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### LOCAL LAONICS.

—Wheat is coming on finely.  
—C. A. Renwick, of Hope, was in town Monday.  
—A few farmers have already commenced backsetting.  
—Farmers are chuckling over crop prospects, and well they may.  
—Holiday Bros.' new office has been undergoing a coat of fresh paint.  
—Stevens & Enger now have their hay and stock scales in running order.  
—The Muir & Christie building shows indications of a very tasty front, when completed.  
—The mail between Cooperstown and Mardell now leaves this place Friday afternoons.  
—Fred. Sabin, the invincible land attorney, spent three days of the present week in Fargo.  
—Government surveyors are now at work in town 148, range 60, to the great satisfaction of numerous settlers.  
—Boyum & Holland received another car load of farm machinery this week, and continue to whoop things up in their line.  
—When it comes to crops Griggs county gets there; in fact she can double discount any pretending rival and win the game.  
—Buchheit Bros. report a good trade in the farm machinery line. They are rustlers and get no more business than merited.  
—The Courier is looking for an unknown curiosity in the shape of a man who ever settled in Griggs county and regretted it.  
—H. H. Wasem, the leading merchant of Hope, dined at the Merrill House yesterday. Cooperstown's solidity rather astonished him.  
—The Hillsboro Banner calls loudly for the establishment of a meat market at that place, and assures some man a bonanza business.  
—The Willow Lake region has this week been honored by a visit from no less a person than the genial F. C. Holmes, our "member" from Connecticut.  
—An overcoat that "strayed" into Manly Davis' stables has been left at this office for the claimant, who can obtain the same by calling and "proving up."  
—The house of James Bothwell in 146, 60, was struck by lightning during last Thursday's storm. Several of the family were shocked, though not seriously injured.  
—Thieving has been exceedingly numerous in these parts of late. A necktie social may yet have to be resorted to in order to put a quietus to this kind of business.  
—How about a base ball club in Cooperstown? Are the boys going to let the organization of one go by default when we have such good timber for an excellent nine.  
—A. B. Kent, G. H. Gray and A. R. McDonald surprised their old friends at this place last Saturday by their return from Devil's Lake. They report things as lively up there.  
—The great Cooper farm will probably yield an average of twenty bushels of No. 1 Hard per acre, which is not so bad for an "off" year. Griggs county soil is the stuff and no denying that.  
—If this cool weather continues there is no telling how great the wheat yield will be. Such favorable weather for grain has never been excelled, and beats the calculations of our old timers.  
—Mr. John Syverson, lately of St. Johns, this territory, has arrived in Cooperstown and comes to stay. He has accepted a position with Odegard & Thompson, the pioneer merchants.  
—The Sanborn, Cooperstown & Turtle Mountain road has a new ticket collector and general "boss." The change is apparently a good one, for Mr. McClarion seems a competent, obliging man.  
—J. M. Burrell, one of our bank proprietors, is now acting as cashier in the absence of Mr. Pickett, while Mr. Siegfried, who has had temporary charge, returns to his old position in the Barnes County Bank.

—The golden spike of the Sanborn & Cooperstown railroad will be driven upon completion of the road to this place. Miss Julia Cooper will pound the precious spike into its wooden bed.

—C. C. Phillippee, after a long round of continuous duty in superintending the construction of the hotel and institute building, took a "lay off" last Friday, and departed for Fargo and intermediate points.

—Two of the horses stolen at Sanborn last week were captured at Larimore by the officers, and also one of the thieves. These rascals should be severely dealt with, for they are getting most too numerous and bold.

—A half mile race course has been laid out on section nineteen, just east of town. The track will be put in good shape under charge of our local "sports," and then we may look for a little excitement on the turf.

—While in Sanborn Tuesday we noticed that Mrs. H. J. Curtiss had moved her millinery establishment to very spacious quarters on Third street, where she now displays a finely assorted stock as one could desire to see in her line.

—The Steele County Bank, a new and important institution of Hope, is represented in these columns by a card. A bank at Hope had become a pressing necessity to the public of that vicinity, and it will no doubt prosper abundantly.

—Two new towns are to be platted between Sanborn and Cooperstown on the Turtle Mountain road by the company, one at Daisy's and the other on Bald Creek. Grain warehouses, sidings, etc., will be supplied to each town at once.

—Miss Julia Cooper, of Chicago, is spending her second summer in Griggs county at the residence of her whole-souled uncle, "R. C." Miss Cooper can hardly realize the transformations that have taken place since she left here in September last.

—L. Ed. Davidson, editor of the Valley City Record, passed a few pleasant moments with the Courier scribe yesterday. In company with T. O. Scattebo and H. G. Horn, of the same place, he was enroute for Devil's Lake, whither they go for a few days recreation.

—We have seen the wheat fields of several counties since the last issue, and while crops are generally looking good, the yield in the vicinity of Cooperstown promises to fairly eclipse anything in North Dakota. Candid men must admit that Griggs county possesses some of the very best soil known.

—Hon. S. B. Dutcher, of Brooklyn, and a prominent figure in New York state politics, attended divine services in Cooperstown last Sunday. Mr. Dutcher is viewing for the first time this great Dakota wonderland and expresses especial satisfaction with a section of virgin soil he owns in Griggs county.

—The Carrington News man has been to Devil's Lake and tells a long tale in these few words: "There seems to be so little breaking done this season adjacent to the towns on the Devil's Lake, that there is a very poor prospect ahead of Grand Harbor, Devil's Lake City, etc., for a good business next year."

—The tracklayers on the S. C. & T. M. railway struck last Friday for better "hash." Supt. Fernald thought their action "not justifiable" and therefore gave each striker his time and now has a new force which he secured at Fargo. The strike interrupted business for a few days but the goose again hangs high.

—F. T. Caughey, a prominent grain dealer of Union City, Mich., and C. W. Shumway of the same town, were in town to see the sights and their old friend, D. T. Wilson, who steered them about both town and county. Mr. Caughey has great faith in the ultimate greatness of Dakota and invests his odd dollars accordingly.

—Persons patronizing papers, please pay promptly: the pecuniary prospects of the press possess peculiar power in pushing public prosperity. Pay the printer promptly; if promptly paying patrons his pocketbook plensh, printer puts pen to paper in peace, paints pictures of passing phases pleasantly, and people peruse his paper pleasantly.

—The many words of praise that have been piled upon the name of Cooperstown by visitors induces the assertion that you might as well try to make a graven image hear, or endeavor to play an accordion with buckskin mittens on, as to try to convince any man who has seen our town that it is to be other than a substantial, bustling little city.

Who are Lippitt, Leak & Co,

—F. J. Haynes, the famous Fargo photographer, started for Cooperstown last week, but missing connection at Sanborn he returned. After returning from his trip with the presidential party he will visit the great terminal town of Griggs and take views of our principal buildings, wheat fields, etc.

—Mr. J. B. Cooper, brother to Griggs county's R. C. Cooper, and an extensive fruit grower of California is in this place, the guest of the latter. Miss Caro Smith, of Delevan, Wis., a niece of Mr. Cooper, is also enjoying the bracing atmosphere of this county. Mr. Cooper is a man of extended experience and observation, therefore his opinion that Dakota must from virtue of her unparalleled resources and advantages become at an early period one of the greatest empires of the American Union, is of more than ordinary weight.

—The big elevator to be erected at this place by the Lenham E. & L. Co. is being framed at Sanborn ready for speedy erection upon arrival of the cars. The Company are making arrangements which they believe will enable them to pay at least five cents per bushel more for grain than can any buyer chained to the Millers' Association. Evidently the people of Cooperstown, and all other points where they may erect elevators, are in great luck, for what counts more for a town or vicinity than an unequalled wheat market?

—Crops all over North Dakota have braced up wonderfully since the damp weather commenced, but nowhere have they approached anything like a comparison with the excellent condition of the grain in Griggs county. Strong, deep loam with heavy clay subsoil has done wonders for crops hereaway this season, and close observers will more than ever appreciate the merits of good soil. Light soil does well enough in a favorable season, but when it comes to drouth—or freshets either—the soil of Griggs county captures the full crop.

—No candid man can enter Jamestown and take a good view of the city without thinking or exclaiming: "lovely, thrifty, substantial!" At least so thought President R. C. Cooper, of the S. C. & T. M. railroad and the Courier's apostle after they had been piloted about that city by genial Editor Burke. A very fine court house, just approaching completion attracted Mr. Cooper's especial attention and after he had looked the edifice through and learned that it cost but \$35,000 he at once gave out a standing offer of \$35,000 to any man who would erect a like building in Cooperstown. With two steam printing offices that each publish a daily, with her flour mill, planing mill, her railroad facilities, her grand location and her excellent class of intelligent, drive-ahead people, Jamestown prospers not beyond her merit.

—On Friday night of last week while D. T. Wilson and Dan. McDonald were making a survey of the railroad they discovered a horse thief running at a break-neck speed on the thousand-dollar pacer of our able physician, T. F. Kerr. The news was promptly spread and in less time than it takes to tell it Sheriff Johnson and a posse of less than thirty blood thirsty men was soon scouring the country for the thief and horse. But the excitement was so intense that this party of would-be lynchers were sure to take the opposite direction from that which the bold rascal was madly pursuing. Therefore, it has to be chronicled that after riding hard for nearly two days the vigilantes returned without their thief, but with the privilege of looking upon the gentle stolen pony as he peacefully stood eating in his stall. The horse had returned of his own accord, having been turned loose by the thief. Thus endeth the first horse-stealing lesson.

—We have spoken time and again with exultant pride of Cooperstown's magnificent hotel as it has reached its various stages of completion, and now that it is on the brink of being formally opened to an anxious public we must refer to it again. Mine host Fitch and his force have put in solid work since they arrived, one week ago, and the house now presents the appearance of a wealthy home, so elaborately carpeted and furnished in each room. The halls and every room in the house is covered with rich, heavy carpets, while none but the best of furniture is used. The parlors are especially fine, and it can be truthfully stated that no town in Dakota can boast of as handsomely and completely equipped a hotel as we have in our place. Mr. Fitch is evidently the right man in the correct place, and Cooperstown has reason to feel congratulated in securing him as her landlord. About the middle of next week it is expected the house will be in full running order.

### THE COUNTY'S BACKBONE.

#### Results of the First Inventory of Griggs' Wealth.

One year ago Griggs county was organized, and the first assessment upon her valuables has just been made. The following report of the assessor is indeed flattering to a county scarcely old enough to toddle, and speaks volumes for the soil that has induced this remarkably lively settlement and improvement. The record shows up as follows:

Acres of land, assessed.....	\$ 211,985.00
Value of land assessed.....	894,443.00
Town lots, assessed.....	124,438.00
Value of mills.....	10,218.00
Number of houses.....	801
Value.....	70,382.04
Number mules.....	194
Value.....	19,660.00
Number of cattle.....	1,416
Value.....	44,536.00
Number of sheep.....	159
Value.....	572.00
Number Swine.....	116
Value.....	684.00
Number carriages.....	413
Value.....	12,623.00
Moneys and credits.....	3,250.00
Household furniture.....	78.00
All other property.....	48,806.00

Total valuation of all property in county, real and personal 1,238,576.00

As the assessment on property is scant two-thirds actual cash valuation the county possesses about \$2,000,000.00 in improvements. Can any "yearling" county of this or any other country make a better showing?

—Minneapolis is reported to ship annually beyond her local consumption, 1,650,870 barrels of flour.

—The leading produce markets report activity in wheat and flour with an advance in wheat. It is said the foreign advances indicate still further advance.

—I. L. Roche, late treasurer of Traill county, has resigned his position after first having made good an \$8,000.00 deficiency in his accounts. It is thought he has been made a fool by certain politicians.

—Carrington is suffering from the presence in goodly numbers of vile and degraded females. The bummelement has a strong hold in that place, and the News has its hands full to successfully advocate suppression of the vile dens.

—The report of Carrington's destruction by storm it appears was not accurate. An extra issued by the News reports the damage as light, the only buildings destroyed being the shabbily constructed shanties. Verily, Dakota is doomed to go without supplying material for a single cyclone disaster item.

—Jamestown Capital: Our lively neighboring city, Cooperstown, is preparing for a grand celebration when the first locomotive reaches the town. They have chosen the Fargo silver-tongue, Col. Pat. Donan, as orator. La Moure established a most excellent precedent for Hope or Larimore or Carrington to follow in this case. Can't somebody steal him?

—Peek's Sun asks the editors of the Iowa, Wisconsin and Illinois papers why they do not switch off some of their cyclones and tornadoes into Dakota. It will be time enough for that when Dakota is admitted into the union. South Dakota is progressing in that direction.

—A very sad casualty was the death by lightning on Monday of Rev. E. Prindle and his son-in-law H. M. Covell, of Sanborn. The men were lathing in a new house being erected by Mr. Covill when a discharge of atmospheric electricity struck the building, shattering it considerably and instantly killing both men. Mrs. Prindle was sitting upon some staging not five feet from the men, but escaped unharmed, save a severe shock.

Salt for sale by the barrel at Whidden Bros., and one car load in transit will be sold low at depot on arrival.

Paints and Oils of all kinds at Odegard & Thompson's.

Wall Paper and House Lining for sale at Whidden Bros.

I have a large quantity of lime for sale. S. A. Wood, Willow, D. T.

"Casady" Sulkys at Holiday Bros.

Campbell & Sabin make loans on FINAL PROOF.

On arrival of the cars Whidden Bros. will offer a car load of Flour at lower rates than any ever sold in Cooperstown, quality considered.

Ladies' and Gents' fine dress shoes in great array at Odegard & Thompson's. Call and inspect.

Best brand of canned goods just opening at Whidden Bros.

A good office on ground floor for rent. Apply to David Bartlett.

Chew and smoke the celebrated "Golden Seal" tobacco for sale by Whidden Bros.

The office of Byron Andrus will remain at the old stand where he will be pleased to see his old customers. 24

—The latest crop report made up by the authorities in the east, puts wheat at 98 per cent. of a crop in Dakota, 28 in Indiana and 35 in Illinois. That is probably not far out of the way.

Raw and boiled Linsseed Oil at Odegard & Thompson's.

Have you found out who Lippitt, Leak & Co. are?

A few Baby Carriages for sale at Whidden Bros.

Look out for a car load of salt at Odegard & Thompson's.

"Champion" Mowers at Holiday Bros.

Examine the "Champion" Binder; the most durable machine made. Holiday Bros.

A car load of plows must be sold within the next few days by Geo. Morrison, and they are being offered at actual cost. Catch on at once. Next to Davis' livery.

I am now prepared to furnish money on final proofs at the most reasonable rates obtainable. WM. GLASS, Attorney and Loan Agent. 25

Call and see the celebrated Household Sewing Machines at Buchheit Bros.

Anything in the line of Farm Machinery at Buchheit Bros.

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

Everybody buys those juicy Lemons from Whidden Bros.

Oxen bought and sold at Odegard & Thompson's.

The Bank of Cooperstown is offering some No. 1 Land in the immediate vicinity of Cooperstown at big bargains.

Holiday Bros. have the finest line of Machinery handled by any one firm in the golden Northwest.

Soda Water and Ice Cream at Odegard & Thompson's.

Good Span of Horses, In good flesh and weighing 2900, for sale. Enquire at this office. 26-2

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