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FRIDAY, MAY 4, 1883.

LOCAL LACONICS.

—Uncle George says his nephew is doing well.

—Crockery and Glassware at WHIDDEN BROS.

—Two of our bachelor clubs have gone into liquidation.

—The first day of May wasn't exactly the finest day we have had this year.

—President Cooper says the railway will be in Cooperstown in June, "sure pop."

—Mrs. J. G. Myers arrived in town Monday, and "J. G." is now supremely happy.

—The prospects for a band organization in this place are good. Be ready for the Fourth, boys.

—Hopeites are said to be afflicted quite generally with a fever to go somewhere. They don't feel contented.

—Work has been commenced on the grading of approaches for a bridge across the slough just east of town.

—M. Hunter, our new harness dealer, has arrived and is preparing to open up at once in the Haun Building.

—John B. Whidden, of Whidden Bros., arrived last evening from San Francisco, and is already an active Cooperstownite.

—We notice by the Pioneer that G. J. Betzler, the Hope meat dealer, lost his horse and wagon in the Sheyenne last week.

—Mr. A. R. Moffat will not be in Cooperstown for several weeks, having taken a couple country school houses to build.

—J. Stevens has gone to Lanesboro, Minn., after his wife and they will soon be settled "for keeps" in our own fair Cooperstown.

—A big invoice of clocks just received at C. E. Ferguson's jewelry store. Nice and awful cheap. No need of guessing at the hour of day any longer.

—Thos. Andrus, Esq., arrived from Houghton, Mich., last Saturday and has been the guest of G. W. Barnard. It is hardly probable that he will remain in this country.

—W. R. Whidden, the ever-happy Novia Scotian, has struck a fine vein of water in the well he has just had sunk at his store. Likewise Mr. Retslaff at his new building.

—The editor of the Steele Herald is a boomer of great magnitude, and he now playfully trots a pair of fifteen-pound twins on his noble knees. Give us the girl, Bro. Britton!

—A sad though ludicrous chapter of domestic infelicity was enacted in Justice Glass' court Wednesday. Lawyer Jorgensen proposed to collect an admission fee for the benefit of his client's attorney.

—Civil Engineer F. B. Edwards arrived from his Massachusetts winter quarters Monday, and is now pushing his part of the programme in extending the Sanborn & Cooperstown railroad to this place.

—Sweet, balmy May comes tripping in, accompanied by soft breezes from the rosy mouth of spring, which float o'er the prairie, the hill, the dale and the dell, causing youthful hearts and buds to swell in ecstasy.

—Small, he who was the prime cause of Hope's infamy, told a Fargo Republican scribe that he cleared \$200,000 in selling out his interest in that benighted burg. That sounds to us just like one of Small's characteristic yarns.

—Our genial District Clerk, Jno. N. Jorgensen enjoyed a pleasant surprise Saturday by the arrival of his cousin, C. C. Jorgensen, whom he had last seen in Copenhagen, Denmark. Mr. Jorgensen comes to remain and prosper.

—Mr. Mark Sutherland, the gentlemen who unfortunately lost all his household goods a few weeks since, is not daunted by his bad luck, but has purchased Jack Moore's claim on section 26, in 147, 59, and will soon be nicely settled thereon.

—Three cars of lumber, etc., at end of track; will be hauled in this week—so says Crane—to "patch up."

—If a married lady in France passes herself off as unmarried, she can be fined or imprisoned. Luckily there is no such laws as that in this country.

—Beecher Cox is a young man who has come all the way from Novia Scotia to "swing a yard stick" for our new and popular general dealers, the Whidden Bros.

—Notwithstanding the great expense of freighting, the Cooperstown Lumber Company, with commendable public spiritedness, have lowered the price of lumber \$3 to \$8 per thousand.

—The new postal law makes the taking of a newspaper and the refusal to pay for the same a theft, and any person guilty of such an act is liable to prosecution the same as if he had stolen goods to the amount of the subscription.

—All the men that can be gathered in by the employment agencies are being set to work on the Sanborn & Cooperstown railway. Contractor Foley is expected every day, when grading will be shoved with all possible speed.

—Mr. M. S. Dweley, Esq., a prominent citizen of Jackson, Mich., was in town Tuesday. He will return to his home and send out his sons with a full force of farm teams, and thus add to the grand improvement army of Griggs county.

—Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Adams have taken compassion on several of our homeliest bachelors to the extent of furnishing them table board. The cuisine is par-excellent, as any one could tell by observing the close fitting waist-bands of the boys as they arise from their meals.

—Contractor Foley has arrived at the end of the track with a car load of horses and is getting things in readiness to push grading on the road at once. Mr. Foley is a rustler and will look for him and his gang of dirt disturbers in Cooperstown most any day after he gets well started.

—Lisbon Star: The Cooperstown Courier is as neat a publication as Dakota produces. It is in charge of Bro. Stair, formerly of the Davenport Dispatch, and is a model of excellence, typographically as well as editorially. We are glad to note that our friend Stair is meeting with the success he deserves.

—Some careless person set fire to the grass over near Roberts street Monday, and it was only by valiant fighting on the part of the men working on the school house that that valuable structure was saved from the jaws of the fiery demon. Be cautious, gentlemen, about setting prairie fires or serious damage will result.

—Contractor Foley dropped into our office last evening and gave us the encouraging information that he will have the road bed graded to Cooperstown by the 1st of June. He will operate two grading machines, a big force of teams and dozens of men. Track layers will not be over one week's work behind him.

—Knudson & Jackson, of Valley City, surprised the citizens of Cooperstown on Monday by filing into town with a long team train of lumber. They are boomers of the first water, and already have made big inroads on the completion of a two-story, 24x40 business structure. What branch of trade they will engage in we have not learned.

—Messrs. Geo. L. Lenham and J. M. Burrell, of the Barnes County and the Cooperstown Banks, spent last Saturday and Sunday in our proud young Hub, but as the COURIER scribe was out on his claim he did not have the pleasure of "button-holing" them. We understand they expressed great gratification with the progress of the city, and became quite enthusiastic as to the future of Griggs county's queen city.

—General Manager Crane informs us that he now presides over one of the finest lines of builders' hardware in Dakota, a recent addition to the stock of the Cooperstown Lumber Co. Lenham & Co. never do anything by halves, and when it was announced that they would put in a stock of trimmings it simply meant, as everyone in these parts well knows, a most complete line in the strongest sense of the term.

—The regular monthly meeting of the Temperance Christian Union will be held next Sunday evening at 8 o'clock at Retslaff's Hotel. An interesting programme may be expected of readings, recitations, and addresses, interspersed with singing. If a strong temperance sentiment should prevail anywhere it should be right here at this time, where rum and rot-gut literally flow. Let all who feel a desire to protest against the great evil which is upon us gather to this meeting.

—For upwards of thirty years Halvor Svenson and his spouse lived and prospered together, but now they are antagonists. On Tuesday the wife had the husband arrested on a charge of assault and battery with a threat to kill. The matter came before Cadi Glass Wednesday and resulted in a dismissal of the prisoner, J. N. Jorgensen appearing for plaintiff and Attorney Bartlett for defendant. The parties came from Fillmore county, Minn., to this county and are fairly fixed for means, and the trouble seems to have arisen from the fact that the old lady has \$600 she collected on a mortgage they hold against their old farm, and would not turn over any portion thereof to her lord liege. By request of the litigants a board of appraisers went to their place, divided the property, and allowed them to separate peaceably. The old lady will return to Minnesota, while the old gent will remain on the homestead.

A Big Donation.

When the ladies of Cooperstown set out to accomplish a purpose they dilly-dally not. The donation they gave, last evening, in recognition of Mr. F. M. Rockwell's christian services in this community was a grand affair in every particular, there being nearly 100 people in attendance. The ice cream and cake was reported, by those competent to judge, as fully equal to that served by the noted caterers of Boston, and the social part of the program was simply enjoyable. At the proper moment Judge Glass in behalf of the ladies, and in eloquent words, presented Mr. F. M. Rockwell with a fat little purse of \$200. The astonished recipient felt more than pleased with such a token of appreciation, and responded appropriately.

Girls Wanted.

A Dakota paper no doubt well posted says: The demand for girls in Dakota is unsurpassed. The demand is for women, young ones especially, practical and jolly ones. The demand is not wholly for the purpose of taking timber claims and pre-emptions and much less homesteads, though many have done so, and are among our most enterprising and attractive citizens; nor is it solely to prevent the young men from staying away from dances for want of partners; but we don't really intend to give the boys away, but it is a fact that they (the girls) are in demand for wives. There is no one thing yet discovered that will convince a fellow conclusively that "it is not well for man to live alone" than to spend a single winter in Dakota holding down a claim. There is no hope of redemption for any one who is unconverted to this doctrine after a single application of the treatment indicated, and their friends, though it is doubtful if they would have any left, need have no hope of their generation.

An Acknowledgement.

COOPERSTOWN, April 28, 1883.
MR. EDITOR:—Feeling conscious that we have disregarded and disobeyed the law of the Lord God in that we have broken and dishonored Holy Sabbath Day since our coming to this our Dakota home, we ask the use of your columns to acknowledge before our fellow men and neighbors our great ingratitude and our sin against the God of Heaven in thus violating His commands, and to ask our fellow citizens of this place to join with us in a strict and holy regard for this divine and benign law of our kind and loving God who has been so gracious and good to us during our sojourn in this Dakota land.

For the Lord hath said: "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy—six days shalt thou labor and do all thy work, but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God, in it thou shalt not do any work, then, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, nor thy servant, nor thy maid servant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates."
FRANK M. ROCKWELL.
JACK N. BROWN.
LUCY M. BROWN.

A Car Load of Stoves

Have just arrived at the Hardware Emporium of Stevens & Eger, and dray load after dray load of heavy and shelf hardware pulls up to the establishment daily. They are putting in an immense stock, and when they get fairly settled in their new, commodious quarters Cooperstown can boast a pretty "flip" hardware. Stevens & Eger have the right kind of "get-up-and-git," and suit the needs of Cooperstown in their line to a dot.

Garden Seeds

Fresh and good. Call before your neighbors take them all from WHIDDEN BROS.

—If you want a lock, a hinge, one nail or a keg, call at the lumber yard.

THE TERRITORIAL CAPITAL

Will Probably be Located Near the Centre of Dakota, though Cooperstown Puts in a Big Bid.

The Liberty of our Live Citizens.

While the COURIER thinks it hardly probable that the Commission will locate the capital north of the 46th parallel, there is a possibility that they may decide on a point further north. There is no doubt of the fact that a heavy draught of influence is being exerted to have it located in North Dakota and thus end the division strife. Should the commission decide on North Dakota there is good reason to believe that Cooperstown will take the plum, not only because of liberal inducement in the way of a bonus, but because of the liberal inducement in an unexcelled advantageous location.

The bonus asked for is \$100,000.00 and 100 acres of land, which is raised considerable by Cooperstownites, as the following document duly forwarded to the commission attests:

TO THE HONORABLE THE TERRITORIAL CAPITAL COMMISSION.

GENTLEMEN:—The undersigned citizens of Cooperstown, Griggs county, believing you will impartially and without favor consider all propositions presented to you, most respectfully ask you to favorably consider Cooperstown as a proper place for the permanent location of the Territorial Capital. Our location and advantages are excelled by no town in the Territory. As a consideration and inducement for the location of the Capital at Cooperstown we will donate 100 acres of land, and the sum of \$210,000 in cash:

KNUD THOMPSON.
C. E. FERGUSON.
COOPER BROS.
WM. GLASS.
J. STEVENS.
GATES & STAIR.
H. P. SMART.
A. ENGER.
ANDREW JOHNSON.
COOPERSTOWN LUMBER CO.
BANK OF COOPERSTOWN.
JACK N. BROWN.
BUCHHEIT BROS.
C. C. PHILLIPPEE.
J. N. JORGENSEN.
DAVID BARTLETT.
BYRON ANDRUS.
C. A. MOORE.
A. N. ADAMS.
WHIDDEN BROS.
GRANT & PINKERTON.
H. H. RETSLAFF.
DAVIS & CO.
A. E. SHUE.
H. GILLESPIE.

If the commission should conclude to accept the above offer, which was tendered in due time, it will only add to the many attractions of Cooperstown. However, the COURIER doesn't wish to be understood as urging upon its readers the opinion that acceptance is probable, but gives the document as tendered more to show the unequalled liberality of our citizens when a desirable project is to be obtained. Cooperstown has many substantial attractions without the capital, and the commission can just locate it here or not. Our continued prosperity is assured without it, and its location here would only tend to hasten matters a little.

They are Known.

It would seem by the following paragraph from the Mayville Eagle that the land company, which has made the southeastern corner of this county so infamous, is known by their neighbor to the east:

"The Hope Pioneer, in its last issue, makes a piteous appeal to the press of Cooperstown, Mayville and Portland to support Hope in its efforts to secure the capital of this territory, for which it claims to have offered a bonus of \$100,000. The dodge won't work, Johnny. There are too many rascals in Hope. Too many nefarious plots hatched out there against the best interests of the people, to ever receive our support, whether said support is worth anything or not. We are down on any town, controlled and owned by a Land Company that makes a business of stealing county seats, sending armed men to intimidate voters and seeking to divide counties by legislative enactments when the will of the people of the county is against it. Again, Hope is a place not worth supporting for the capital. Mayville is a much better location than Hope, and should no other location be found the capital will come here before it ever goes to Hope. No, Mr. Pioneer, don't ever appeal for sympathy to Traill county or its people. They despise your town and its backers too much to ever do anything but to work against you."

Fresh Groceries.

We have just opened up a full and complete line of first-class Groceries too numerous to mention in this brief space of time. Please call and inspect stock for yourselves and get anything wanted in this line. WHIDDEN BROS.

—Dry Goods just arrived and opening at WHIDDEN BROS.

—The "West Point" now mourns the loss of Lowry. Why did he not wait to see the hardware?

—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.

—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.

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

Breaking Wanted.

Will pay the highest going price for the breaking of 100 acres. Land 1/2 mile from town; apply at once. E. D. STAIR.

Good Team Wanted.

I have desirable town property which I will exchange for a tip-top good farm team. C. C. PHILLIPPEE.

Buffalo Overcoat Missing.

The man who took the buffalo overcoat from my shanty on section 2, 146, 59, will be rewarded and asked no questions if he will leave the same at the COURIER office. GEORGE B. MCCORMICK.

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.

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.

GRANT & PINKERTON,
Contractors & Builders,
COOPERSTOWN, DAKOTA.
Plans and specifications furnished on short notice. Brackets, screen doors, and all kinds of job work executed expeditiously. A call solicited.

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.
PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON,
Official Surgeon for N. P. R. Co. Office over Barnes Co. Bank, SANBORN, D. T.

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.

D. F. SIEGFRIED & CO.,
Druggists & Pharmacists,
Front Street, Sanborn, D. T.

A Full Stock of
DRUGS, PATENT MEDICINES,
STATIONERY, CONFECTIONERY
TOILET ARTICLES,
PAINTS AND OILS
Always on Hand. Large stock of
CIGARS AND TOBACCOES,
GUNS AND AMMUNITION.
A Call Solicited.