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### LOCAL LAONICS.

—Not much of a freshet this year.  
—Runners laid up and wheels running.  
—Dance in town nearly every evening.  
—H. P. Smart visited Hope the first of the week.  
—Wild geese are getting too numerous to mention.  
—Fargo is now happy with 12,000 souls as her populace.  
—A warm shower on Thursday stopped seeding for a little while.  
—Foreman Shue, of the Cooper farm, has been threshing this week.  
—Dr. T. F. Kerr is preparing to erect a nobby little office on Roberts avenue.  
—Material is being hauled for Dr. Newell's drug store and the postoffice.  
—New goods until you can't rest at Odegard & Thompson's, and more coming.  
—Messrs. Phillippe & Kent have had their Boulevard residence property nicely painted this week.  
—Guard against spring fever. A longing desire to do nothing is a sure symptom of the delightful disease.  
—The vast army of seeders that are required on Cooper Bros.' farm will be running full force next week.  
—Frank Hamm is making some very neat improvements on his Burrell avenue building, lately occupied by the COURIER.  
—Mr. F. M. Rockwell was quite ill the first of this week, but is now convalescent. A severe cold and too much hard work.  
—Thos. Casey, one of the best and handsomest boys that ever perforated a ticket, is again doing duty on the Hope branch.  
—Painter Myers' skill has been manifested on the Merrill House, which now greets the eye with a pea-green adornment trimmed in brown.  
—The two great lines of railway entering North Dakota are hardly equal to the great demand upon their facilities, so great is the rush to this glorious land.  
—Jeweler Ferguson is now nicely located in his new quarters, first door east of the printing office, and is ready to feel the pulse of sick watches or railing clocks.  
—Mr. Retslaff is building a very creditable hotel and boarding house on Burrell avenue, and will have it in running order in a very brief time. Good for Mr. Retslaff.  
—"Jack" N. Brown had his seeders all loaded to begin priming the fertile acres of Meadow Brook Farm yesterday, but postponed for a day on account of the shower.  
—The Kalamazoo Spring Tooth Harrow is acknowledged to be the very best manufactured. It can be had in Griggs county only of MANLY J. DAVIS, Agent, Cooperstown.  
—W. E. Rolph, of Fargo, gazed about town the first of the present week and became enchanted to the tune of two business lots. Cooperstown charms 'em all, great or small.  
—The COURIER is pleased to acknowledge an invitation to the Grand Masonic Ball, given at Valley City last evening. The invitations are printed on white silk folders, and are very tasty.  
—Attorney Ole Serungard paid a business visit to Fargo last week. Messrs. Axtel & Serungard will open a land and law office in the county seat as soon as a suitable place can be obtained.  
—S. A. Nelson left for Lanesboro, Minn., Monday, not however before pocketing a \$75 margin on one of the lots he purchased last week. He will return with a big stock of goods.  
—Mr. A. Adams and family have arrived in town, bag and baggage. While Mr. Adams' tin shop and residence are being completed the family find temporary quarters in Rob't Pinkerton's building.  
—The sales of the Cooperstown Lumbar company have averaged over \$1,000 per day the past week. Messrs. Crame and Lowry have some "tall" work to do in keeping the business running smoothly.

—Attorney Iyer Jacobson has opened his office in the Pinkerton building, first door west of the hotel, where he will at all times stand in readiness to administer advice or law.

—The frames for six business houses have risen from the face of the earth this week in Cooperstown, to say nothing of numerous dwellings. There is happiness in life when one can see things jump as they do in this burg.

—Clipping an item from this paper the Casselton Reporter adds: "By the way, the Courier is second to no paper in the territory for typographical neatness and editorial sprightliness. Now don't Sta(i)r(e). This is not taffy."

—The report that has been going the rounds of the press, in regard to the general of the auditorship bill, is erroneous. A letter from Representative Benson states authoritatively that Griggs county is not affected by the bill, which is well.

—Prof. Chas. F. Amidon, principal of the Fargo high schools, spent last Sabbath in Cooperstown. He was so well pleased with the general appearance of our brisk burg that he fastened onto the title of two good lots before leaving, Monday.

—Dr. G. L. Virgo has become an ardent Mardellite and is now doing professional and apothecary business in the sequestered village on the Sheyenne. The Doctor's increasing practice among the river settlers makes Mardell a desirable location for him.

—Next Thursday endeth the Traill county struggle for the permanent location of the seat of government. Portland and Mayville unite their energies on locating it at a point midway between the two places called Traill Centre. 'Twill be a fierce fight and no mistake.

—J. C. Yancey, tonsor, is the latest acquisition to Cooperstown, and he is heartily welcomed by many of our young men upon whose physiognomies downy fuzz has accumulated. "Cash" is said to be an expert with the razor and shears, hence he can rest assured of liberal encouragement.

—Hope is all agog with excitement. Some venturesome fellow, who possesses more enterprise than discretion, is building a barn in that hopeful town. Tally one for the ex-county seat. That makes a grand total of one new building erected there during the past four months.

—A. H. Orr, the accomplished tinsmith in charge of that department of Geo. L. Lenham & Co.'s business, has been in town this week roofing the bank, the jewelry store and tinning the school house. Mr. Orr owns Cooperstown dirt, for which he has already refused a good advance over cost.

—Two four-horse teams now ply between Cooperstown and the track to accommodate the incoming people. The big Cooper mule freight train finds the demand for transportation somewhat in excess of its extensive facilities. The rush is fairly upon us, and the way things hum about town is simply grand.

—G. H. Merriell, of Merriell Bros. & Luce, has arrived from Chicago and is "heels over head" at work setting up their big stock of farm machinery. They are having a brisk trade in that line, and we expect soon to furnish our readers a description of the business edifice they intend to erect in Cooperstown.

—Geo. McCullough, foreman of the Cooper farm stables, dropped his job a few weeks since and "went west" to look up a better location. After visiting a couple or three dozen towns in the Missouri valley he is back with the declaration that "no place in the entire Northwest possesses one fourth the solid boom that Cooperstown does."

—M. H. Beckwith, a member of the Elmira, N. Y., colony, was in town yesterday and said that he was sent here by his friends and old neighbors to inspect the desirability of Griggs county as their home. They had intended on leaving home to locate at the 16th siding, on the N. P., but Mr. B. is so completely captured with this section that he thinks that the colony will come hither and "squat" in town 146, range 60. The colony represents 21 heads of family.

—A copy of E. V. Smalley's new monthly publication, "The Northwest," has reached the COURIER office, and we must say it is a "daisy." The Northwest is a 24-page journal printed in book form on fine calendared paper, and as its name implies, is devoted to the interests of the great Northwest. By remitting ten cents for a sample copy, or \$1 for a year's subscription to E. V. Smalley, New York, you will receive a paper worth three times its price.

—Several written public notices posted on a couple of our business houses, one of which is signed by a school "direक्टर," inclines us to the belief that there are in even this progressive county and intelligent age, men who have a hankering for knee-breeches and the days of their grand-dads, for instead of inserting notices of public meetings or legal notices in the newspapers, they post a few badly written ones in some convenient place. If the authors of such notices desire to keep the public in ignorance, or meet some requirement of law they may be successful, but let them remember that they live in an age of newspapers, in the columns of which their notices should appear if they want readers thereof.

### BANK OF COOPERSTOWN. Is the Title of an Institution that will Soon Open its Doors to the Public.

Pardon us, dear readers if we mention with unusual pride the fact of the early opening of the "Bank of Cooperstown," for we think such an auspicious event this early in our career as a town is worthy of more than passing notice. Banks are the very bed-rock upon which the commercial convenience and prosperity of a community must always rest, hence more than ordinary interest attaches to the establishment of the Bank of Cooperstown in our midst. As will be noticed by their card on another page, Geo. L. Lenham and J. M. Burrell are the principals of the institution, while H. G. Pickett is to have charge.

The new bank building, though not intended as a permanent one, is two stories high and very finely finished, reflecting much credit on Architect Moffatt's skill and taste. The institution will be opened to patrons just as soon as the big safe, now at the end of the track, can be got in position. Mr. H. G. Pickett, the cashier, who is to manage the affairs of the bank, is an affable gentleman, well qualified for the position of trust imposed upon him, and will no doubt become popular with the public. The growing commercial importance of Cooperstown demand banking facilities, and she will give such an institution hearty reception.

### SETTLERS' RIGHTS. A Recent Decision in Favor of Honest Settlers vs. Railway Corporations.

Last week Attorney Serungard went to Fargo with nine filings and applications to prove up, for settlers upon odd sections in 147, 58. This town is in the indemnity limit, and as the railroad company had just filed claim for all the indemnity land east of the Missouri, to make good their loss by reservations, etc., in Minnesota, the filings were refused by the officials. Mr. Serungard in behalf of his clients appealed one case as a test, and the prospects are that the settler will be protected.

The following Washington telegram, dated the 9th will prove of interest to the settlers in the indemnity limit:

"Heretofore, or within the past year, railway companies were uniformly successful in cases brought before the land department, and it was considered the height of folly for a settler to make a fight for his homestead against a corporation. Secretary Teller and the present land commissioners have by the so-called 'Perkins decision' completely overturned this condition of affairs, and the settler is now on top. The substance of the decision is that the title of settlers is held to be good, as against the claims of a railway if he shall locate his homestead prior to the time when the railroad company shall have definitely located its right of way, and filed the plat thereof in the land office. It frequently happens that a settler cannot acquire a patent for his homestead until he has complied with certain requirements, one of which is a residence on the location for the prescribed number of years. In the meantime before the settler can get his patent and after he has made his location, a railway company claims his land as part of its grant for building a railway or the branches of one already established. The Perkins decision amounts to a rejection of all such claims and invalidates a great many patents granted to railway corporations in the Northwestern states. It holds that a settler has a prior right to his homestead, if it shall be located prior to certification of the land to the railway company. The fact that a railway company had selected land prior to the date of the settler's pre-emption of his homestead can not operate to deprive him of it. An officer of the land department of the Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway Company was at the interior department today, and made an unsuccessful effort to have the matter reopened, so that they could make an argument against what he called an 'outrageous decision.' He said the decision would let loose a lot of settlers upon about 10,000 acres of the St. Paul company's land in Minnesota and Dakota. The decision establishes a rule that is practically retroactive, and will be applied to all cases brought in the future, in which the homestead entries were made years ago."

### HOW THEY TALK. A Venerable Gentleman Reasons With the Readers of his Local Paper on the subject of Dakota.

Winsted (Conn.) Herald Correspondence.

Dakota Territory seems to be the "promised land." At present emigration to it is remarkable. The Rev. Chas. W. Shelton, formerly of Birmingham, Conn., one of the nine of the theological class in Yale College, who pledged themselves to go to Dakota, located at Dell Rapids, southern part of the territory is in this state raising funds for a college in Yankton. He says it was estimated one thousand emigrants per day came into the territory during last summer and fall, and he thinks it a low estimate. He attests to the adaptation of the soil and climate for raising wheat of the best quality, and other cereals. There are two articles in the Congregationalist, of the 22d inst., highly commending Dakota for health and its products, more especially the northern portion, recommending it to all farmers who are seeking a home. One writer says: "Dakota in thirty years will probably stand among the foremost of the United States. His expectation is based on the fact that it is the strong and energetic men who seek it, and are fashioning the foundation." No doubt the climate is delightful in summer, the winters cold, but they claim they do not feel it with the mercury twenty degrees below zero as at zero in New England. The air clear and not subject to such changes. Such has been the statement of persons who have spent winters up at Lake Superior.

A friend of the writer moved from St. Clair, Michigan, in April, 1881, to Cooperstown, North Dakota, forty miles north of the Northern Pacific R. R.; took up 160 acres in his own name, and 160 in his daughter's name; built a house. About the 1st of January I received a very long letter from him and will quote some of his statements, which will show how they progress out west: "There was one house and barn in the town only, and no settlement nearer than twenty miles. Now I am surrounded by nice farms with comfortable dwellings and at our fall election nearly four hundred votes were cast, and the town is made the county seat of the new county of Griggs. When I came here there were not over fifty voters in the county; last fall over eight hundred and fifty were polled. I plowed about two hundred acres the first year and put into wheat and oats last spring, and harvested three thousand bushels of the best quality of wheat and two thousand of oats, worth 75 cts. per bushel for seed or feed. Wheat a dollar at the railroad. A railroad is built within twenty miles and will be finished this year from the Northern Pacific R. R. A plenty of land can be pre-empted for the office fees, or bought of the railroad or private individuals, but the most desirable is rising, and rapid sales are being made. In this locality wheat yields from twenty to forty bushels and oats forty or fifty on turf, or sixty to eighty per acre if plowed the fall before. The county buildings, a large hotel and school house, are to be built this springcoming. Two banks are to be established here."

In a subsequent letter he sent me a diagram for a city, with avenues and streets sufficient for a population of ten thousand. The first house built only two years ago. He speaks highly of the climate. I have the first number of the Cooperstown Courier, of eight pages, filled with advertisements and creditable matter, Jan. 26 last.

A farmer there can realize returns for his labor at once; quite different from many of Connecticut emigrants who went west to occupy the Western Reserve and other places; the land covered with heavy timber; were obliged to cut down enough to build a house, and slave a generation before he had a good farm, but since the west is open to emigrants, farms have been opened to them ready for the plow.

"Go west," was Horace Greeley's injunction. Young men will do well to heed it and grow up with the country.

OBSERVER.

Waterbury, Feb. 27, 1883.

—M. Zimmerman left for Shamburg, Pa., Tuesday. He'll close out and be back in about as short order as possible.

—Chas. Cooper is back from his eastern trip, and ready for the summer's campaign with the "golden."

—Chas. Ward, C. G. Merrill, C. A. Renwick, E. J. McMahon, and others have represented Hope at the county seat since our last issue.

—The lamlet in the southeastern corner of this county has been having a postoffice fight. For dissensions that little berg takes the cake.

—Tower City acquitted herself nobly at her municipal election last week. The license question was voted upon, and anti-license votes prevailed. Tower City has been a temperance town two years, and regrets it not.

—The COURIER is now settled in its new home, on Lenham avenue. Our heavy printing "masheen" caused lots of lifting and tugging, but by the gracious kindness of such men as Sheriff Johnson, Knud Thompson, Frank Hann, J. Stevens, P. A. Melgurg, and numerous others, whose names we cannot call, the stubborn thing had to move. Gentlemen, your kindness shall be indelibly written on the tablets of our memory.

### Proceedings County Commissioners.

APRIL 2, 1883, 2:00 P. M.

Present—Rollin C. Cooper, Allen Breed and N. C. Rukke.

Rollin C. Cooper in the chair.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Resignation of George W. Barnard, treasurer, presented and filed.

Moved and ordered that the resignation of George W. Barnard be accepted.

Moved and ordered that Anton Enger be appointed to serve until the next annual election and until his successor is elected and qualified.

Official bond of Anton Enger, treasurer, presented and approved.

Bills filed and approved as follows:

Wm. Doherty, hauling and building bridges	\$ 161 75
Chas. A. Hall hauling and building bridges	216 25
Hope Pioneer, publishing proceedings county commissioners (corrected)	7 13
Luce & Merriell, 6 pair hand cuffs and leg irons	30 00
Ed. D. Stair, publishing proceedings county commissioners	11 58
Theodore F. Kerr, services as superintendent public schools	56 00
H. P. Smart, 6 months rent, register of deeds and county com'r's office to July 1, 1883	138 00
H. P. Smart, express, misc etc.	26 45
H. P. Smart, salary as county clerk for quarter ending March 31, 1883	125 00
Wm. Glass services as justice in case Virgo vs. Charlton	9 35

WITNESS FEES SAME CASE AS FOLLOW:

G. L. Virgo	6 70
Mr. Foster	6 70
Robt. Wilson	4 00
Francis Jagger	3 70

Petition asking that no license be granted in the county with 375 signatures presented and filed.

Petition for license with 129 signatures presented and filed.

Application of Messrs. Blow and Gillespie for liquor license presented and filed.

Moved and ordered that the petitions and applications above referred to be laid upon the table.

The commissioners herewith ask for an expression of the voters of the county on the 2nd day of June, 1883, with regard to granting license in the county.

The commissioners also request suggestions from the people throughout the county with reference to formation of school townships in compliance with the new law.

Adjourned to meet April 2nd, 1883 at 9:00 a. m.

ROLLIN C. COOPER, Chairman.

HERBERT P. SMART, Clerk.

APRIL 3, 1883, 9:00 A. M.

Present—Rollin C. Cooper, N. C. Rukke and Allen Breed.

Rollin C. Cooper in the chair.

Bill of N. C. Rukke for services as county commissioner, \$80, filed and approved.

Adjourned to meet April 16, 1883, at 2:00 p. m.

ROLLIN C. COOPER, Chairman.

HERBERT P. SMART, Clerk.

Manly J. Davis is the sole agent for Griggs county of the Kalamazoo Spring Tooth Harrow.

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.

Carpenters Wanted.

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

AMBEROSE 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.

Att  
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

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EXPEDITIOUSLY.

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ALEX. MOFFAT,  
Architect and Builder,

COOPERSTOWN, - DAK.

Satisfaction Guaranteed.

J. C. YANCEY,  
Tonsorial Artiste,

COOPERSTOWN, D. T.

With towels clean, and razors kept I reset the public of Cooperstown. A call solicited from all.