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Sheriff—Andrew Johnson.
Register of Deeds—H. P. Smart.
Treasurer—George W. Barnard.
Probate Judge—Byron Andrus.
Assessor—Efra W. McCrea.
Surveyor—Martin A. Cland.
Superintendent of Schools—Dr. Thos. F. Kerr.
Coroner—Dr. G. L. Virgo.
Clerk of District Court—John N. Jorgensen.
County Commissioners—R. C. Cooper, Chairman,
N. C. Rialke, Allen Breed.
Justices of the Peace—William Glass, Samuel Goldthrite, Martin Davidson and W. F. Skinner.

FRIDAY, APRIL 6, 1883.

LOCAL LACONICS.

—Weather never better.
—Real estate moves at a lively pace.
—Job printing is on the boom in Cooperstown.
—W. R. Whidden is east on a purchasing expedition.
—Mr. Gillespie is having a basement excavated for his building.
—Dr. Virgo will move his drug stock into the jewelry store next week.
—Michigan and Ohio papers are eagerly enquiring for "ethereal mildness."
—An addition 14x60 is being built to the Cooperstown livery and feed stables.
—Architect Moffatt gazed upon his friends and family at Sanborn this week.
—All Fool's day came on the Sabbath and nary a soul in Cooperstown ventured a joke or trick.
—Probate Judge Byron Andrus has dressed his office building in a spring suit of sky-blue paint.
—Mr. J. Stevens has brought four head of fine stepping stock to Cooperstown with him.
—Jovial Knud Thompson now sports that "dandy" span of Indian ponies lately owned by R. C. Cooper.
—W. A. Weatherbee has been removed from the boarding house to the residence of G. W. Barnard, where he will have ever possible care.
—Jas. Waldorf has arrived from Indiana with several head of good stock and will soon have a young bonanza farm near Cooperstown.
—The combined sales of two Cooperstown stores on Thursday amounted to over \$800. Who says the Hub is not to be a great commercial point?
—Mr. Ferguson, our jeweler, will be in his new quarters on Lenham avenue next week, where all who have repairing to do are requested to take it.
—J. N. Jorgensen went down to the peaceful village of Fargo, on Tuesday, to transact business and show the people how the atmosphere of a booming town agrees with him.
—S. J. Ouren thinks cutting hay nearly as profitable as raising wheat. He has just delivered to Odegard & Thompson ten tons of cured grass for which he pockets a cool \$100.
—Henry Meins, of Preston, Minn., left town this morning the happy possessor of a good lot. He will close out his business in Preston and start a good boot and shoe shop here.
—Messrs. Phillippe & Kent are contractors for the COURIER building No. 2, which is being built on Lenham Avenue. The way they are making things fly is a caution, and we expect soon to be settled in our new quarters.
—Seven young men arrived in Cooperstown from the village of St. Clair, Mich., Saturday last, each of whom come with resolutions to linger in the land of free farms. Young blood is ever welcome to these shores.
—"My sojourn of a few days in this salubrious clime makes me feel ten years younger," remarked Dr. Newell to the scribe, "and just as soon as the builders can get a building ready for my occupancy you will see me back from Wisconsin, bag and baggage."
—C. G. Crane, the new accountant at the Cooperstown lumber office, after spending the winter among the orange groves and alligators of Florida comes hither to pick bananas in our sunny fields. He has become an honorary member of the West Point Club.

—P. A. Melgarg arrived from Lanesboro, Minn., Saturday evening last, and is here to remain. He accepts a clerkship with Stevens & Enger.

—John Houghton, superintendent of construction on the Cooper Bros.' farm, is erecting a ranch and stable on section 13 of this township which has been rented on shares.

—Captain Robinson, mine host of the Park Avenue Hotel, Martell, has just received through Stevens & Enger a complete stock of baggage and coat checks for his excellent house.

—We can prove by "Al." himself that the Lisbon Clipper is a trifle "off" when it says: "There is a citizen in Cooperstown whose name is Shue. He is making love to a young darling, and if the Shue fits her she will put it on."

—J. W. Waldorf, an enterprising citizen of South Bend, Indiana, came to Cooperstown last week, and after fastening on to a piece of land and a good lot he hastened back to the land of Hoosiers with the avowed intention of closing up his affairs there and returning.

—J. G. Myers, our accomplished painter, will erect a house in Cooperstown and his family, now in Tower City, will become residents of this flourishing burg. Mrs. Myers will secure skilled help and establish a first-class laundry here, which will be appreciated in a substantial way.

—C. A. Van Wormer & Co., the big real estate and loan firm of Sanborn and this place appear with a fresh "ad." this week. Van Wormer & Co., are as reliable as they are extensive in their operations, and do good missionary work with the thousands of circulars they send east.

—Mr. M. Zimmerman accompanied by his niece, Miss Emma Henry, are this week's arrivals from the Pennsylvania oil regions. They are relatives and the guests of "Jack" Brown, and will remain in the land of vigor. Mr. Z. intends opening a young bonanza farm at once.

—Wellington Van Dusen, of Hope, came to Cooperstown last evening and swore out a warrant against his fellow townsman, Chas. Ward, for assault. It seems Mr. Ward became a little demonstrative upon presentation of a board bill Mr. Van D. claims to hold against him. The matter will be ventilated before Justice Glass.

—"Well, I declare," said a Wisconsin gentleman several days ago, "this is certainly the most magical town I have known. Two hours after I entered the Merrill House what should I discern upon coming out but two new buildings just across the way, and how these carpenters get frames up so lively is what puzzles me."

—Ambrose H. Armstrong, late of Cleveland, Ohio, has become a full-fledged citizen of Cooperstown as will be noticed by his card in another column. Mr. Armstrong comes bearing credentials as one of the best plasterers and finishers in the land. He is getting sand and material on the ground, preparatory to an active campaign in his line.

—About twelve o'clock Sunday night Mr. Jorgensen, Clerk of the District Court, awoke from peaceful slumbers and sweet dreams of a fifty-dollar-per-day land business to find his sleeping apartment on fire. The incipient conflagration was checked by prompt action on the part of "John" with little damage as the result. A defective flue caused the trouble.

—A largely attended and animated temperance meeting was held in the Merrill House Sunday evening, Mrs. J. N. Brown presiding. Mrs. T. F. Kerr read a forcible selection in her pleasant, easy style, while Messrs. G. F. Newell and F. M. Rockwell each earnestly pleaded the great cause with clinched arguments and telling effect. 'Twas a good meeting.

—Speaking of our new jeweler the Stockton (Mo.) Journal says: "Chas. E. Ferguson left last week for Cooperstown, Dakota. Charley won the confidence and esteem of our citizens during his stay here and everyone regretted to see him leave. We can cheerfully recommend him to the people of Cooperstown as a young man worthy the respect and confidence of every good citizen."

—Contractor Moffat in erecting the building on Burrell avenue for the publisher has not only pushed things, but has acquitted himself of a most workmanlike job, everything being done up to the letter of requirement. Having sold the building we can say, without forfeiting our reputation for modesty, that it is the finest and best built store building in Cooperstown, and reflects credit on Mr. Moffat's skill.

—Not satisfied with getting out one of the best twelve-page papers in this entire Yankeedom every seven days, Bro. Harcourt, the triple-distilled, double-back, re-acting editor has gone to publishing a Sunday Clipper. Show us the town four times the size of Lisbon with half as able a journal as the Clipper and our head is ready for a game of foot ball. "H. S." has ideal qualifications for newspaper work, and no mistake.

—Messrs. Phillippe & Kent having dissolved partnership by mutual agreement, that veteran and accomplished architect, Mr. C. C. Phillippe, continues the school house and hotel contract while Mr. Kent assumes some of the other jobs on hand. Mr. Phillippe is a skilled builder, and it is pleasant to know he will remain among us and lend his artistic abilities in upbuilding our town, and his genial company to our society.

—The new law relative to school districts is published in full on another page, by request of the county commissioners. The board desire that the public peruse the law carefully and express freely their opinions as to best plan of dividing the county into townships. It is their desire to accomplish the greatest good and render the most convenience to the greatest number in this matter, hence fair, unselfish expressions on the subject will aid them to do their part satisfactorily.

—Theo. Otzen, Esq., a Moffat Block capitalist of Detroit, Mich., has been reading the COURIER, sent him by our obliging postmaster, Geo. W. Barnard, and when he came to town Wednesday morning and beheld the verification of all set forth—and more, too—by the paper, it took him just one minute by the almanac to select four lots and pay Mr. Cooper the cash for three. The other belonged to another man. When such keen-sighted men as Mr. Otzen, who spends much time in looking up good Dakota investments, invest liberally it means confidence in our noble little metropolis.

Chances Extraordinary.

That Cooper Bros. are great benefactors of this county is evidenced in more ways than one. To farmers coming to Griggs county with stock, and desirous of quick returns, the Cooper Bros. furnish land already for the seed; to those desirous of work for their teams the Coopers set them to breaking at \$3 per acre; to the young man wanting a job they say "pull off your coat and wade in;" to the man who wants land without investing a dollar they tell him to give them the first crop of all the land he wishes and take a deed thereof. To those who desire to work land on shares Cooper Bros. will furnish seed, machinery to put it in the ground and to harvest the grain, pay half the thresh bill and take their half at the machine. They want several thousand acres of breaking and backsetting done, which in connection, with the wants of others in the same line, ensures remunerative work for all the teams that can be brought into Griggs county.

Nowhere, in this or any other land, are such liberal propositions to the honest yeoman made. Add to the splendid offer the extraordinary, never-failing fertility of their soil and you have a proposition from R. C. and T. J. Cooper that ought to make one's eyes bulge with eagerness to scan one of their leases and sign his name thereto. As leaders in the development of a new country Cooper Brothers have no peers.

The License Problem.

Much interest was manifested in Monday's meeting of county commissioners, as it was known the license question would come up and be acted upon. The instigator and prime mover in the anti-license cause, Mr. F. M. Rockwell, accompanied by a committee of three ladies—Mrs. G. W. Barnard, Mrs. J. N. Brown and Mrs. R. C. Cooper—waited upon the board with a petition praying against license, which was presented with well chosen remarks by Mr. Rockwell. Three hundred and eighty-five signatures graced the document, and those four zealous workers left the commissioners with their hearts full of hopeful prayers. A remonstrance of less than 100 names found its way to the board, but no one appeared anxious to father it. After thorough deliberation our long-headed commissioners passed the very wisest act possible. They decided to leave it to the people themselves, as to whether the deadly stuff shall blight Griggs county homes or not, and have ordered the vote to be taken on the 2nd day of June, when the matter of division will also be discussed by ballot.

Until after an expression of the people has been had no license will be granted in the county.

OH, HOW JOYFUL!

It is to Live and Prosper in a City Infused with Healthful Boon.

Projectors of New Industries Flock to Cooperstown as Naturally as Ducks Waddle to Water.

Two New General Stores the Latest.

How true it is that Dakota can justly be termed the mystic land of innumerable charms for the husbandman, the artisan, the merchant, the manufacturer, the capitalist, or the professional man.

The great broad acres of undeterminable fertility that surround us on every side fail not to inspire men looking for homes, with new born hopes, and to induce the strongest confidence in business men and capitalists as to the future of Griggs county and Cooperstown. Here the agriculturist is not compelled to eke out a scant subsistence by ceaseless toil. On the contrary, with a reasonable amount of diligence the Dakota farmer becomes wealthy, and finds ample time to cultivate his higher tastes and desires, instead of finding it absolutely necessary to grub roots and chop wood during the winter months in order to make both ends meet. With soil rich in agricultural possibilities, and easily attainable by any industrious person; with all the elements and advantages that can be lavished upon a country to make it prosperous is it strange that an unprecedented rapid development shall take place? The success of a town must be in ratio to that of its adjacent country, and it is probably by this rule that many business men are casting their lot in Cooperstown.

First of the new enterprises that have focalized during the past week mentioned that of W. R. Whidden, late of Nova Scotia, who has purchased lots on Lenham avenue and let the contract for a two-story 24x50 business edifice to Kent, Gray & McDonald. Mr. Whidden will put in a stock of groceries, boots, shoes, etc., and expects to have goods here by time the building is ready for his occupancy.

Mr. S. A. Nelson, member of the firm of Nelson & Langlie, the most extensive general merchants of Lanesboro, Minn., has been in town the past week and yields beautifully to the strong temptations here held out to tradesmen. He has purchased lot 9 in block 73, on Burrell avenue, and operations on a 25x50, two-story, flat roof store have already been commenced. Messrs. Nelson & Langlie are said to be booming business men, with plenty of capital and lots of vim, hence their acquisition to our business circle is a desirable one. Dry goods, clothing, groceries and general supplies will comprise their stock.

Mr. J. Stevens, senior member of our enterprising hardware firm, made his initial bow before Cooperstown Saturday evening last. It is hardly necessary to state that he is greatly pleased with the lay of the ground and his worthy partner's selection of a business field. Since his arrival they have contracted for a store 25x50, two stories high, and will be dealing out nails and putty over their own counters in a very short time.

Among other buildings started this week are the jewelry store of C. E. Ferguson, the printing office of E. D. Stair and the 22x40 store building of H. Gillespie. The man who says Cooperstown will not have 1000 population when snow flies next fall has only to come, behold, and change his opinion.

A New Firm.

As will be noticed by their advertisement on another page, Messrs. A. B. Kent, G. H. Gray and A. R. McDonald have organized themselves into a firm for the purpose of contracting and building. As workmen and gentlemen they are individually so favorably known in this county that introduction by the COURIER would be superfluous. They possess the vigorous blood of young manhood, are practical mechanics, steady, reliable and energetic, which ensures them a high degree of prosperity. Give them a call before placing your contract.

—I. I. Gardner, of Hope, has joined the carpentering force of Kent, Gray & McDonald.

—We understand names were forged to some of the petitions presented the commissioners, requesting them to grant a liquor license, on Monday. If this be true it displays a spirit worthy only of the cause espoused.

Carpenters Wanted.

I will pay the highest going wages for another dozen good finishers. Apply at once to C. C. PHILLIPPE, Cooperstown.

TEMPERANCE TALK.

One Who is Thankful for the Commissioners' Act, and Stands With Armor on.

COOPERSTOWN, D. T., Apr. 4, 1883.
MR. EDITOR:—I will not go on foot when I can have horse. I will not bump in a lumber wagon when I can have a Pullman coach. I will not be content to speak alone with tongue when I can have the quick winged COURIER to tell my fellows of the rich, rare and racy which I find on the high road to the Beulah land. You have generously offered me your horse, your Pullman coach, your COURIER. I never felt a keener relish for a ride than to day, and I take your horse, coach and COURIER and ride, to call upon your people and patrons. If I ride too fast give me "steady Jerry." If I get on too much steam give me the "down brakes." If I am too heavy on the wing, pull my quill.

Good morning ladies and gentlemen and good people of Griggs, a hearty, genial good morning! I shake with you and greet you with "good luck" for the year and success in basket and barn. From cellar to garret may your homes be filled with the fattest and fairest of Dakota's best things. We are just in the morning of our spring of '83, and will soon be pushing the plow and treading the sod with the spring-tooth harrow. In this there is mutual sympathy throughout this fine county of Griggs. We are also just in the morning of our social, political and educational interests, and are to push forces to the front for the permanent prosperity and highest good of all classes and conditions. From our first efforts in this direction we shall take a character which will determine our future position and destiny. If we walk in the light as God gives us the light we shall have the favor and blessing which will give us the best which He has to give, and the people shall be fair and fat with prosperity. I look out of my window this morning and see only that which shall give us happy, peaceful, beautiful homes, prosperous towns and thriving business. You have already laid down the corner stone of a sure and fast foundation for the future well being of our county. You have thus far had the fair smile of God upon your homes and lands upon your enterprise and general interests. We are now by united action to stand firm upon what we have bestowed and to rise to higher and more exalted planes. We acknowledge the favor of those who last fall placed in positions of authority in granting us our petitions and withholding their consent to the sale of porsox to our fellow men, and in their wise reference of license to the people in general election. To our commissioners we render our grateful acknowledgments for their prompt and thoughtful action. We are now to act firmly and energetically in the work which lies at our door and speak as men to our fellows of the good we feel for all. Let us each speak the charmed word that shall give courage and strength, and soon all shall see that in the seeking of the good of our brothers we secure the greatest good to ourselves.

Yours for the Work,
QUILL.

The projected Scottish Temperance Life Assurance Company of Edinburgh, which is to have a capital of £180,000, will insure the lives of total abstainers at greatly reduced premiums.

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 Dissolution.

The partnership of Phillippe & Kent that has heretofore existed has this day ceased by mutual consent. C. C. Phillippe continues on with hotel and school house contracts as per agreement, and collects all moneys and pays all debts that may occur under his contract, and Mr. Kent releases Mr. Phillippe from all other contracts made in the aforesaid firm name.
PHILLIPPE & KENT,
Dated at Cooperstown, April 4, 1883. 11-13.

AMBROSE H. ARMSTRONG,
PLASTERER AND BRICK LAYER
COOPERSTOWN, DAKOTA.

I have located in Cooperstown "for keeps" and respectfully solicit a share of the patronage in my line. Satisfaction always guaranteed.
A. H. ARMSTRONG.

ATTENTION ALL!
CHAS. E. FERGUSON,
PRACTICAL
JEWELER,
Has located in Cooperstown and is now prepared to execute all kinds Watch, Clock and Jewelry

REPAIRING
EXPEDITIOUSLY.
For the present work can be left at Odegard & Thompson's or the COURIER office.