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FRIDAY, MARCH 16, 1883.

LOCAL LACONICS.

—Yes, the spine of winter is fractured.
—Material is being hauled for the new bank.

—Wiggins flatters himself that his storm was a complete success.

—Two carloads of flour and feed arrived for Odegard & Thompson, Tuesday.

—Dr. Kerr was called to attend Mrs. Renwick at Hope, Tuesday, who is quite sick.

—"Now is the winter of our discontent made glorious by this summer sun" of Dakota.

—Odegard & Thompson are putting up 75 instead of 50 tons of ice, as they first contemplated.

—The frame for the new educational institute is up and can be seen for miles in every direction.

—Davis & Spademan are sinking a well to supply the coming stock for their safe stable with water.

—A jeweler will be in our midst soon. Prepare to have your watches and clocks overhauled, repaired and cleaned.

—Justice Glass reports everything on the move at Fargo, and says there has been a remarkable ease in money matters.

—Paradise will be found by those fortunate enough to drive stakes for a home in Griggs county, metaphorically speaking.

—John Melville has sold his house and lot on the Boulevard to Messrs. Phillippe & Kent, who have taken possession thereof.

—Carpenters by the wagon load, car load, train load or any other load are wanted in Cooperstown. Apply to any of our contractors.

—Davis & Spademan have two carloads of fine stepping stock enroute from Michigan to Cooperstown, and will soon open their stables.

—For a good smoke visit the Pioneer Store. Six thousand of those genuine Havana favorites, the "Spring Garden" cigars just received.

—A. N. Adams has sent orders to Contractor Moffatt to hustle work on his tin shop and residence, as he is anxious to get started at an early day.

—The capital of Griggs was represented in Fargo this week by two of our stable hand attorneys, namely, Justice William Glass and District Clerk Jno. Jorgensen.

—Merrill Bros. & Luce have a freight team of horses drawing farm machinery to their warehouse in Cooperstown from the railroad. Take note of their column card in this paper.

—Geo. L. Luce, of Hope, was over at the county metropolis a couple days last week circulating truthful literature concerning the many branding impediments handled by his house.

—Some may think it a rash assertion, but if Griggs don't double her population in the next ninety days, you are at liberty to chop us up into gun wads and fire the Fourth of July therewith.

—The Barnes County Record is anxious that all should write and print "North Dakota" everywhere and everytime instead of "D. T." or "Dak." or "Dak. T. R." It is not a bad idea.

—Now is the time when the faithful and industrious hen smooths out her feathers and prepares for the spring campaign. Her one idea at this season is to get squarely down to business and keep it.

—A gentleman of sound judgement and par-excellent business standing, a few days since tried to get someone to wager him that Cooperstown would not reach a population of 10,000 inside of ten years. None would bet.

—Joseph Allen sold one of his lots on Lenham avenue to a Fargo man who wants to build in the capital of Griggs. Mr. Allen had owned the lot but a few days, yet he pocketed a cool one hundred dollar profit.

—The succulent bivalve is packing up his "grip" for a summer tour in more frigid zones. This balmy Dakota weather doesn't agree with his oystershing.

—Deliver us, but what a tremendous pile of goods Odegard & Thompson are getting. They don't propose to run short on merchandise when the big rush comes.

—Contractor Moffatt has advertised for 300 carpenters at Cooperstown, and he wants 'em bad, too. He is "rolling over" with jobs, and his two gangs of men are not equal to the pressure upon them.

—That genial fellow, Charley Merriell, was in town Wednesday and Thursday. He expects his brothers, who are to have charge of the Cooperstown house, to arrive from Chicago most any day, now.

—The mortality rate of Dakota according to official statements, is one-third less than that of the Middle or Eastern states. Moral: "If you want to enjoy a full allotment of life, come to this salubrious climate."

—The new school house over near "Jack" Brown's Meadow Brook farm looms up in fine style, and is easily discernible from town. It is nearly completed, and will be furnished with the most modern equipments.

—Considerable unthreshed wheat yet remains in this neighborhood. On the Cooper Bros. farm several "settings" for a thresher are yet in the stack. It will all prove valuable for seed wheat, and the sale will be ready enough at a round figure.

—Mr. Geo. Foley, contractor for grading on the Sanborn & Cooperstown railway, sold a couple of his lots on Burrell avenue the other day at a \$150 margin. Mr. de Lendredie, the purchaser, will erect a double store thereon as early as possible.

—M. C. Hampton and Ben. R. Whitney, of Hope, took in the sights of Cooperstown Monday and Tuesday. It must seem joyous to them to spend even a few fleeting hours in a place all alive with energy, after having been housed in a snow-bound burg so long.

—The Cooperstown postoffice, though only a month "in business," is assuming very flattering proportions, and bids fair to soon become a distributing point. Moffatt Clair has already made arrangements to get their mail from this office, and Gallatin, Mandell and Ottawa will soon follow suit.

—As we have remarked before, Cooperstown property is gold returning. Many lots are already in third hands, and the place is only about three months old, and it being even less time than that since the first business house started. Accept the moral, ye who are in quest of good investments.

—The freight alone on what lumber and material Geo. L. Luce and Co. are placing in stock at Cooperstown amounts to more than the total annual improvements of many towns. It will easily aggregate the sum of \$15,000. That amount of freight for one firm in a three-months-old town is not to be sneezed at, as a "pointer."

—The Courier is in receipt of a communication from a prominent citizen of Hope, which is respectfully declined. While the intimation of the document may be true, we do not care to feed the curiosity of scandal lovers, and then we would dislike very much to implicate our "dear brother" of the Pioneer. Be cautious, is all we have to say at present.

—The first public meeting of the Christian Temperance Union was held at the Merrill House last Sunday evening, Mrs. J. N. Brown presiding. A very nice course were in attendance, and listened to a well arranged and very appropriate programme, consisting of select and bible reading, singing, remarks, etc. It has not yet been announced when the next meeting will occur.

—Just as the Courier is "making up form" the information comes that from one single Illinois town seventy-five families are packing up for the journey to Cooperstown, Griggs county, North Dakota, the land of peace and plenty. Our people will be on the quiver for, and tender them a warm reception. Part intend remaining in town and others will take portions of Uncle Sam's broad domain.

—Rev. K. F. Norris, of Hope, paid Cooperstown a visit this week and attended the nightly prayer meeting at Meadow Brook Farm, Wednesday evening. Mr. Norris expressed himself as greatly pleased to find such a goodly number of intelligent, earnest christian workers in our community, and could not help but note the unostentatious harmony of our society. It is hoped Mr. Norris will favor our people with a discourse at no far distant day.

—Alderman Chapin, the knight of the red neck-tie at Fargo, has wagered another prominent citizen \$10 that the farmers will commence seeding this month in North Dakota. Mr. Chapin generally hits the nail pretty squarely, so have your seeders ready, farmer friends.

—Bombast Bachelor's name has been dropped as manager of the Pioneer, and Will. F. Warner's hoisted as publisher. 'Tis well, for Mr. Warner is a first-class printer and a tip-top good fellow, the only objection being his gentle submission to being nosed around by some of the Hope snoozers.

—Henry H. Windsor, private secretary to G. K. Barnes, the indefatigable general passenger agent of the N. P. railway, displays commendable tact in his publication entitled "Land Seekers Guide." From virtue of its official connection and liberal circulation it must become an invaluable advertising medium for real estate men.

—Eastern exchanges are loaded down with "Auction Sale" notices, and the universal reason given for said sales is briefly told in two words: "Dakota fever." Our brother, a Michigan publisher, writes he has never known such a demand for sale bills, and that nearly all emigrating from his county, Wachtenaw, are destined for North Dakota.

—The Courier building is fast nearing completion under the push of Architect Moffatt and his large force of workmen. Dr. Virgo with his drug stock, and Chas. E. Ferguson, a skilled jeweler, will occupy the ground floor, while this office will take charge of the second story. We expect to remove to our new quarters next week.

—The oft repeated rumor that Hope is soon to be abandoned as a townsite seems verified by these words from the Pioneer: "A more favorable opportunity to purchase Hope town lots cheap will never exist." It appears the company have concluded the land will pay them better for farming purposes, and intend to withdraw lots from the market.

—Business is just more than booming on the Sanborn & Cooperstown railroad. This week's business will amount to the handling of over 100 cars of freight, exclusive of any construction material for the road that may be handled. When we contemplate that all of this traffic is destined to and going from Cooperstown, it is not an unpleasant thought. What must the traffic of the road amount to next fall, when the country hereabouts will have at least double the population and grain it had last season, and town is ten times as large as at present.

—Merrill Bros. & Luce, the big hardware dealers and machine men of Griggs county, are abroad in the land with much elegant printing portraying the merits of the various machines handled by them. A finely finished lithograph showing 25 or 30 Deering Twine Binders at work on the Cooper farm is one of the finest specimens of their advertising cards. Merrill Bros. & Luce are a firm in whom farmers can implicitly trust, as they misrepresent nothing, handle the best make of farm machinery, are wholly reliable, and always sell at bottom figures.

—That good-natured, prosperous producer of No. 1 Hard, "Jack" N. Brown, says if Cooperstown don't invoice up one thousand souls before snow flies next fall he'll miss his guess. Mr. Brown is an extensive patron of the Courier, sending away liberal quantities each week, and he says a remarkable interest in the capital of Griggs is manifested at all of his previous abiding places. He receives letters of inquiry from New York, Michigan, Illinois, Kentucky, Ohio, and several other townships, all anxious to know what route to take to get here. Mrs. Brown is also doing missionary work for the golden garden of Griggs.

—Mr. T. J. Cooper, of Chicago, is beholding for the first time the bustling little city that has sprung into existence right in the midst of his landed interests since his previous visit here last fall, now being a guest at the residence of "R. C." While not a resident worker for the grand good of Griggs, he is none the less her greatest benefactor, unless we except his brother and partner, R. C. Cooper, who has become part and parcel, nurse and father of the county. Mr. T. J. Cooper can well feel satisfied with the good his money, unflinchingly invested in developing and assisting others to develop thousands of acres of North Dakota's domain, has accomplished, and if he views with pride this morning the town he is part parent of, it is excusable. Mr. Cooper will ever be an honored visitor to the lovely town tied to his name, and may his shadow never grow less and his heavy coiffers still heavier.

EFFECTS OF THE FEVER.

A Few Extracts that Tell the Story of Dakota's Favor in Distant and Less Fortunate Climes.

Cooperstown is Destined to Get Her Share.

A few short weeks ago the year 1883 dawned upon Cooperstown with the most flattering smile of future prospects, and as the days roll on it begins to appear that even the most sanguine were too modest in their anticipations. New and unexpected features that must add to the prosperity of our place are daily brought to light, while the mails bring increasing numbers of inquiries. That many are coming to the chivalrous land of united operation, where all dwell in peaceful sunshine, successful happiness and good health is amply attested by the following extracts from letters received at the Courier office on Wednesday. Not only this office, but every active man in the community receives hosts of inquiries from their friends and acquaintances.

A Missouri real estate dealer, at Stockton, has this to say—

STOCKTON, Mo., Feb. 28, 1883.

DEAR SIR:—Having heard my friend, Mr. Charley Ferguson, mention your name quite frequently as authority for very encouraging information regarding the territory of Dakota, and having been permitted the pleasure of reading a paper edited by yourself, in which I discovered a condensed but very graphic description of the county surrounding you, etc., I concluded that it was the county for young men, and I would write you to ascertain further facts. The Dakota fever prevails in this vicinity to an alarming extent, and Mr. Ferguson—as well as many others—now have a very severe attack of said disease, and judging it to be contagious, I presume from my association with him that I have caught the "annual" and will not get rid of it until I can shake it off on the soil of Dakota. I have long entertained a desire to "go west" and grow up with the country, but owing to unavoidable circumstances I have thus far been prevented. I am now prepared to come to your promising land and anxiously await reply to the following questions. * * * * *

An acquaintance of the publisher from Michigan writes thusly:—

FRIEND ED:—Numerous copies of the Courier have been received and read with interest. Buy for me the best quarter section of land in your vicinity that is in the market and draw on me for the money. I have unbounded faith in North Dakota, and could I dispose of my interests here, which I hope to do by another season, would be there in a holy minute. * * * * *

Another gentleman from Cedar county, Missouri, says:—

"The Courier has got in its work on me, and I have disposed of my stock of goods, am making settlement, and hope to be able to emigrate to your land by the 20th inst. Rent me a store or buy a desirable lot for me. * * * * *

An old acquaintance of the publisher, a first-class jeweler, now doing business in Stockton, Mo., writes after this style:—

"DEAR E. D.:—For over eighteen months I have desired to visit the much talked of Dakota Wonderland, and since reading the first copy of your new paper I have decided to be with you this spring or 'split a lug.' I have already commenced closing out my stock, and you can safely count on me as a denizen of Cooperstown by April 15, and probably before that time. I shall start in business there, and also want a piece of land. * * * * * The fever runs high here, and you need not expect to see me come alone. Please inform me as to most desirable route, etc., to take, at once. * * * * *

A professional gentleman of high standing in one of Colorado's finest cities writes after this style:—

"DEAR STAIR:—The Courier has found its way into my office, and has renewed meditation upon the subject of Dakota as an advantageous field for those of my calling. Now, I am inclined to think favorably of coming to your place, but I can't decide hastily or without due consideration. During my residence in Colorado I have found much to attach me to the state, and particularly in Boulder. The climate is not bettered in the world, and equalled in but few places, while society is excellent. I have many strong ties that would induce me to remain in Colorado, but notwithstanding all this, I am deeply impressed with the advisability of making Dakota and your town my home. I recognize in the coming state of Dakota one of the most populous, powerful and prosperous commonwealths of the union. * * * * * Trusting the few subjoined queries regarding your locality will receive your early attention, I am, etc. * * * * *

These extracts from a single Courier mail serve as a fair criterion upon which to base the assertion of an unbridled rush to Griggs county and Cooperstown during the coming months. Letters of inquiry are received by our land attorneys and the townsite company from all sections of the kingdom, in great numbers, and the interest increases daily. We are prepared for, and will receive one of the most substantial booms ever enjoyed in even Dakota.

YOUNG MAN,

Listen to the Voice of One Over Four Score Years of Age, and Profit Thereby.

For the Cooperstown Courier.

MR. EDITOR:—My friend, George W. Barnard, sent me the first number of the Courier, which I read with interest. I fully accord with the sentiments set forth in your "Obeisance." They form the basis for a useful journal, and if adhered to, is sure to produce a sanitary influence in the community. I have written an article on a pernicious habit which does no one any good. You can insert it in the Courier if approved.

PROFANE LANGUAGE.

Swearing is one of the most senseless, foolish, sinful habits practiced by man. It has no reclaiming quality or valid excuse. It fails to make anyone wiser or better. It affords no facilities for prosperity in business, nor does it add to one's respectability; and his statements are no sooner believed if backed by an oath. He is not regarded any better qualified to be entrusted with responsible business, but I am sure it is a bar in some cases of preferment.

While it has nothing that can be said in its favor, it is a pernicious and wicked habit. The practice is not confined to provocation; the habit with many is such that they are continually using profane language involuntarily. Like intemperance (they generally go together) the habit is not acquired at once, and is generally commenced in boyhood under the false impression that it is manly to assert one's rights, or resent an injury or insult with an oath which is commanded by bad associates, and a reputation comes much easier. When a boy I was made to believe that swearing was wicked, and in a long life I never had a provocation to apply profane language to assuage insult or any other cause. The habit is generally carried through life, unless by the grace of God they are brought to see that the practice is wicked, or that their interests are affected by it.

If my views are correct about the origin of swearing and intemperance, how important that greater efforts are applied in guarding the youth against false views and impressions in regard to bad habits.

I have long been convinced that reformation from confined habits is almost an impossibility. Very few break away from some cause, but the hope lies almost in prevention, beginning at home with the young and make them understand fully right from wrong principles by precepts and example, and if followed up in the Sunday school and day schools, the public need not wait very long to see a great improvement in moral.

ISRAEL COE.

Waterbury, Conn., March, 1883.

—Frank Smith has contracted for the sinking of a well for school district No. 3, and one for Mr. J. H. Montgomery.

—I am now prepared to furnish money on final proofs at the most reasonable rates obtainable. WM. GLASS, Attorney and Loan Agent.

—The Sanborn Enterprise stumbled on a word found in these columns, and the Hope-less Pioneer in its eagerness to get a "rap" at the Courier did likewise.

—Venner's first four predictions for March weather were flat failures, but it isn't likely he looked for anything. Venner isn't fool enough to really believe that he can do more than guess.

—Lisbon Star: Major Lower and wife returned from the south last Friday. By actual count the Major has seen 150,000 people who will come to Dakota this spring; more will follow during the summer. The boom will commence next week.

—The Steele Herald very gracefully made its initial bow to this cruel world last Saturday. It is a usable, neatly printed, well made-up, seven-column folio, and will prove a most important factor in the upbuilding of Steele. J. E. Britton, the publisher, is evidently a man who understands his "biz," and is a welcome acquisition to North Dakota journalism.

Dakota Hardware for Sale.

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

NOTICE.—U. S. Land Office, Fargo, Dak., March 13, 1883. Complaint having been entered at this office by William Glass against Thomas Anderson for abandoning his Homestead, Entry No. 1372, dated May 31, 1882, upon the northeast quarter section 20, township 146 N., range 58 W., in Griggs county, Dakota, with a view to the cancellation of said entry said parties are hereby summoned to appear at this office on the 18th day of April, 1883, at 10 o'clock, a. m., to respond and furnish testimony concerning said alleged abandonment.
BORRACE AUSTIN, Register.
WM. GLASS, Pro. Sec.