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LOCAL LACONICS.

—Make your garden.
—Prairie fires are prevalent.
—Break the land around exposed buildings.
—Anton Enger is off on a business trip to Valley City.
—Weather not exactly sweltering, but just about right.
—The drug store and postoffice building is nearing completion.
—A furniture store is assured for Cooperstown. More anon.
—W. E. Isbell, a Tower City liveryman, was in town yesterday.
—A full force of citizens were out, Tuesday evening, "back-firing."
—John Lowry, of the lumber yard, has been in Sanborn for a few days.
—The pleasant countenance of J. Stevens is again seen upon our streets.
—Our compositor wants a "pup" out of the cut in the Mayville Eagle heading.
—Set out shade trees, and you'll never get tired of congratulating yourself for the act.
—As dandy a front as could very well be conceived is that of the new bank building.
—Odegard & Thompson remain in the front with their big stock of groceries at reasonable prices.
—The sound of the hammer is the music of prosperity. It can be heard continually in Cooperstown.
—During the house-cleaning season there is no place like home—and that's something to be extremely happy for.
—Our two "busses" have all the passenger traffic they can care for, and extra wagons convey the baggage from the track.
—The Hope Pioneer seems to have discarded its mantle of lethargy, and for a couple weeks has been as lively as a cricket.
—A hotel man—whose name we did not learn—from Eau Claire, Wis., was in town Wednesday, enviously eyeing the new hotel.
—Jamestown Capitol: The Cooperstown Courier is a wonderfully spicy newspaper, and is doing good service for its section.
—Odegard & Thompson's cash receipts on Monday amounted to over \$600, and still "Knut" says they haven't shown us how to do business, as yet.
—F. LeBaron, an accomplished sign writer and grainer, arrived in town yesterday and has concluded to stop with us, and now solicits orders in his line.
—Winter has been kicked most emphatically from the loving lap of spring, and we are now basking in delicious sunshine, with the mercury ranging from 60 down.
—They are raising a row with a young man in New Jersey who was engaged to marry thirteen different girls. It's getting so a man can't have any fun at all in that state.
—Miss Laura Husel and Miss Maria Rankin arrived from St. Clair, Mich., Tuesday. They are both cultured ladies, and are "unusually" welcome to a share of this domain's many blessings.
—For a few days freighting was impeded between the track and this place, on account of high water in Bald creek. However, traffic has now been resumed and everything is as gay as a marriage bell.
—Nature is about to array herself in a new suit of clothes. She is beginning to blush from having remained naked all winter, and young men are already shedding their winter huffs and donning their beautiful raiment.
—The enterprising farmers of that neighborhood have constructed a ferry at "Peddler's Crossing," on the road between here and Hope. The Sheyenne now has no terror for travellers.
—If you want a set of good work harness call at Odegard & Thompson's and you can "catch on" to a few big bargains in that line.
—The ladies of Cooperstown are preparing to give a literary entertainment and ice cream social. As they haven't let us into their plans we hardly know whether or not to invite the entire public, but rather guess we had all better go over and see about it. The affair is to be held at Meadow Brook schoolhouse about next Thursday evening.

—The fame of Griggs county and its capitol appears to be spreading with the speed of prairie fire, and people are coming in as thick as grasshoppers in a Kansas wheatfield.
—The Fargo Republican hits the nail squarely when it says: "Cooperstown is galloping right along to the front." It is the exact truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth.
—The Saturday Opinion is the title of a very unique society paper published at Pueblo, Colo., and this office is favored with a copy quite frequently. Thanks to the pretty young Miss who sends it.
—A girl of sixteen has just married a man over seventy at Olneyville, R. I. Such acts are abominable, when we consider "what might have been" had that innocent girl only met a few of our Dakota bachelors.
—Mr. George Clark, of Marine City, Mich., was among Tuesday's arrivals, and will probably remain with us. He is a bright young man, who will undoubtedly hew out a fine fortune in this land of prosperity.
—W. R. Whidden and lady have arrived at the trade centre. Mrs. Whidden is the guest of Mrs. R. C. Cooper, while waiting for her own home to be completed. Mr. W. has part of his stock at Sanborn, and expects to be able to open up in a few days.
—The initial issue of the Carrington News has greeted the world with a dazzling smile. It is a neat six-column folio, brim full of dashing advertisements and sound editorial matter. J. Morley Wyard is the master hand of the craft, and he "does Carrington proud."
—W. P. Buell, representing the Hampden Whip Company, Westfield, Mass., arrived in town Tuesday evening, and is now habitating on his claim southwest of here. Mr. B. is a man of intelligence and vim, whom we should like to see locate in the metropolis of Griggs.
—Messrs. Covill and C. O. White, of Erie county, Pa., arrived in the county seat Wednesday morning. They are both pleasing "limbs of law," and are thinking strong of locating permanently in Cooperstown. We shall be pleased to have them lend their lustre to our legal firmament.
—The Valley City Times speaks thusly of one of our popular attorneys: Attorney Iver Jacobson, late of Valley City, is established in the law business at Cooperstown. Mr. Jacobson has made many warm friends in Valley City, and we bespeak success for him in his new home.
—W. H. Davis, Esq., father of our own and only "Manly," is sojourning in the county capitol for a few days. Mr. Davis brought two car loads of stock with him, but has none left at this writing. He will return for another "invoice" of those useful quadrupeds, commonly called horses.
—Hope's hopes on the new county scheme are blasted. Portland and Mayville with their united energies killed division in Traill county, last Thursday, by voting Traill Centre as the county seat. The Majority was big, and Griggs county will follow suit when the division question arises.
—Ole J. Oleson, a hotel landlord of Kindred, D. T., spent the Sabbath in Cooperstown. He is prospecting for land and expressed warm commendations for the thrift and general appearance of Cooperstown. Mr. Lovejoy, grain buyer of the same place, accompanied Mr. Olson.
—A land looker who had engaged a rig at A. E. Shue's livery last Friday came back minus the team. He had "staked" the horses out for the night, but not securely enough to prevent their wandering away from camp. After three days exploration of the prairies both horses were found, though separated by a dozen miles.
—Sanborn Enterprise: At a meeting of the directors of the S., C. & T. M. R. R., held in Sanborn on Wednesday of this week, it was decided to extend the track to Cooperstown with the greatest speed. Graders will be at work as soon as the frost is sufficiently out of the ground. Cooperstown will remain the terminus of the road under the present arrangements.
—Such items as the following, from the Morenci (Mich.) Observer, clearly elucidates what we always maintained; namely, that Dakota is not being settled by impecunious and unprosperous people: "The old pioneer, Uncle Bill Sutton, says that some of the Dakota emigrants from this vicinity took more things with them than was possessed by all the settlers of Seneca, when he came here in 1855."

—A card published by M. H. Beckwith, secretary of the Elmira colony, states that his party has made final settlement at Eckelson. Mr. B. is one of the gentlemen who gave the COURIER to understand Griggs county would be the chosen field, but we presume they gave up that idea when the creek rose so high as to preclude access.
—M. Hunter, of Casselton, was in town yesterday and closed arrangements for establishing a harness store and shop here at once. He has rented Frank Hann's building, and will have a large stock of harness, whips, brushes, and general horse paraphernalia just as soon as it can be got here. Repairing and custom work will be made a specialty.
—A new contracting firm has come to the front in Cooperstown, and is composed of D. D. Grant and A. Pinkerton. These gentlemen have already displayed their ability as builders in the excellent job they have executed on the new hotel and boarding house of H. H. Retschall. Their work seems to be first-class in all respects, and they undoubtedly will receive a fair portion of the business of Cooperstown in their line.
—"Hope, the Metropolis of the Red River Valley," appeals to the neighboring press to help humbug people into believing that it stands the shadow of a show on getting the territorial capital. We rather like the life that has lately been infused into the Pioneer, but trust it will cease such silly twaddle, as talking about "capital location," for it only tends to lessen the good work the paper otherwise would accomplish for its town and county.
—Mr. Joe Marshall has arrived from the oil regions of Pennsylvania, and is filled full of boom and enthusiasm for Dakota. In Bradford, his old home, he is known as "The Quintuple Genius," which arises from his discovery of a method by which he can make cosmoline from paraffine, an abundant product of the oil fields. He has presented the COURIER with a bottle of his cosmoline, which for purity is far ahead of the common article sold by druggists, and is just the thing for cuts, bruises, etc.
—Davis & Co., our new and obliging livery men, appear with a card in another column. This firm is composed of "square-toed" men who are putting in the best of stock and vehicles, and who propose to keep abreast of the public demand in their line. Their sale exchange will be an important feature of the business, and as one of the firm personally selects, in eastern markets, the stock they offer for sale, those dealing with them can rely upon faithful representation as to the qualities of any animal purchased from their stables. Success to the new livery, feed and sale stables, is the COURIER'S worst wish.

What They Say of Him.

Perhaps none can judge better of a man's ability and worth than those among whom he has lived. Speaking of Mr. Bartlett's removal to this place the Colorado papers read thusly:
Boulder correspondent Denver Tribune.
David Bartlett, one of our young lawyers, has bid adieu to his many friends, and will reside in Dakota, where he will practice his profession. Dave is well known to the young people of Boulder, who will miss him at the social gatherings. We trust he will be successful in his new home. Our loss will be a gain to those who may be so fortunate in having him as a resident. He had recognized ability as counsellor and orator.
Colorado Banner.
In the departure of David Bartlett for Dakota, Boulder loses one of its most substantial and intelligent young men. It has long been conceded that Mr. Bartlett possessed more legal knowledge than many older members of the profession, and that fact considered in connection with a kindly disposition and an equivoque of judgement, renders the loss to the community considerable. We take pleasure in a certain degree of pride, however, in the knowledge that he has flattering prospects in the great territory to which he has gone.
Boulder News and Courier.
David Bartlett left on Thursday morning for Cooperstown, Griggs county, Dakota, where he will locate in the practice of law. Mr. B. has hosts of friends here, who will regret to know that he has left Boulder not expecting to return. He is a young man of much promise, having in addition to a thorough knowledge of the law those sterling qualities of honor and honesty so necessary to complete success in his profession. He is a graduate of the law department of the Michigan State University, at Ann Arbor, and we have no hesitancy in recommending him to any community with which he may cast his lot as a young man worthy of confidence and esteem.

Yoke of Oxen Wanted.

To be happy we must dicker, and some man with a yoke of good work cattle can just come and pluck us for a ripe trade.
ODEGARD & THOMPSON.

THE BEST HOTEL

Accommodations in the Northwest will Soon be at Cooperstown.

Our \$21,000 Public House Soon to Open Doors—Its size, Plan, and General Appearance.

To most of our eastern readers—and they are numbered by hundreds—the name Cooperstown, North Dakota, suggests only some far off settlement in the Northwest, where buffalo bones bleach in the summer sun, and where the imaginary events, of dime novel record, are strewn about, along with premonitory evidences of approaching civilization. They imagine our state of enlightenment as crude; our society as nothing; our dwellings as sod houses or shanties; our stores as mere trading posts; our people as so many buckskin clothed pioneers, given largely to dissipation and gambling. Could these suppositional easterners, who paint such pitiful pictures of this fair land, but pay a visit to any of our prosperous young cities—particularly Cooperstown—and discover what hives of industry our towns and hill-sides are, we have no doubt they would be as much astonished, as was ever a youthful mind gratified with the stories of magic fairy cities of instantaneous growth. They think of us as possessing no conveniences or accommodations, but could they come and behold the grand proportions and elegant appointments of the Burrell Avenue Hotel, just receiving the finishing touches of the painters and plasterers, we opine their sympathy with us would resolve into envy, instanter.
Probably not one of the many young towns in Dakota is attracting as much attention as Cooperstown, the queen city of the rolling prairie, and no institution that could be established here is of greater importance than a first-class hotel. Actuated by motives that would result in giving the weary traveller a comfortable, cheerful place to stop, and our place needed public accommodations, the Cooper Townsite Company have erected the magnificent structure that graces the corner of Burrell avenue and Tenth street, at a cost of \$21,000, in round figures.
Early in the winter operations on this building were commenced, and to-day witnesses it in an almost complete state. The structure is erected in the shape of a square angle and has a frontage of 75 feet on each street—150 feet in all—and a height of 21 feet under the eaves, with dormer-windowed story above, making it virtually three stories high. It is built upon a solid stone foundation, and is as substantial as money and first-class work can make it.
The main entrance to the hostelry is on the corner, and the hallway and first flight of stairs run diagonally. As one enters the house the office is to the right, the ladies lower parlor to the left, and the stairway ahead. The stairs are circular with expansion at both base and landing. From the main-landing the upper parlors and the halls into which the sleeping apartments open are entered, the halls running to the north and west, respectively. The third story is reached from the first landing by a very natty flight of circular stairs, at the top of which two more halls, running same as the lower ones, are found.
There are 42 rooms, all told, some of which are amply large for two or three beds during the crowded season, and every apartment will be furnished in the best of style, so that one who comes here expecting to miss the luxuries and comforts of a home, will find himself disappointed.
On the ground floor the dining room is located near the west end of the house, and is accessible from Burrell avenue, the ladies' parlor or the office. It is 28x20, well lighted, and is a generally cheerful room.
The office is a lovely apartment, is entered from the main hall or the billiard room, and has an arched coat room, a well lighted wash room, and a baggage room connected. It was evidently not planned as a resort for loafers, a fact that will be appreciated by the guests of the house.
The billiard room is entered by hallway from the office, or direct from Tenth street. The kitchen, pantry, and "sich" places are at the west end of the building.
In all it is a superbly planned hotel, is being finished regardless of expense, when convenience and beauty are brought into consideration. While the Townsite Company can receive none too much praise for the money they put into this desirable enterprise, sight of Mr. C. C. Phillippe, the architect and

contractor, must not be lost. He has suffered many disadvantages of cold weather and delay of material, and is entitled to no meagre degree of commendation in bringing the structure to its present state of architectural beauty as early as he has. It required pluck and push, a full stack of which Mr. P. always seemed to have in reserve, and the venerable knight of the draughtsman's compass and pencil can now gaze upon the work of his skill with the same pride as the rest of us do.
That artist painter, J. G. Myers, is fairly outdoing himself in decorating the building. On the outside the color is a pale drab with dark drab trimming. The inside is being finished elaborately in various styles, according to requirements of the different apartments.
The name and the landlord for the hotel are as yet "unknown quantities," though the latter is quite apt to be Mr. Requa, of Colorado Springs, Colo. The proprietors have a host of applications from the very best hotel men of the land, and there is no doubt but what we will be blessed with a competent, obliging landlord. It will yet be three or four weeks before the house will be in good running order.
Mandan rejoices in the decision of the Northern Pacific directors to have extensive shops built at that point.
George B. Coburn, of the general land office, has been designated as a special agent to visit the Devil's Lake land district to locate the new land office, which means a big stake for Coburn.
New goods until you can't rest at Odegard & Thompson's, and more coming.
The Kalamazoo Spring Tooth Harrows acknowledged to be the very best manufactured. It can be had in Griggs county only of MANLY J. DAVIS, Agent, Cooperstown.
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.
New Stage Line.
We are running a first-class covered stage between Cooperstown and the track, and invite the public to ride with us, if comfort and speed are desired.
DAVIS & CO.
Carpenters Wanted.
I will pay the highest going wages for another dozen good finishers. Apply at once to C. C. PHILLIPPE, Cooperstown.
DAVID BARTLETT,
Attorney & Counsellor
AT LAW.
COOPERSTOWN, D. T.
Temporary Office in the COURIER Building, Lenham Ave.
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.
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.
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.
A. F. GROVES, M. D.
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Official Surgeon for N. P. R. Co. Office over Barnes Co. Bank, SANBORN, D. T.