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### LOCAL LACONICS.

—Magnificent weather.  
—The hard finish is being put on the new hotel.  
—Wheat and oats all in on the big Cooper farm.  
—Sanborn has a population of an even 500, and wants corporation.  
—July Fourth comes on Wednesday this year. Cooperstown won't forget the fact, either.  
—Geo. B. Clark has taken the oath of office and is now first assistant postmaster of Cooperstown.  
—Axtell & Serumgard, the pioneer land and law attorneys of Griggs county appear with a card in another column.  
—Stevens & Enger will conduct a tin shop in connection with their hardware, the tools for which have already arrived.  
—Chris. Gilbranson, formerly of Valley City, has erected a blacksmith shop near Clas. Nelson's place, at the end of the track.  
—Whidden Bros., our new and enterprising general dealers, have had their establishment painted and trimmed in tasty style.  
—M. Hunter, the new harness dealer, has opened up in good shape at the Hamm building. Take note of his card in another column.  
—General Manager Roberts is just back from New York, and says the railroad will be in Cooperstown in June, without doubt.  
—H. P. Merrill expects to have his Lenham avenue restaurant and bakery running full blast next week. Take warning ye hungry.  
—A new contracting firm in town. As they do not advertise we will not give them away, but help to keep their light under a bushel basket.  
—Dr. Kerr on Wednesday performed another operation on Mr. Sullivan, who froze his feet last winter, the removal of a few small bones becoming necessary.  
—A new bridge has this week been erected over the coolie one-half mile south of R. C. Cooper's residence, to the profound satisfaction of freighters and farmers.  
—Mr. John A. Todd, of the Northwestern Bottling Works at Fargo, spent last Sunday in the Griggs seat of government, the guest of Robt. Pinkerton. He was well pleased with our city and its thrift.  
—Mr. F. L. Axtell, of Mandell, was in Cooperstown for the first time last Wednesday, and seemed quite astonished at the vast change that had come to the spot he witnessed as a waving wheat field last summer.  
—Mr. M. F. Carleton, wife and daughter, Miss Cora, arrived at the city from Port Huron, Mich., Friday evening, and are the guests of W. H. Carleton. The probabilities are that, like everyone else who visits this fair domain, they will remain.  
—The families of M. Sutherland and E. W. Haggarty have arrived from Illinois. It's hard to tell which the ladies are the most pleased with, the fact of being with their husbands again, or of having homes on these grand old sun-kissed prairies.  
—One of the leaders of the Hope claim-jumping gang got left on a "dicker" a few days since to the tune of \$220, notwithstanding the dire threats he heaped upon the settler who would not "paw over" for a claim he had a right to take without paying therefor.  
—Ex-Sheriff Geo. A. Luce came in from the sequestered village of Chicago last evening, and expresses satisfaction on being in the land of activity again. Mr. Luce will remain in Cooperstown a few weeks in the interest of his firm.  
—Messrs. Gray, Kennedy, Hughes and Francis organized a go-as-you-please party Monday, and the following morning were enroute for Devil's Lake for a week's tour. They left orders for a large supply of arnica and liniment to be in readiness upon their return.  
—Kent, Gray & McDonald are putting the finishing strokes on the Stevens & Enger block, and are doing it in fine fashion, too. Their good taste and ability as workmen is attested by the exquisitely patterned front of the store. Nelson & Langlie's store is made to

—Irving B. Howard, and his sister, passed through Cooperstown this morning, enroute for their claims in the Red Willow vicinity.

—John Landquist, of Wisconsin, and E. W. Everson, of the Sanborn & Cooperstown railway force, prospected in the future great Tuesday with a view of entering into business. We have not learned of their conclusions, but expect they can safely be counted on as coming denizens of the county seat.

—To be convinced of the immense influx that is pouring into Griggs county one has only to ride between Cooperstown and the track. There is almost a constant procession of freight and passenger teams plying between the two points. In going the 14 miles one can hardly lose sight of one or more teams.  
—Fargo Republican: Messrs. Burrell, Lenham and Kiser, of Sanborn, went east last evening to purchase the furniture for the large hotel recently erected at Cooperstown. These gentlemen report that the capital of Griggs county is on a stupendous boom. The First National Bank of Cooperstown will be ready for business as soon as the paint dries.

—Mr. F. A. Bliss, of Greenville, Pa., and who has been a regular reader of the COURIER from its start, is now breathing the air of Sunny Dakota. He arrived in Cooperstown yesterday, accompanied by Messrs. H. A. Wasser, Thos. Everheart, Bert McMahon and Charley Opell, all of the same place. All express determination to remain and see the money-making circus out.

—W. P. Buell, a very genial member of the "drummer" fraternity, has spent most of the present week in Cooperstown. Mr. Buell has had the misfortune to have his claim, in 145, 59, and which he had intended improving extensively, jumped. He takes the matter philosophically, and now discerns very plainly a few of the loop holes in the land laws through which honest settlers can be deprived of their rightful property.

—The late county seat contest in Traill is something similar to last fall's struggle in Griggs, and no doubt will result as justly. A majority of 766 voters say the records of that county shall henceforth be found at Traill Centre, but the desperate gang at the east end are as was the Hope outfit in this county, and hang on with unscrupulous bull-dog tenacity. Such work not only injures the county and makes expense for honest tax payers to meet, but creates a hearty public sentiment against the bolters.

—A line from Cashier Burrell informs us that Mr. N. L. Lenham and himself have concluded the purchase of the entire hotel outfit, including a magnificent 6000-pound safe for the office. We know the taste and judgement of the buyers well enough to bet seven to one on its being the best furnished hotel in North Dakota. In compliment to the hotel's elegant appointments and fine furnishings, suppose we just christen the house "The Palace," "The Grand," or something else equally significant. What do you say, gents.

—B. H. Ellstad, recently from Minnesota, had the misfortune to lose a fine horse Tuesday. While unloading freight for Stevens & Enger he allowed the wagon box to tip up by relieving all but the forward end of the vehicle of its load. The team took fright and started, making sad havoc of a stove and some kettles that were yet in the wagon. In making the circle of the hotel one of the rampant steeds became entangled in the whistle-tree, and a leg was snapped off like a whip cord, necessitating the animal's death by shooting. It was a fine horse and a hard blow to the young man who had reared it from a colt, but he was in a measure consoled by a purse of \$40, collected by Jeweler Ferguson.

—The COURIER scribe last Saturday accepted the invitation of our genial hardware merchant, Anton Enger, to take a ride to the end of the track. 'Twas a pleasant drive of 14 miles through as fertile and beautiful a section of country as ever smiled under heaven's blue arch. At Bald creek Engineer Edwards was busy striking the height for the bridge and approaches. At the track a busy scene was beheld. Men in goodly numbers were unloading cars of merchandise destined for Cooperstown; emigrants were unpacking their households and freeing their stock from the close quarters enforced upon them; large gangs of hardy sons of toil were surfacing the track, and others were at work on the grade to Cooperstown. There is no reception for idlers down there, and the men are all betting the steam horse will accompany them to Cooperstown before June shall roll up her scroll and depart.

### Special Election.

The special election authorized by the last legislature for this county has been duly called by the county commissioners, and will be held on Saturday, June 2nd. The questions to be submitted to the electors of the county at that time will be found stated at length in the commissioners proceedings printed in another column.

The polls for the different precincts will be held in the same places as last fall, and will be open from 8 o'clock in the forenoon until 5 o'clock in the afternoon. The questions proposed are of importance to every voter of Griggs county, and there should be no stay-at-home on that day.

In needs no skillful arguments on the part of the COURIER to elucidate the fact that division is against the best interest of the people as a whole; that a court house should be erected as a matter of economy as well as to supply an urgent need, and that the temperance or license question should carry in favor of peaceful communities and happy homes. As we must abide by the results of the coming election it behooves every man with the good of Griggs county at heart to be up and at work from early until late on the 2nd day of June. Don't rely upon the fact that three-fourths of our population are unanimous against division, and thus argue the inconsequence of your own ballot. There is a corruption fund of no meagre proportion that will endeavor to thwart the wish of the public in the interest of the company that has already made the county infamous. Look out for, and guard against it. Let every man weigh the several propositions well in his own mind, and work in accordance with his honest conclusions as to the public welfare.

### Complimentary (?) Comment.

The Portland Inter-Ocean rises to remark as follows:

While we are rejoicing in the victory which has been won, we should remember that only a part of the infernal scheme has been defeated which was planned by Hillsboro, "Steal" & Co., who also seek to divide Traill and Griggs, and create a new county and the expensive machinery to run it. Look at your maps and you will see that the county seats of Traill Centre and Cooperstown could not be more centrally located. People of Traill and Griggs counties, would you have your expenses and taxation largely increased? No! Then we warn you to be on the alert, and at the election which is to decide whether the balance of the "Steal" programme is to be carried out or not, be sure and vote against division.

### Bring More Stock.

That staunch paper, the Fargo Republican, wisely remarks: The Republican would advise all those who are migrating to North Dakota to go on the land, to bring all the stock they can with them. Here is the very best of pasturage during the summer, and by a small outlay of time and money, enough hay can be put up by one man to winter quite a herd. The native grass of North Dakota makes the very best and most nutritious hay that can be found in any part of the world. It is an easy matter to provide comfortable shelter for cattle in the winter. At present there is a great scarcity of stock in North Dakota, but the number of farmers who are engaged in the raising of cattle is increasing. The immigrant who brings into this country a small herd of stock is already on the high road to success.

Seventy-five young ladies over the age of twenty-one are each the possessor of a quarter-section of land near Alexandria.

In the vicinity of Jamestown there will be fully twice as much wheat and oats seeded this year as last, and more than twice as much breaking was done.

Women are called the "weaker sex," and yet, up to the hour of going to press, not one of her sex in this country has shown enough intellectual weakness to embark in the weather prophet business or attempt to eat sixty quail in thirty days.—Norristown Herald.

We have often noticed, says the Lincoln County (Ga.) News, that a young man who strikes a most frequently and shrilly for an improvement in the character of our women, both mentally and physically, is usually a little half-crank, spindle-shanked and lantern-jawed cuss, weighing about one hundred pounds, who hasn't sense enough of his own to get off the track when the cars are coming. Let's have no more of such nonsense. The girls and women of today are a great deal too good for the deserts of the average man. When you hear a man growling about the depreciation of the gentle sex set him down as a nincompoop.

### Proceedings County Commissioners.

May 2, 1883, 2:00 p. m.—Met in accordance with adjournment, meeting having been adjourned from day to day by county clerk until April 16.

Present—Allen Breed.  
Adjourned till May 3, 1883, at 9 a. m.  
May 3, 1883, 9:00 a. m.—Present, Allen Breed and Rollin C. Cooper.  
Rollin C. Cooper in the chair.  
Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

**BILLS FILED AS FOLLOWS:**  
Andrew Johnson, 6 mos. rent, sheriff's office to July 1, 1883. \$ 83 60  
Fargo Republican Co., blank books, stationery, etc. 125 86  
Cooperstown Courier, publishing proceedings, county commrs., etc. job printing 23 92

**BILLS APPROVED AS FOLLOWS:**  
Fargo Republican Co., approved at. \$ 121 38  
Cooperstown Courier. " " " 23 92

Ordered that the following questions be submitted to a vote of the people on the 2nd day of June next:

**FIRST.** Shall Griggs county be divided?  
**SECOND.** Shall Griggs county purchase a site and construct a court house with jail rooms attached, and borrow money upon the bonds of said county running for a period not longer than twenty years and bearing interest not to exceed eight per cent. per annum to an amount not to exceed thirty thousand dollars to pay for said buildings and site?

**THIRD.** Shall the Board of County Commissioners of Griggs county, to meet the payments of said bonds and the annual interest thereon, levy a special tax from year to year sufficient to pay the annual interest on said bonds and to create a sinking fund for payment of the principal thereof when due, to-wit: the said principal sum of not to exceed thirty thousand dollars?

The County Commissioners will also request an expression of the voters with regard to liquor license or no liquor license.

Moved and ordered that the judges of the election held November 7, 1882, are hereby appointed judges of the election to be held June 2nd, 1883.

ROLLIN C. COOPER, Chairman.  
HERBERT P. SMART, Clerk.

### SALE OF SOIL.

**List of Recent Griggs County Real Estate Transfers.**

Cooper Bros. to Theo. Otjen, lots 2 and 3, blk. 80, and lot 22, blk 73, Cooperstown, cons. \$675.

Cooper Bros. to James Rankin, lot 15, blk. 60, Cooperstown, cons. \$200.

United States to Ole O. Fladeland, s w 1/4 sec. 18, township 147, range 57, cons. \$197.83.

Red River Land Co. to C. J. Paul, e 1/2 lot 11, blk. 19, Hope, cons. \$125.

United States to Geo. Miller, s w 1/4 sec. 22, twp. 145, range 56, cons. \$400.

Red River Land Co. to Mary R. Renwick, w 1/2 lot 11, and all lot 12, blk. 19, Hope, cons. \$425.

United States to There Oleson, s 1/4 of s w 1/4 and s 1/4 of s e 1/4 sec. 24, twp. 148, range 59, cons. \$200.

United States to B. B. Brown, e 1/4 of s e 1/4 sec. 6, twp. 146, range 58, cons. \$200.

Cooper Bros. to Nelson & Langlie, lot 6, blk. 73, Cooperstown, cons. \$350.

Cooper Bros. to T. F. Kerr, lot 22, blk. 50, Cooperstown, cons. \$170.

Cooper Bros. to Alexander D. Grant, lot 10, blk. 79, Cooperstown, cons. \$225.

Cooper Bros. to George Foley, lots 19 and 20, blk. 59, Cooperstown, cons. \$400.

United States to Wm. Wethy, n w 1/4 sec. 18, twp. 144, range 59, cons. \$368.88.

United States to Chas. A. Stuart, n w 1/4 sec. 4, twp. 146, range 58, cons. \$394.95.

Cooper Bros. to Geo. F. Newell, lot 24, blk. 73, Cooperstown, cons. \$300.

A Fargo man caught a catfish four feet six inches long Wednesday.

It is denied that scarlet fever is prevalent in Tower City.

That Vermont Maple Syrup at Odegard & Thompson's is fine.

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

What's the use of coughing so when for the magnificent sum of 50 cts. you can buy a bottle of American Cough Balsam at ODEGARD & THOMPSON'S.

Kendall's Condition Powders are acknowledged the very best made. Sold only by Odegard & Thompson in Cooperstown.

Crockery and Glassware at 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 Harrow is 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### Good Team Wanted.

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

### 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.

### 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.

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OLE SERUMGARD, Notary Public.

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