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FRIDAY, MARCH 30, 1883.

### LOCAL LAONICS.

—A tailor.  
—A clothing dealer.  
—Another dry goods merchant.  
—A No. 1 boot and shoe maker, or.  
—A live furniture dealer can make big money by anchoring in Cooperstown soon, if not quicker.  
—Eggs were firm at 40 cents per dozen but they had to suffer on Easter, just the same as though cheaper.  
—The Red Willow Lake region is receiving a full share of the new settlers daily arriving in this county.  
—Mr. Rockwell accompanied by a full delegation of co-laborers held services at Mardell on Sunday afternoon last.  
—Peter Fiero, postmaster at Helena, in town 145, range 60, was at the capitol Monday and favored the COURIER with a call.  
—Mrs. Barlow and Miss Birdie Ruth, who have been sojourning in Fargo this winter have returned to their claims in 149, 60.  
—Old newspapers for patterns, pantry shelves, under carpets, etc., can be had at the COURIER shop for 60 cents per hundred.  
—Manly Davis smiled on his many friends in Sanborn a few days this week. They say Manly is missed from society down there.  
—Several applications for copies of the COURIER from parties in Southern Dakota indicate an immigration from that region to the No. 1 Hard fields.  
—It is just as reasonable to expect to see a wagon run itself without wheels as to entertain an idea that a town situated as is Cooperstown can live and not grow rapidly.  
—Owing to Mr. Weatherbee's continued illness at the Merrill House, the regular evening service last Sabbath was held at the spacious residence of Mr. G. W. Barnard.  
—Mr. H. Gillespie, of Wheatland, soon to become a booming citizen of Cooperstown, arrived in town Monday, and will push work on his big building as rapidly as possible.  
—The COURIER scribe was the recipient on Tuesday of a nice "invoice" of this season's Michigan maple sugar, sent by his paternfamilas. Good, well he should remark.  
—The intelligence of a big snow storm in Michigan and Ohio last week reminds us that we can be none too grateful for the steady mild weather of our own Dakota, the haven of bliss.  
—Charles Miller, late of Fargo, pulled into Cooperstown Tuesday. He is one of the numerous Griggs county landholders who were destined to become bloated bondholders through virtue of our soil.  
—The lithographed scene on the Cooper Bros' farm being circulated throughout the entire land by the Deering Twine Binder Company, will prove quite an "ad." for Cooperstown and Griggs county.  
—Maynard Crane, a nephew to Geo. L. Lenham, is daily expected here in Cooperstown. He will have charge of the lumber office and books, while the efficient young man now in charge, John Lowry, will "boss" things in the yard.  
—A. W. Christie, of Fargo, dropped into this future great trade centre, yesterday, and proceeded to select a lot on Lenham avenue, with a view to erecting a grocery and drug store thereon. He reports a lively interest in Cooperstown at Fargo.

—G. W. Bathey is at Sanborn.  
—The bank building is "getting there."  
—J. M. Melville has gone to Washington Territory.  
—The snow is going so gradually one can hardly tell where it goes, or when it goes.  
—As an enterprising, up-and-doing place Cooperstown is winning golden laurels.  
—Allen Pinkerton has moved his claim shanty into town, and another "club" now exists.  
—"I find I can buy goods cheaper here than in Valley City, as a rule," remarked an intelligent husbandman to the COURIER scribe the other day, "and I'd like to know why it is so." Give it up, unless it is because Mr. Thompson is a better buyer and less of an extortioner than some merchants.  
—The publisher of this journal on Wednesday purchased for Michigan friends one-fourth of section 8 in town 147, range 58, paying therefor \$2,000. Mr. R. T. Pinkerton was the fortunate gentleman who accepted a title to the land from Uncle Sam, and feels quite well paid for his trouble.  
—J. B. and W. J. Weatherbee, brothers of W. A. Weatherbee, recently injured by a kick, are in attendance at their brother's sick bed. The former is from Sanborn, while the latter is fresh from the frigid clime of Maine. Both are seriously contemplating the question of embarking in business here.  
—Moore & Samsburn is the title of Cooperstown's pioneer blacksmith and jobbing firm, and they are now prepared to wait upon the public with first-class work and reasonable prices. Messrs. Moore and Samsburn are both skilled workmen, and their patrons may rest assured of a good job every time.  
—Again we read of several persons in New York City who have gone to glory by blowing out the gas light in their rooms. It is simply another addition to the long list of admonitions people in the dull east are receiving, all of which warn them to flee to this land of plenty where gas and the like preyeth not upon the innocent.  
—Our new jeweler, Chas. E. Ferguson, appears with a card in this issue. The builder of these paragraphs is prepared to testify to Mr. Ferguson's skill as a workman, and predicts for him a liberal bestowal of work. As soon as he can build or rent it is his intention to put in a stock of jewelry, and he has already ordered a large assortment of clocks.

—A trip through the towns 147, 58 and 59 the first of the week disclosed many improvements and building. Squatters have the land pretty much all covered in 58, and 59 is all filled. To appreciate the vast trade that must flow to the doors of Cooperstown merchants, one need only take a ride in any direction, and view the broad acres that are being settled.  
—Mr. James Rankin has disposed of 100 acres of his land on section 14 to the publisher of the COURIER, who bought for an eastern friend, at a consideration of \$2,400. Eighteen months ago this same tract went begging for a claimant and Mr. Rankin finally yielded to the solicitation by taking it and the quarter adjoining. Can a poor man make money in this country? Well, you might say yes.  
—A week or two since the COURIER made favorable comment on the ability and increasing worth of the Lisbon Star, and we feel constrained to repeat with emphasis that the Star is about the best paper of its class that visits this sanetum. Such enterprise as is displayed by Bro. Everett should not—and will not—go unrewarded. The Star is lively as a bucket of eels and is crowded full of solid editorial meat.  
—The COURIER has positive information that the bill creating the county of Steele is to be submitted to the approbation of the voters of all of Traill and Griggs counties, instead of Traill and that part of Griggs cut off, as has been reported by all newspaper dispatches. This would indicate that Hope's case is not so Hopeful after all. There are many who feel satisfied with the county's present dimensions. Verily, the path of a trickster is hard.  
—Robert Pinkerton, an old timer of this country, took a decided fancy to the COURIER building, and induced us in an unguarded moment to put a price thereon. The result is there is no longer a COURIER building, and we are compelled to await the pleasure of the contractors ere we get another one. When we get our new building, plans of which are now submitted to the builders, about ready to move into we'll be wise enough not to set a price. Mr. Pinkerton has not yet told what business he will go into.

—The COURIER acknowledges an invitation to the banquet that will be tendered the representatives of this district, by the friends of Hon. B. W. Benson, at Valley City, on Wednesday evening next. We very much regret our inability to attend, but feel that our able and worthy representatives will have proper appreciation of their labors manifested, even though our august presence may be lacking.  
—Give the printer fair play. Do not forget that it costs something to puff as well as advertise; never sponge upon a printer. It is the printer's ink that make nine-tenths of our fortunes; it takes money to buy ink, type and paper, and yet after all this, few are the thanks the printer gets. Daniel Webster was right when he said of the press: "Small is the sum required to patronize a newspaper; ample rewarded is its patrons. I care not how humble and unpretended is the gazette which he takes; it is next impossible to fill it out without putting into it something that is worth the subscription price."—Ex.

—Sanborn Enterprise: The church rather got the better of the law one day last week. Judge Zingg was about to unite in matrimony a happy Norse couple, when he was caught in the act by Rev. Mr. Spoor, who happened to be making him a call at the time. As his apology for thus usurping the pastoral functions, the judge promised that he would pay over the fees into the treasury of the church. The exuberance of the bridegroom may be measured by his liberality, and the surprise of the master of ceremonies must be guessed at; for the Norseman handed over a fee of fifteen dollars. The judge gracefully fulfilled his promise, and Pastor Spoor went on his way rejoicing.

—"Joe" Buchheit, who is well known in the Red Willow Lake vicinity, being one of the strongest boomers for that desirable section, is back from his winter sojourn in Indiana, and is brim full of good cheer. He counted up in his old Hoosier neighborhood some seventy-five families bound for Griggs county, all men who will make citizens good and true, for our glorious little domain. Mr. B. will farm quite extensively this year, and his brother will have charge of their machine business at this place. The vigorous blood of young manhood that courses through the system of such enterprising men as Mr. B. is the great lever that is pushing our county and town into prominence and prosperity.

### KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS

That it is a Fixed Fact, and Can be Stated Without any Fear of Contradiction,

That Cooperstown has an ever-living prosperity.

That it will be one of the best county seat towns in North Dakota.

That no town is more active in building operations.

That the place has a trading territory that is second to none in the extent of its area.

That Cooperstown will have the largest grain elevator in North Dakota.

That our merchants are prosperous and equally happy.

That, as a railway terminus, the town must become the out-fitting point for the vast immigration already beginning to pour into the country northwest of here.

That property in and out of town is constantly changing hands with an increased price at every transaction.

That nowhere lives a more intelligent and law-abiding class of people.

That this season promises to be a most prosperous one for the farmer as well as the merchant.

That no town in Dakota has a surer foundation for the upbuilding of a live manufacturing and commercial city.

That Cooperstown offers a glowing greeting to live business men, seldom equalled in glittering prospects.

That the farmer can here find the long looked for Eden, where field rats, potato bugs, grasshoppers, or drouths are never a barrier in prosperity's way.

That the soil here is tilled with comparative ease, and yields unsurpassed crops of grain.

That in another month our fair young city will have one of the best-conducted and nobbiest hotels in the land.

That the business interests of the town are daily augmented by additional arrivals.

That Cooperstown has the most extensive lumber dealers in the territory.

That our town is the headquarters for agricultural machinery for the entire county, and the south part of the Devil's Lake country.

### AND STILL THEY COME.

#### More Business Enterprises Added to the Backbone of Griggs County's Trade Centre.

The demand for business lots in Cooperstown abates not, but grows apace. We almost daily hear of this one or that one who contemplates building either a residence or a store. One of the most important developments for our town and trading constituency the past week is the enterprise of Buchheit Bros., late of South Bend, Ind. These gentlemen have gone to work in a manner commendable. Without waiting to erect proper buildings for storage, they have come from the east with several carloads of farm machinery, grain and stock, and now have it nearly all on this side of Bald creek, from where they can easily get it to Cooperstown any day, let the freshest come as soon as it pleases—if one is to come. The firm has purchased two good lots on Roberts avenue, and will erect at once a large machinery warehouse thereon. It is their purpose to keep constantly in stock the latest and most approved makes of farming implements and machinery, and as one of the firm has an extended experience in the business, patrons can rest assured of securing the most reliable goods at reasonable terms.

Mention was made last week of the arrival of Dr. Newell, late of Burlington, Wis., but we did not dream of so soon having the pleasure of ranking him as a Cooperstown business man. However, he is no more human than many others and has succumbed to the irresistible and numerous charms of our busy burg, and he will soon be engaged in rolling pills and compounding prescriptions in our midst. Mr. Newell is a skilled druggist as well as an eminent physician, and his locating in the Hub of Griggs county is a matter of congratulation to the people. He has purchased lots on Lenham avenue, and will have erected a fine two-story store about 24x60 in dimensions, which he will stock with pure drugs and sundries. Mr. Newell has returned east to purchase stock and settle matters at his old home preparatory to a final departure for his new field.

Henry H. Retzlaff, who arrived in Cooperstown last week, has caught the building fever, which is getting to be epidemical here, and has already begun operations on a two-story 24x40 building, which we believe is designed for a hotel or boarding house. Mr. Retzlaff has a choice location and can hardly fail to reap a rich harvest of shekels for his venture.

### MARDELL MATTERS.

From our regular correspondent.  
Thousands coming. Millions in it.  
Annual school meeting next Tuesday, 2 p. m.

Generous turnout from Cooperstown to Sunday services.

Messrs. Andrew Johnson and Anton Enger were over to spend Sunday.

Wm. Henderson has a cozy cabin about finished and ready to move into on his homestead. Mr. Upton ditto.

Presto—and now we have a petition going round asking license.

Upton & Johnson dressed for the home market this week as fine steers as we have seen in any country for many a day. These steers have boarded and lodged all winter in the woods without stables or sheds and nothing to eat but Dakota hay.

The religious services at the Park 1 o'clock, Sunday were very interesting and well attended. Mr. Rockwell's talk was earnest—carrying conviction of sincerity—and seemed to us full of truth. Services at the same place next Sunday, April 1, at 3:30 p. m., Mr. Rockwell leading.

A board of referees met at the hotel Wednesday evening consisting of S. E. Butler, Wm. Henderson and Dr. Virgo, to settle the matter of charges of the house against Mr. Axtel for board and nursing. A strange case.

### Another Elevator.

As a great grain and commercial centre Cooperstown is attracting the attention of outside capitalists. Some time since the COURIER made mention of a magnificent elevator that is to be erected here by local capitalists, and it seems by the subjoined notice from the St. Paul Pioneer Press that they are to have neighbors: Perry & Son of Minneapolis have plans now drawn for an elevator of 100,000 bushels capacity, to be erected at Cooperstown during the summer, and one of 45,000 to be erected at Sanborn. Mr. Perry says that the firm of Pillsbury & Hulbert have contracted for the erection of twenty-five elevators this year, to be in readiness for the season's crop.

—W. R. Whidder, of Nova Scotia, is in town considering the feasibility of starting a general store. He is favorably impressed, and will undoubtedly become a citizen of the best burg in this Yankee land.

—Mrs. Ruth, of the town above, left yesterday for a short visit among friends in Fargo.

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

### 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 OF FINAL PROOF.—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., March 9, 1883. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim and secure final entry thereon on the 10th day of May, 1883, viz: Sevat Knudson, S. K. No. 9873 for the s. w. 1/4 of s. w. 1/4 of t. 147, r. 58, and names the following as his witnesses, viz: Ole J. Skrien, John Torin, Samuel Homme, A. A. Fluto, and Mardell, Griggs county, D. T. The testimony of witnesses to be taken before Ole Serungard, notary public at Mardell, Griggs county, D. T., on the 6th day of May, 1883, and of claimant before John N. Jorgensen, Clerk of the District Court at Cooperstown, Griggs county, D. T., on the 4th day of May, A. D. 1883 at his office.

HORACE AUSTIN, Register.  
OLE SERUNGARD, Atty.  
Filed March 9, 1883.

NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF.—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., March 9, 1883.—Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim and secure final entry thereon on the 10th day of May, 1883, viz: John Torin, D. S. No. 9821 for the southwest quarter of section 26, township 146 n., range 58 w., and names the following as his witnesses, viz: Ole J. Skrien, Omand Nelson, O. Halverson, C. P. Bolson, all of Griggs county, D. T. The testimony of witnesses to be taken before Ole Serungard, notary public at Mardell, Griggs county, D. T., on the 4th day of May, and of claimant before John N. Jorgensen, Clerk of the District Court at Cooperstown, Griggs county, D. T., on the 4th day of May, A. D. 1883 at his office.

HORACE AUSTIN, Register.  
OLE SERUNGARD, Atty.  
Filed March 9, 1883.

NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF.—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., March 8, 1883. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim and secure final entry thereon on the 10th day of May, 1883, viz: Ole Ellefson, D. S. No. 9878 for the northwest quarter of section 26, township 148 n., range 58 w., and names the following as his witnesses, viz: Ole O. Graft, Thore Olson, L. F. Meis, E. W. Moran, all of Ottawa, Griggs county, D. T. The testimony of claimant and witness to be taken before John N. Jorgensen, Clerk of the District Court at Cooperstown, Griggs county, D. T., on the 4th day of May, A. D. 1883 at his office.

HORACE AUSTIN, Register.  
L. A. KENNEY, Attorney.  
Filed March 8, 1883.

NOTICE.—Timber Culture. U. S. Land Office at Fargo, D. T., March 17, 1883. Complaint having been entered at this office by Adolph T. Johnson against Thomas B. Davidson for failure to comply with law as to Timber Culture Entry No. 6243 dated March 6, 1882, upon the s. e. 1/4 of section 28, township 148 n., range 58 w., in Griggs county, Dakota, with a view to the cancellation of said entry, contestant alleging that Thomas B. Davidson failed to break or cause to be broken five acres of said tract within one year from and after the date of said entry as required by law. The said parties are hereby summoned to appear at this office on the 18th day of May, 1883, at ten o'clock a. m., to respond and furnish testimony concerning said alleged failure.

THOS. M. PUGH, Receiver.  
Filed March 17, 1883.

NOTICE.—U. S. Land Office, Fargo, D. T., January 8, 1883. Complaint having been entered at this office by Joseph M. Snyder against John Dahl for failure to comply with law as to Timber Culture Entry No. 5442 dated March 18, 1882, upon the s. e. 1/4 of section 22, township 146 n., range 58 w., in Griggs county, D. T., with a view to the cancellation of said entry, contestant alleging that John Dahl has failed to break or cause to be broken five acres of said land during the first year after said entry, or at any time or times since; the said parties are hereby summoned to appear at this office on the 18th day of April, 1883, at 10 o'clock a. m., according to the order of local officers, to respond and furnish testimony concerning said alleged failure.

THOS. M. PUGH, Receiver.  
Filed January 8, 1883.

NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF.—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., February 19, 1883. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim and secure final entry thereon on the 10th day of April, 1883, viz: Ole Johnson Skrien, D. S. No. 9876 for the s. w. 1/4 of s. w. 1/4 of t. 146 n., r. 58 w., and names the following as his witnesses, viz: Omand Nelson, C. T. Johnson, John Torin, Sevat K. Skogen, all of Mardell, Griggs Co., D. T. The testimony of witnesses to be taken before Ole Serungard, a notary public at Mardell, Griggs Co., D. T., on the 6th day of April, 1883, and of claimant before John N. Jorgensen, Clerk of United States Land Office at Fargo, D. T., on the 10th day of April, A. D. 1883.

HORACE AUSTIN, Register.  
OLE SERUNGARD, Atty.  
Filed February 19, 1883.

NOTICE.—U. S. Land Office, Fargo, D. T., March 2, 1883. Complaint having been entered at this office by Peter E. Nelson against George Laidtoe for abandoning his Homestead Entry No. 19231, dated April 29, 1882, upon the s. w. 1/4 of section 21, township 146 n., range 58 w., in Griggs county, Dak., with a view to the cancellation of said entry, contestant is hereby summoned to appear at this office on the 7th day of April, 1883, at ten o'clock a. m., to respond and furnish testimony concerning said alleged abandonment.

THOS. M. PUGH, Receiver.  
Filed March 2, 1883.

NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF.—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., February 23, 1883. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim and secure final entry thereon on the 10th day of April, 1883, viz: William Boss, H. E. No. 9879 for the s. w. 1/4 of section 10, township 145 n., r. 58 w., and names the following as his witnesses, viz: Louis Hope, James M. Libary, Fred M. Washburn, all of Hope, and James M. R. of Cooperstown, Griggs county, D. T. The testimony of witnesses to be taken before Clerk of District Court at Cooperstown, Griggs county, D. T., on the 10th day of April, 1883.

HORACE AUSTIN, Register.  
THOMPSON & KROGH, Attys at Law.  
Filed February 23, 1883.

NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF.—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., January 18, 1883. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim and secure final entry thereon on the 10th day of March, 1883, viz: Charles C. Pugh, H. E. No. 9890 for the n. e. 1/4 of s. e. 1/4 of t. 147, r. 58 w., and names the following as his witnesses, viz: Andrew Park, S. Park, Charles Pugh, Lewis Hinde, all of Mardell, Griggs county, D. T. The testimony to be taken before John N. Jorgensen, Clerk of District Court at Cooperstown, Griggs county, D. T., on the 10th day of March, A. D. 1883 at his office.

HORACE AUSTIN, Register.

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. 3557, dated May 31, 1882, upon the northeast quarter section 36, 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.

HORACE AUSTIN, Register.  
WM. GLASS, Provs.