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LOCAL LACONICS.

—Glorious sunshine.

—Merry seeding time.

—About time for frog concerts.

—Everyone has a new lease of life.

—No flood in North Dakota this year.

—Hens are laying their nutritious fruit.

—Register Smart now keeps his nag in a stable of his own.

—R. C. Cooper spent Monday and Tuesday in Sanborn.

—Cooperstown goes marching along on the road of public favor.

—'Squire Glass and H. P. Merrill have been "doing" Fargo this week.

—Church at the Merrill House next Sabbath evening at the usual hour.

—No millinery store in Cooperstown and yet the women folks are happy.

—W. A. Weatherbee has recovered from his injury sufficient to enable him to be about.

—How long will it be before you will be kicking yourself for having found fault with cold weather?

—Bald Creek was up for a few days, but communication with the outer world has been uninterrupted.

—This is about the season of house cleaning, and scolding women are quite apt to make home "harpy."

—Wednesday was Norwegian Day, but the event was marked by no unusual occurrence in Cooperstown.

—The roads for the past two weeks have not exactly been what might be termed good, but have been passable, nevertheless.

—The young marble-playing urchin can now sing with joyous accent "knuckle down tight," "fan-dubs," etc.

—"Drummers" are paying their respects to Cooperstown. They are after their share of the Hub's trade.

—Sunlight and shadows. Let some enterprising photographer come to Cooperstown if he wants a good field for his business.

—Cooperstown can boast of one of the best barbers in the entire land, and Cash Yancey is the man. He can swing a razor in fine style, and no mistake.

—Mr. Dexter, a young Chicago capitalist, was among this morning's arrivals, and he is under the usual charm that Cooperstown sends to the souls of her visitors.

—Buchheit Bros., agricultural dealers, have this week erected a neat little office on Roberts avenue. They are preparing for a good trade in their line, and will undoubtedly get it.

—Sanborn talks of a new hotel, and judging from the reports people bring who have stopped at the present one, it wouldn't be a bad scheme to build one soon, if not quicker.

—The rapidity with which mud dried up last Sabbath is only characteristic of the quick methods of this country, be it in developing farms, building up towns, or amassing fortunes.

—Why can't the citizens of Cooperstown—who are enterprising in everything else—organize a Building Association, and erect a couple dozen tenement cottages, more or less.

—Cooperstown now has the unenviable distinction of having a saloon. It is in order that the commissioners now build a jail—the use of which has hitherto been unfelt—to care for victims of drink.

—Gallant nimrods are now thick on the prairie bosom. We're going to squeal on the boys unless a few ducks and geese are secretly left on our door step. It does beat all how little regard some have for law.

—Manly Davis arrived yesterday from Sanborn with eight passengers and part of his livery stock. Mr. Davis has purchased a nice, comfortable stage and will run regularly between Cooperstown and the track.

—Lewis Hotop, of Fargo, footed it up from Sanborn, Tuesday, and didn't report the going the very best, either. He came as a witness on a final proof and was bound to get here, or "split a tug" in the effort.

—Mr. Jas. Tonkin, of Western Ontario, arrived in the Future Great of Griggs this morning, and we feel almost safe in saying he may be counted upon as a permanent denizen and business man of this flourishing burg.

—Carl Guftafson, of Mardell, came over to Cooperstown Monday and offered his farm for sale. It was picked up quick by Chas. E. Ferguson and E. D. Stair. Carl now proposes to get married and settle down on his homestead in 145, 57.

—B. F. Requa, of Colorado Springs, Colo., arrived in Cooperstown this morning and seems highly delighted with the showing Cooperstown makes. He is an old time friend of R. C. Cooper and Jack N. Brown, and feels inclined to make this his future home.

—Kent, Gray & McDonald have taken a contract of some work for the Red River Land Co., and Mr. Kent is now in Hope shoving the job through. It must injure the feelings of Hopeites to be compelled to call on Cooperstown mechanics for a decent job.

—Shout the glad tidings! Contractor Thos. Chapman and his big force of men have begun the work of plastering the big hotel in good earnest. Soon Cooperstown will boast hotel accommodations equalled by few towns or cities in the Northwest, and excelled by none.

—As the educational institute and district school house nears completion the good taste of Architect Phillippee becomes more and more apparent. 'Twill be a $10,000 beauty, that will eclipse Forepaugh's so far as to cause that venerable snowman to turn green with envy.

—Hon. C. A. Roberts went to Sanborn last night to look the Cooperstown & Turtle Mountain railroad over. From there he will go to the National Park to see about the work upon the hotels there of the Park Improvement company. He will be absent a week or ten days.—Fargo Argus.

—Fargo daily papers now reach Cooperstown the evening of publication day. How is that for a town without any established mail service, and 36 miles from the nearest daily communication? It simply shows the magnanimity of the S., C. & T. M. railway and the push of our own people.

—Mr. H. H. Retslaff has purchased of H. P. Merrill the furniture and business of the Merrill House and is now in charge. Mr. R. is making needed changes, and proposes to serve the public with the best procurable. He will run the house in connection with his new hotel on Burrell avenue.

—As will be seen by a notice elsewhere the firm of Upton & Johnson has "split" by mutual consent. The genial Sheriff Johnson will continue the business of slicing juicy tenderloins and toothsome roasts for his friends and patrons, while Mr. Upton gives his entire attention to the production of No. 1 Hard.

—W. H. Hyde and H. C. Read, of Boston, arrived in town Monday evening, and the first "joint" remark they made was: "Well, now, this looks like business, and how much better the country is here than in the vicinity of Hope, where we first landed." They are old acquaintances of A. N. Adams, and are here to remain.

—A. B. Kent had a close call Sunday morning during the mud-drying zephyr. A board that blew from the new double store on Burrell avenue struck him on the cheek bone, and, as he remarked, "knocked him stiff." "A. B." feels thankful for the slight wound and the narrow escape from a journey to the misty beyond.

—Some have taken exceptions to an utterance of the COURIER. All we have to say is that we discharge our journalistic duties after our own fashion, and expect to make occasional errors. Those who find anything in the paper they don't like or can't agree with, can have said objectionable line or lines cut out by bringing the paper to this office.

—A large stream of new comers continues to flow into Griggs county, and the current of the influx strikes Cooperstown broadsides. From here the settlers go forth in all directions and take up Uncle Sam's land. The class of people arriving are of a highly satisfactory order, and clinch all arguments offered in favor of the county and town's unprecedented prosperity.

—E. G. Nichols, a prominent member of the Elmira, N. Y., colony, after spending a few days with his old friend, Geo. W. Bathey, left for Eckelson on Tuesday. Mr. Nichols says as far as he can judge this county is just the spot the colony is looking for, and thinks they will all locate within six or seven miles of Cooperstown. People who come to Griggs never can be contented elsewhere.

—The COURIER has the pleasure of introducing to the public this week David Bartlett, Esq., who arrived from Boulder, Colorado, yesterday. Mr. Bartlett is a lawyer of marked ability, and has come here to remain. He is a graduate of Michigan University, and is a careful, painstaking counsellor. As an old friend, and as one who knows of whom he speaks, the publisher commends Mr. Bartlett to those unfortunate enough to need legal services.

—As a sample of what may be expected of Cooperstown, we cite the growth of Grafton, the county seat of Walsh, a town less than two years old, and not as favorably located as this place. It has a population of 1,800, three good newspapers, one national, and one private bank, three large elevators, capacity 200,000 bushels, a flouring mill of 150 barrels daily capacity, half a dozen hotels, and over 125 business houses.

—The best arranged railroad pamphlet that has ever come in range of our optics is the April number of the Northern Pacific publication. It is a 64-page book filled with conservative information of the great Northwest and how to get here, and is profusely illustrated with scenes in the Yellowstone Park. G. K. Barnes is the parent of the natty little book, and by addressing him at St. Paul, Minn., any of our eastern readers can get this young and valuable encyclopaedia free.

—The Hope Pioneer wants five Commissioners in this county, which represents a characteristic desire of the whole Hope outfit. It has been their principal aim from the start to burden the county with as much tax as possible, even if they have to resort to stealing to accomplish their purpose. While we believe it would be highly agreeable to our commissioners to have more company in their thankless work, we hardly think the exigencies of the county business will warrant the additional expense.

—It is seldom hard luck overtakas people entering Dakota, but such was the case with Messrs. Haggarty and Sutherland, two men who had just arrived from near Chicago. They had pulled all their effects, consisting of household effects, grain, utensils, etc., to the north bank of Bald creek, where they intended to leave them until a shanty could be erected on some land west of Cooperstown. Wednesday afternoon a prairie fire came up in their absence and licked up with flaming tongue the entire outfit. The loss represents $2,000, and the savings of ten years labor, but the men are not dishearted and will soon recover their lost wealth. Cooper Bros. have offered them the use of 200 acres, ready for crop, so that in three months they will have a good crop to heal their wounded purses.

—Spring, beautiful spring has sprung. The green grass and the fragrant prairie wild-flower will soon sprout, and the lovers of "greens" will be supremely happy; the young man's fancy will turn lightly to thoughts of love and molasses candy; the busy bumble bee will bumble his first bumble; straw hats, linen dusters, white pants and the spring fever will be fashionable; fresh spring poetry will deluge the editor's waste basket; the advent of the cars in the Hub will be the occasion for a grand jubilee with music by the brass band; investment parties will be as common as dirt in Cooperstown; buildings in this busy burg will continue to shoot from the face of the earth like meteors from the sky; everybody will be healthy, joyous and prosperous. Glory, glory! but isn't a North Dakota spring just grand when it comes this time of the year?

—Captain E. B. Paxson and C. A. Radford, of Fargo, returned on Monday from a trip to their land, about 15 miles north of here. The gentlemen were both delighted with Cooperstown's progress, but expressed no great degree of delight when relating an incident they had in returning from their farms. It seems Red Willow creek had swollen into such proud proportions as to preclude fording, hence the gentlemen devised a boat by appropriating a wagon box. About mid-stream their craft sprung a leak and sank, leaving its freight to flounder in the current, which is over 15 feet deep. Mr. Radford wasn't much of a "fish" and the captain had his hands full in saving himself and his friend, but succeeded in fine style, and both now live to relate the tale and return thanks for their narrow escape. The loss of blankets, provisions, and getting a good drenching seemed as nothing to them, so grateful were they to get on terra firma.

GREATEST SHOW ON EARTH.

Most Colossal Pageant of Industry Ever Seen in the Universe, now on Exhibition in Cooperstown.

Rarer and Better Attractions than any other Town in America Can Offer.

Oh traveller, stay thy weary feet;
Drink of this fountain, pure and sweet;
It flows for rich and poor the same,
Pouring out both wealth and fame.

You may go this way, you may go that way, you may go from place to place, but you can never find a town embracing more desirable features as a home or business field than does Cooperstown, the geographical centre and county seat of Griggs county, North Dakota, United States of America. Here we have a town populated with intelligent, vigorous people; here we have a town surrounded on all sides by absolutely the very best farming lands covered by heaven's blue canopy, and which are being settled thickly by people many of whom would lend intellectual lustre to the best society parlors of the land; here we have a town that is backed and fostered by liberal-spirited men who manipulate a railroad and hundreds of thousands of dollars; here we have a town perfect in natural drainage, allowing every man to have a cellar at slight cost; here we have a town that from virtue of its location and being the seat of government must always remain the commercial headquarters of a fine and fertile county; here we have a town where business men can engage in trade without risk, as there never occurs a failure of crops on these undulating fields, and our farmers are all "able to pay;" here we have a town that is building on a solid and sure foundation, a town that seeks no ephemeral, speculative boom; here we have a town that is just the place for the brave, the honest, the true, the free, the energetic, to whom a standing invitation is extended to come and join our ranks.

But we're getting off the track we started on. What we wish to say is that lovers of modern wonders in the enterprise line should come to Cooperstown at once and witness the greatest, grandest, most complete and never equalled sextuple building circus. The opportunity may never again be presented for you to behold in a single day such renowned and daring artists of the plane and hammer as Monsieurs Moffatt, McDonald, Kent, Gray, Grant, Muir, and the scores of their confederates in their phenominal, astounding acts of throwing together small and gigantic structures in hitherto unheard of short spaces of time. The performance begins daily at 7 a. m. continuing until the hour of six p. m. Reserved seats on the swelling swards without charge.

The consumption of lumber in Cooperstown is one of the nineteenth century marvels, and yet when the many solid attractions of good soil, par-excellent location, railway terminus, etc., are considered the wonder ceases. There are hundreds of men coming to North Dakota every day in search of homes, and it is not strange that a reasonable percentage of them locate in this county and town, for no other county can offer better inducements than Griggs, with her rich endowment of natural advantages. There are still many acres of government land in the county that can be had for the taking, and numerous golden opportunities for those desiring to engage in trade or professional pursuits await claimants in Cooperstown. Why will you linger, dear eastern friends, in a land of strife and hardships when the gates of Eden land stand ajar for your entrance? Enter before it is too late.

—Fargo, ever-developing-new-enterprises Fargo, now has the fourth daily paper and still is not content.

—The man who wants to gain a fortune in the furniture business will find the place of places for that branch of trade right here in the county seat of Griggs. Apply early and a big trade is your's.

—The gross earnings of the Northern Pacific railroad from Jan. 1 to March 31, 1883, amounted to $1,315,476, an increase of $428,031 over the earnings of the same months of last yeaa. The earnings of the St. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba road, during the time, aggregated $1,609,188, an increase of $261,365.

☞New goods until you can't rest at Odegard & Thompson's, and more coming.

☞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.

HEALED BY PRAYER.

An Afflicted Lady Puts Her Faith in God and is Restored t Health.

MEADOW BROOK FARM, D. T.
April 16, 1883.

EDITOR COOPERSTOWN COURIER:—I solicit the medium of your columns to express the praise I feel in my heart to a kind and loving Heavenly Father, who in answer to prayer in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, has brought me up from an invalid's condition to one of health and vigor. For ten years I have been an invalid, and a great sufferer, though not without cessation—baffling the skill of all medical science in so far as I have resorted to its care. This winter my mind has been awakened to the consciousness that God's power to save from sickness is as great now as in the day of the Lord Jesus' presence on the earth. And in response to faith imposed on him and prayer in my behalf He has given me relief from all my pain and suffering, and bestowed such vigor and health than I can give myself to my household duties and to His precious work in visiting, working for and praying with my neighbors and friends. All who know me supposed that I must endure to the end of my life more or less pain and suffering. I was confined to my bed a part of the time, and I had resigned myself to such a life in this world, but in one day the great and Almighty and all-healing power of God came upon me and I am well. I give praise and glory to my God and Savior, and ask all who read this sketch to lift a song of praise for me to the Lord my Savior and Healer. MRS. J. N. BROWN.

Poor Consolation.

The Ionia and Montcalm county papers are having a bonanza in printing auction bills so many of their citizens are going to Dakota. We are not anxious that any of our residents should make their condition worse by selling out and moving away simply to give us a job of printing auction bills. Nine out of ten of the farmers are better off here than in the west.—Maple Rapids (Mich.) Dispatch.

Such an untruthful utterance as the tail-end of the above item gives us especial pain, emenating as it does from a paper of which we were once a proud parent. Bro. Reed, for this time we will forgive the misrepresentation, as you know not the enormity of the sin you commit against your fellow men in telling them such tales. We know how hard it is for a poor man to "get on" in Michigan, and we also know how easy it is for him to gain a comfortable competence in this land of plenty. Don't, we pray you, for the sake of being loyal to your own town and state publish any more such statements, for you will never forgive yourself the sin of discouraging a single Dakota-bound soul should you ever become fully cognizant of the Territory's wonderful advantages for the poor men.

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

Carpenters Wanted.

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

Dakota Hardware for Sale.

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

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

ALEX. MOFFAT,
Architect and Builder,
COOPERSTOWN, - - - DAK,
☞Satisfaction Guaranteed.

J. C. YANCEY,
Tonsorial Artiste,
COOPERSTOWN, D. T.
With towels clean, and razors keen I greet the public of Cooperstown. A call solicited from all.