence of Mrs. G. W. Barnard Monday afternoon in the interests of the temperance cause. A goodly representation responded to the call and at the appointed hour the meeting was opened by the reading of the scriptures and prayer.

On motion Mrs. G. W. Barnard was chosen chairman and Mrs. R. C. Cooper secretary. The chairman briefly stated the object of the meeting.

On motion it was voted that the organization for the prosecution of this work be "The Christian Temperance Union of Cooperstown." The meeting then elected officers for the ensuing year as follows:

President—Mrs. J. N. Brown; 1st Vice-President—Mrs. Geo. W. Barnard; 2nd Vice-President—Mr. Frank M. Rockwell; Secretary—Wm. Glass; Treasurer—Mrs. R. C. Cooper.

On motion it was voted to choose seven ladies and seven gentlemen to constitute with the officers a Board of Management for the temperance work. The following ladies and gentlemen were duly elected upon this board of management: Mrs. John N. Jorgensen, Mrs. Wm. Carlton, Mrs. James Rankin, Mrs. Geo. W. Bath, Mrs. J. L. Haskell, Miss Minnie Barnard, Mrs. Dr. Kerr; Messrs. E. D. Stair, Geo. W. Barnard, C. C. Phillippe, Jack N. Brown, Byron Andrus, H. P. Smart, Wm. Gimblett.

Upon motion it was ordered that a petition be circulated through the county of Griggs asking the Board of Commissioners of our county not to grant license for the sale of intoxicating liquors.

On motion the secretary was requested to correspond with the Ladies Christian Union of Chicago for their constitution and by-laws.

The first meeting of the Temperance Union will be held at the Merrill House next Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock. An interesting program will be prepared, and all are cordially invited.

Mrs. R. C. COOPER,  
Sec'y pro tem.

### HOW SHE GROWS!

Which Exclamation is Daily used by People Visiting Cooperstown.

Local Business Institutions Expand in order to Meet the Hub's Exigency, While the Building Boom Increases in its Fury.

The success and material prosperity of a town depends more upon the character and enterprise of its people as a whole than upon the mere accident of its location. True, a favored locality, everything else being equal, will lead to a more rapid growth than would otherwise have been the case, but a place populated with live, public-spirited citizens must grow in spite of circumstances, while the best location in the world is nothing, if there be none to seize upon its advantages and turn them to account. Acknowledging these facts, Cooperstown is most fortunate, possessing both situation and the right kind of inhabitants. Conspicuous among those who are, and will continue to do much for Cooperstown, stands the firm of

ODEGARD & THOMPSON,

the Pioneer General Merchants of our busy young city. Under the careful and wise government of Mr. Thompson, the business of the institution has already reached enviable proportions, which reflect credit on the house and town alike. Though their store—24x64—seemed amply large at the start, some two months ago, the rapidly increasing volume of their trade has demonstrated their error, and they possess ample means and sufficient enterprise to correct it and meet the demands upon them in good style. They have purchased lots on the corner of Burrell avenue and Tenth street and are now busy maturing plans for a new block to be at least 48x80 feet in dimensions, and probably three stories high. If brick can be obtained, and the prospects are that that commodity can be successfully made here, they propose to erect of solid brick. The capital, the energy, the tact, the patience this driving firm seems to possess in almost inexhaustible quantities, combined with the earnest desire to build up a business that shall have for its corner stone "the good will of the people," is fully appreciated in this land, where prospects and realities sparkle as crystalline snow in the morning sun.

THE COURIER BUILDING.

The history of this journal is brief and has not been fraught with any unusual degree of prosperity, aside from the marvelous growth of its subscription list, which we claim exceeds that of any paper triple its age. However, the jobbing and advertising patronage is growing at a pace hardly to be expected by even the sanguine publisher. To better meet this growing requirement upon our business we deem it expedient to provide more commodious quarters than at present occupied by the COURIER, hence we enlist in the building army of Cooperstown. Contractor Moffat has the contract for the new office, which will be erected on the corner of Burrell avenue and Ninth street. In size it will be 20x40 feet, and two stories high. The work is being pushed with Mr. Moffat's accustomed vim, and the COURIER hopes to be settled in its permanent quarters by April 1st.

GRANT & PINKERTON

are a couple Griggs county gentlemen who propose to prosper with Cooperstown, and are having a very creditable two-story building erected on lot 9 in block 74. They contemplate, we learn, opening a billiard hall and saloon, but trust they may reach other conclusions.

STEVENS & ENGER,

who have been doing a general hardware traffic in Cooperstown for several weeks, already feel the urgent need of more room than allowed them in their temporary quarters, and hence are planning to build a good sized store on Burrell avenue at once. If the lot next to the one they own can be purchased they propose to erect a fine double store 48x70 feet, two stories high; otherwise they will build 28x70. The firm proposes to meet all the requirements of the public in their line, having bought liberally of heavy and shelf hardware. Thus it is, new building projects come to light in the "Hub" almost daily. Those already here are increasing facilities and new enterprises develop constantly.

The Dakota capital removal bill passed the house last Saturday by a vote of 15 to 7, and in all probability has passed the council, as on a test vote of referring to a committee it carried. It provides for a commission with full power to select site for a capitol, and have the buildings ready for the next meeting of the legislature.

### Pat Donan at Dayton.

Col. P. Donan, recently on the Argus editorial staff, was down to the Dayton (Ohio) Dakota Banquete, and in responding to a toast, among many other truths said:

"Blizzards, tempests, floods, earthquakes, tornadoes, hurricanes, and rascally political breezes come to this modern Eden only as dimly understood wailings of distant religions and peoples, who do not know enough to find their way to the sole remaining quarter section of paradise in all the western world. Here no wave of trouble ever rolls across the peaceful breast, and the prosperous people who raise infallibly from twenty to forty bushels of "No. 1 Hard" to the acre of land that costs them nothing, and get a dollar and thirty-five cents a bushel for it, can calmly smile at Satan's rage, and face a frowning, because less fortunate world. This is the glorious Dakotaland that holds out her arms to the needy ones, the sorrowing ones, the unfortunate ones—even the old maids and old bachelors, even the ship-wrecked statesman—of every land and clime, and bids them come and be welcome, come and be safe, come and be prosperous and happy, where there are no storms, no floods, no clouds, no sorrow and no fears; where the garden spot of creation is to be had at a bit an acre, and where one long, perpetual, blissful spring time and harvest time lasts all the year."

### A New Sectional Map.

The popular "New Sectional Map of the Red River Valley," issued one year ago, by Chas. Groenendyke, has been revised and corrected in accordance with latest obtainable data, and is now being issued. This map, without any doubt, is the most accurate and comprehensive one of this region, and much pains have been taken to obtain correct locations of new towns, postoffices, railways, etc.

It will be issued in two editions. The "Pocket Edition," with flexible covers, colored by counties, and containing a full epitome of the U. S. land laws will be sent for \$1, postpaid; plain sheet without covers and land laws, 50 cts. Address, Chas. Groenendyke, Publisher, Fargo, Dak.

### Proceedings County Commissioners.

MARCH 1, 1883, 2 o'clock, p. m.  
Present—Rollin C. Cooper and N. C. Rukke.  
Rollin C. Cooper in the chair.  
Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

### FOLLOWING BILLS FILED:

Cooperstown Lumber Co.	\$ 3 12
Andrew Johnson	16 57
J. N. Jorgensen	41 30
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Byron Andrus	142 00
Geo. W. Bath	6 00
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Moved and ordered that the following persons be appointed as commissioners of the Board of Insanity, to-wit: Theodore F. Kerr for two years and Frank L. Axtell for one year.

Notice of the formation of the following school districts were filed, to-wit:

No. 6.—Including sections 25 and 26 in township 146 north of range 58 west, sections 31 and 32 in township 146 range 57, sections 1, 2, 11 and 12 in township 145, range 58 and sections 5, 6, 7 and 8 in township 145 range 57.

No. 7.—Including sections 13, 14, 15, 16, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 34, 35 and 36 in township 145 range 58 and sections 18, 19, 30 and 31 in township 145 range 57.

No. 8.—Including sections 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 29, 30, 31, 32 and 33 in township 145 range 58.

No. 9.—Including sections 1, 2, 11, 12, 13 and 14 in township 147 range 57 and sections 6, 7 and 8 in township 147 range 56.

No. 10.—Including sections 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33 and 34 in township 144 range 61.

Board adjourned until April 2, 1883, at 2 p. m.

HERBERT P. SMART,  
ROLLIN C. COOPER, Clerk,  
Chairman.

—We don't pretend to know at what rate of speed the wind is traveling to-day but do honestly believe that Wiggins' reputation—if he ever had any—as a weather prognosticator is saved.

—Cooperstown is to have a 100,000 bushel elevator which is to be "run independent of all associations or grain combinations." A similar institution is desired for Valley City.—Times.

—The Sanborn Enterprise must be dizzy. The article it says the COURIER published without credit, was properly credited as an anonymous one. The Enterprise is evidently inclined to jealousy, captiousness, or a bilious attack.

### Dakota Hardware for Sale.

A good Hardware business in a thriving Dakota town for sale. Best of reasons given. Address, "P. M.," Davenport, Dak.

### 100 Tons Hay.

Hay wanted at the Pioneer Store, ODEGARD & THOMPSON.