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### LOCAL LACONICS.

—Wheat is on the boom.  
—Grain growing grandly.  
—A wedding on the tapis.  
—Additional locals on eighth page.  
—Architect Phillippee has been away on business a few days past.  
—Mrs. J. N. Jorgensen has been seriously ill, but is better to-day.  
—As a matter of economy vote "yes" on the court house bond question.  
—Cooperstown will have one of the best public schools in the territory.  
—The COURIER has turned out some very neat stationery for Meadow Brook Farm this week.  
—A Sabbath school will be organized next Sunday, immediately after the morning service.  
—Every citizen of Griggs county has a duty to perform on Saturday, June 2nd, and the post of that duty is at the polls.  
—Judge Glass is now industriously holding down his homestead, adjoining town. Sympathy for the homestead is in order.  
—Mr. Omund Nelson, the veritable pioneer settler of Griggs county, is off on a brief visit to his old home, near Decorah, Iowa.  
—School commenced on Menday in Meadow Brook district. Miss Maria Rankin presides over the young idea—and the willow.  
—Waldorf Bros. having completed the seeding of 200 acres rented of Cooper Bros. have moved to their claims in the Red Willow region.  
—Consider the court house question in its broad sense, and you must conclude that it is for the general good of the county that it be carried.  
—Chas. E. Ferguson has received a fresh invoice of jewelry and extras for watches, and is better prepared than ever to "heal crippled turnips."  
—Evening promenades are now in order, but as there is a distressing scarcity of young ladies our gents are compelled to "prom" and "star-gaze" alone.  
—Enterprising Knud Thompson has been laid up for a week by a severe attack of rheumatism, but is now on the gain. No man is more missed from the business arena than he.  
—Voters of Griggs, you have two verdicts and one recommendation to pronounce next week Saturday. Think well, and then announce your decision without fear or prejudice.  
—Dr. Gilkey, of Larimore, was in town Saturday and expresses his satisfaction with our place by announcing his intention to swing out his professional shingle to the breezes of this burg next week.  
—Prof. C. A. Clough, an '81 graduate of Albion (Mich.) college, having been engaged as principal of the Cooperstown public schools has arrived and will be in readiness to take charge of the school as soon as the building is completed.  
—A decent court house must be erected soon or later. Let every citizen of Griggs county turn out and vote for bonds, and thus saddle a large share of the expense upon extensive land owners and non-residents.  
—That firearms can be none too carefully manipulated has been illustrated a second time this week. Gilbert Johnson, who discharged an over-loaded gun, the barrel of which burst, now carries his badly lacerated hand in a sling and toils not.  
—The goal of financial independence can be reached with comparative ease in Griggs county. Why men will remain in the unprosperous regions of the east and toil their day-lights out for a mere existence is among the inexplicable mysteries, when the golden opportunities that await them in this sunny clime are considered.  
—No man can tell how soon he may have occasion to use a court to obtain justice or prevent an injustice. He would find it very expensive and inconvenient with the court held at Valley City. The traveling and living expenses of his witnesses would be very much greater than if he had a court nearer home. Vote for the court house bonds and save money.

—To any man owning not more than 320 acres of deeded land the increased amount of taxes for a court house will be less than \$1. Vote for bonds.

—J. F. Booth, of Boothtown, Barnes county, was in the metropolis of Griggs yesterday, and was that well pleased that he contemplates investing in town property.

—It is for every man's interest who has the good of Griggs county at heart to vote "Yes" on the bond proposition, and thus end the struggles of the unscrupulous politicians who seek division.

—Services hereafter will be held regularly twice every Sunday in Cooperstown. The morning service at 10:30 and the evening service at the usual hour. It is expected that church will be held in the new hotel or the school house next Sunday.

—To build a court house valued at \$30,000 the increased tax on every quarter section of proved up land in the county would be less than 50 cents, not considering the fact of the constantly increasing amount of town and personal property. Vote for bonds.

—While enroute from Jack N. Brown's farm to B. B. Brown's homestead with a load of hay, Wednesday afternoon during the storm, Geo. McCormick and M. J. Newson saw a fair sized buffalo. They were quite close to the wild ox before it took fright and sped for the Sheyenne woods, but had no rifles with which to drop the beast. Gunning parties are now in order.

—It is narrow minded to allege that you do not propose to vote bonds, as it will so largely enhance the value of the Cooper farm at public expense. Cooper Bros. land will increase in value at no greater ratio than that of any other men, and then they not only offer a site but will have at least one-tenth of the entire cost to stand. They must pay fully for their portion of the benefit, as every foot of their property is taxable.

—Monday about midnight a mob of eight men entered Frederick Pefferkorn's shanty, near Lake Jessie, bound him and his wife, covered the babes with the blankets taken from the father and mother, when they proceeded to deliberately tear down the house. It is charged that Pefferkorn was on McCullough's claim, and that he was simply receiving a polite but emphatic invitation to vacate the premises. No further violence, we understand, was used.

—It is as amusing as it is absurd to note the Pioneer's attempts to moralize on the recent disappearance of the Trail county records, and convert the same into an argument for the division of Griggs county. Hope's paper, it is noticeable, has never reproached the gang of ruffians who by force of arms burglarized Griggs of its records, and made near \$1,000 expense to the county. Consistency is a rare jewel over in the south-east corner.

—Nelson & Langlie are opening up in their spacious store as fine a display of dry goods, clothing, furnishing goods, notions, groceries, etc., as has ever been brought into a North Dakota town. Mr. S. A. Nelson, the resident partner, came among us with reputation as one of the best and tastiest buyers of the Northwest, and his name will not suffer from the selection of goods he and his assistants are now engaged in arraying for public inspection. A visit to their store will repay lovers of replete stocks and low prices.

—The temperance meeting last Sunday evening was largely attended and the exercises entertaining. Aside from forcible remarks by Mr. Rockwell there was plenty of good singing and a replete program. Mrs. A. N. Adams read with splendid effect a selection entitled "No Seat in Heaven;" Edie Brown recited with natural elocutionary ability a very appropriate piece; Olie Langford and Belle Rice each read touching selections; little Edith Adams recited, and Jas. Walker read with dramatic ability "Dark is the Night."

—Whidden Bros. have a new "say" in their chartered part of the COURIER this week. By the way, these genial gentlemen are displaying a square-dealing spirit of enterprise that does one's soul good to note—as well as the pocket book of those who trade with them. On the rear of their large store they are erecting a 16x45 feet addition, which they propose to stock with a large invoice of furniture already purchased and on the way here. To this they are adding a shed wing, 12x26, which they will offer as shelter for the teams of their patrons who come from a distance. It's a good step and will be appreciated by the yeomanry.

—Freemen of Griggs county you have important propositions to settle, and it behooves every one of you to be at your respective polls next week, on Saturday, June 2nd, then and there to exercise that sacred power of casting a ballot. Do not neglect that duty, but vote wisely and understandingly on the different questions. A court house is a growing necessity, and to vote for bonds to build one is simply an act of business economy.

—A postal dated from a Southern Michigan town at noon on Monday (the 21st) says: "It is snowing and freezing here, the snow flying thick and fast." What desolation there must be in those tornado-tossed, storm-ridden states back east, while out here in sun-kissed Dakota we luxuriate among the gentlest zephyrs of heaven and enjoy the most glorious weather imaginable. Stay in the east, you of our readers who are there, and if you don't go to heaven in a whirlwind you stand a good chance of undergoing the pleasant ordeal of freezing to death in July.

—Vice-Pres. N. L. Lenham, of the S. C. & T. M. R'y, spent Sunday and Monday in Griggs county's trade centre. It has been three months since his previous visit to the place, and though he had been partly prepared by reading the COURIER to note the great strides our little city has made, he could not help expressing surprise and satisfaction at the substantial character every enterprise and building project presented. Mr. Lenham says four car loads of furniture have already arrived for the hotel, and that balance is on the way. Elegant patterns in carpets have been purchased for every foot of floor and hall in the "Palace" and twenty girls are busy making them up.

—Mr. J. T. Odegard, senior member of the firm that bears his name, paid his initial visit to Cooperstown on Wednesday and Thursday and is now taking a little tour in the northern part of the county. Mr. Odegard is one of those conservative business men whose very coolness penetrates a good distance into the future, and the result of his past few years of labor is told by a very handsome fortune. He is surprised to think that a reasonable man can object to the proposed court house bonds, and only accounts for it by the lack of business perception or the indulgence of prejudice on the part of those who offer objections. He correctly says that it is a matter of simple business economy for the people to meet the present and coming exigencies of this county.

—The extent of the Cooper farm was nicely illustrated a few days ago, when "R. C." was out viewing the landscape on the west side of his little wheat patch. It seems Mr. Cooper had not been over that part of the farm for several months, and his surprise can be imagined when it is stated that upon one of his choicest quarter sections he found a nice little farm, with house, stable and stock, running in fine shape under direction of a German, lately from Minnesota. The honest intending Teuton had 40 acres in crop and was as happy with his little bonanza as a down east girl in an ice cream parlor. The poor fellow was crest fallen upon learning that he had settled and built his home upon other than government land, but brightened up when Mr. Cooper generously told him that he could have all the crop and move his goods away whenever he liked.

### More Than Mere Talk.

The citizens of Cooperstown have held a couple meetings at the COURIER office for the purpose of taking action in regard to the coming election. There being doubt as to whether the site would be donated, and the amount asked for it sufficient to complete the buildings, it was deemed expedient to have positive information on the matter. The following explains the result accomplished by the committee appointed for the purpose:

#### CERTIFICATE OF BOND DEPOSIT.

I, William Glass, deputy register of deeds of Griggs county, D. T., do hereby certify that on this 25th day of May, A. D. 1883, Rollin C. Cooper for himself, and F. M. Rockwell and Iver Jacobson for the county of Griggs, deposited with me a bond executed by Rollin C. Cooper in a sum of five thousand dollars (\$5000) for the conveyance of block 23 in Cooperstown to the county of Griggs for court house site on condition that if bonds be voted by the county at the special election on June 2nd, 1883, to build a court house and jail, consideration to be paid by the county for same, one dollar.

WILLIAM GLASS,  
Dep. Register of Deeds.

#### PLEDGE AS TO COST OF COURT HOUSE.

I, Rollin C. Cooper, chairman of the county commissioners of Griggs county, do hereby pledge to the people of said county that if the bond for thirty thousand dollars be voted, the same shall complete the court house and jail, and that I will not permit the erection of a court house and jail that will cost more, so far as the same may be in my power to prevent.

ROLLIN C. COOPER.

## "YES AND NO"

Are Two Adverbs that the People of Griggs County Can Use to Good Purpose June 2.

Division, Bonds and License Problems for Your Solution.

A Few Facts and Reasons Why the Citizens of Griggs Should be at the Polls on Special Election Day.

Read, Reflect and Resolve to Strike a Blow.

A united and harmonious people move by the elective franchise on the second of June for that which shall give stability and permanency of character to the county of their choice—glorious Griggs. Our sentiments prevail among us from north to south, from east to west, in the development of our united interests—that we secure that which shall contribute to one another's highest prosperity, and that no person or place shall be favored or preferred to the expense and detriment of another.

In securing to each other the highest good and safety of interests, a wise, prudent and economical political economy is the very first step.

Honest, prudent men must hold the places of trust and responsibility. Wise and effective measures must be adopted and matured to perfection. Political trickery and wrong must have an iron heel put upon its head and tail and the right must prevail. The people of Griggs have already spoken that Cooperstown shall be the place where law and justice shall be administered in the protection and security of our county interests.

For the best and most economical execution of our county business it is now deemed prudent to erect such buildings and structures as shall provide for the administration of the same. To this end the people are to ask for an amount of money which shall be neither too large nor too small to most judiciously conserve our interests in the erection of a court house and county jail.

The proper purpose is to raise this amount by voting county bonds as provided for in a bill enacted by the legislature of Dakota last winter. The bill provides that a sum of not exceeding \$30,000 may be thus raised by a vote of the people upon the 2nd day of June, 1883. I have been solicited by those who desire to have the matter placed before the people to state my reasons why this amount should be levied by taxation at this time for the erection of proper buildings for county uses, and I cheerfully respond: First,

THE SITE OF THE COUNTY SEAT. Cooperstown, was a wise move upon the part of the people of Griggs—in that it is the exact center of the county and will thus best accommodate the people from all points of the county.

Second, its railroad facilities insure the prompt execution of business through the mails to the general land office and territorial capital.

Third, the railroad position secures to the county a line of road through the entire center of the county north and south—which must effect largely the general welfare of the whole county—in point of values.

REASONS FOR BONDS AT THIS TIME:

First, The erection of a substantial court house and jail is a necessity.

Second, Such buildings will hold the interests secured by the people for the place of their choice last fall and give permanency of character to the county interests.

Third, The erection of permanent buildings at this time is economy to the county as rents are high and the rapidly increasing business of the county must demand larger facilities for the prompt, careful and efficient transaction of its business.

Fourth, With facilities for holding court terms in the center of our county it will be a large saving to such of our citizens as are now obliged to go to remote points at a large expense for the hearing of their cases.

Fifth, A building site for the court house and jail has been donated and none of the moneys levied go to the purchase of such site.

Sixth, A substantial bonus will be given by parties in the county seat toward the erection of the court house and jail, according to locality.

Seventh, The bill authorizing these bonds provides that a sinking fund be created at the option of the commissioners for the payment of the bonds and interest, and the earlier the bonds are voted the more taxes will be realized from the land speculators who hold rail road lands in our county, and the earlier the bonds can be redeemed.

Eighth, A large proportion of this tax must be paid by the land speculators by reason of exemptions by law to the settlers.

REASONS FOR THE \$30,000 BONDS:

First, If a less amount than that prescribed in the bill would secure good substantial buildings that would not have to be repaired or enlarged in a few years, or if the amount pro rata would be at all burdensome upon the people, I should not advocate the voting of the bonds. A well built jail and court house and court room which shall accommodate the business of our county for the next twenty or thirty years, will cost \$30,000. It will cost us more than that amount if we should build for less and enlarge here and there.

Second, We have a written guarantee from the Board of Commissioners and other responsible parties that the \$30,000 shall be built and complete in a good substantial manner—putting in furniture, etc., for occupancy and use, the entire buildings for the county business.

Third, The amount of principal and interest upon this amount of bonds at the expiration of twenty years would not exceed two dollars apiece to the entire population, therefore it will not be burdensome to the people.

Fourth, I am assured that the bonus which will be given by parties who desire to secure the location of the court house near their interests will be substantial, and this amount—three to eight thousand dollars as the case may be, more or less, can be applied to the sinking fund and thus help us in redeeming the bonds—if we do not wish to have them run for a long term of years.

Fifth, The bonds can readily be negotiated at par value as they are the "first bonds." Doubtless a premium can be secured, as many of the "first bonds" of new counties in our territory are taken at a premium, and ours are as substantial as any county in the territory.

Sixth, Long term bonds—20 years—are preferable to short term, as the amount pro rata will be less as the tax paying population is increased and it is just that people coming in here to share our good fortune should assist in the erection of these buildings.

Seventh, The expenses for offices for the county business and jail would cost nearly, if not quite the interest upon the bonds. Therefore on general principles of business, economy and prudence, I am for bonds.

Yours for the People,  
FRANK M. ROCKWELL.

## HORRIBLE HOMICIDE.

A Promising Career Suddenly and Sadly Terminated by a Careless Hand.

The admonition that "in the midst of life we are in death" has come to this community in a sad way this week, and the unerring archer commissioned with death has sent his shaft to the heart of a respected fellow citizen. On Tuesday Frank L. Axtell drove to the claim of Omund Nelson, some seven miles east of Cooperstown, for the purpose of carrying luncheon to some men there at work planting trees. As Mr. Axtell drove up to the group (they had quit work for dinner) he received a charge of buckshot in the chest that ended his exemplary life instantly, dying before he fell from the seat. The man to blame for the accident was Daniel Danielson, an employe of Mr. Nelson, who had been and was handling the gun. It seems he lay flat on the ground with the gun resting over a gopher mound, the muzzle pointing upwards at about 30 degrees angle. As the muzzle pointed direct at Mr. Axtell, on halting his horse, he playfully pointed his cane at Danielson remarking: "Oh, your no-where with your gun." Alas, those were his last words, for in one moment his soul was marching to eternity, as in some maneuver of Danielson the weapon was discharged with the above result.

On Wednesday Coroner Virgo swore Capt. M. Robinson, Sam'l Homme and Steen H. Nelson as jurors, and proceeded with an examination. The verdict returned was that he came to his death "by a gun discharged in an unaccountable way." The remains were interred under direction of Dr. Virgo, at Mandell yesterday. Mr. Frank L. Axtell was about 28 or 29 years of age, and had no living relatives except one step-brother whose whereabouts is unknown. He was a native of Lennox county, Michigan, a graduate of the Law Department of Michigan university, and has been a practicing attorney of this county for two years. He was much esteemed by all who knew him, and his untimely call to the misty beyond casts a shadow of gloom upon the entire community.

- ☞ Sugars at cost at Whiddens.
- ☞ Good Iowa shelled corn for sale by Nelson & Langlie.
- ☞ A lot of that famous Valley City Flour has just arrived, and will be sold cheap, at Whidden Bros.
- ☞ Oranges and Apples, juicy and fresh at Odegard & Thompson's.
- ☞ 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."
- ☞ Fresh invoices of California canned goods at the Pioneer Store of Odegard & Thompson.
- ☞ Chew and smoke the celebrated "Golden Seal" tobacco for sale by Whidden Bros.
- ☞ What's the use of coughing so when for the minifunt 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.
- ☞ The "West Point" now mourns the loss of Lowry. Why did he not wait to see the hardware?
- ☞ 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.

### 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.