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LOCAL LACONICS.

—Still with us—the glorious weather.
—“How bright the signs of promise are.”

—Examine the Skinner Gang Plow. Best in the market, at Buchheit Bros.’

—A well boring apparatus has arrived in town and a new well is being sunk at the hotel.

—The neat cottage of J. N. Jorgensen on Court House Hill looks nobbler than ever in its new dressing of paint.

—A heavy fog Tuesday night and Wednesday morning afforded a new topic for people who like to talk.

—The weather the past two weeks has been favorable for hay-making, and farmers have improved it extensively.

—Track laying has been resumed, and a half mile was put down yesterday, a new force of men having been secured.

—Our merchants have all been stocking up big this week, and the freighters smile blandly as they leave the boxes and bales.

—M. L. Morton, of Clinton county, Mich., who has been sojourning in this place for a month or so, left for Larimore this morning.

—Mr. F. M. Rockwell is in Chicago, whither he went after his family, who will return with him and make this their permanent home.

—In the absence of Mr. Rockwell Prof. Clough conducted last Sabbath’s services by very effectively reading productions of Talmage.

—David Bartlett, Esq., has been urgently requested to talk on temperance at the school house next Sunday evening, and will probably respond.

—The Hope Pioneer is offered for sale by the Red River Land Company. The Pioneer sports a splendid outfit and will undoubtedly prove good property.

—The span of ponies found some time ago and advertised by S. B. Langford have not yet been claimed, and were appraised Tuesday at a value of \$65.

—Odegard & Thompson have erected a new awning in front of their store, and the average lounge is two degrees happier. He don’t have to move for a shower.

—Joe Marshall has turned prospector and is showing samples of good coal he claims to have found at a depth of fifteen feet on the hills of section 11, just north of town.

—Government Surveyor E. S. Sturtevant was in Cooperstown Saturday. He reports his work as about completed in town 148, range 61, from where he will proceed to 148, 63.

—Joe Marshall, alias Little Joe, alias Joseph Newson, Esq., alias Quintuple Genius, alias Wild Horse Joe, now insists upon being called Dakota Joe. His wish should be gratified.

—Our sportsmen are getting a good supply of shells loaded preparatory to a great raid on prairie chickens next Wednesday, when the law that prohibits their slaughter goes into dry dock for six months.

—Peter E. Nelson, the assiduous book-keeper at Odegard & Thompson’s is on the retired list for a few days, being incapacitated by the effects of a big boil. Miss Thora Odegard propels the pen in his absence.

—Our base ballists are daily becoming more proficient in wielding the willow and playing “goose egg” innings. The world will directly be challenged—that is that portion of it lying west of the great Red river.

—Sifton, Pinkerton & Co., are an enterprising firm who own a “spanking” new thresher and solicit public attention to the fact through a card in the Courier. Read it and then give them a call before letting your work.

—Pres. R. C. Cooper and Register Smart saw Fargo the first of this week and report things as moving along smoothly at the metropolis, though a slight contraction in the money market appears to have an existence there.

—Come and examine the new stock of Hats & Caps at Whidden Bros.’

—Landlord Fitch has returned from his chase after a competent man to preside over the culinary department of the Palace, and reports success. He expects the cook to-morrow, and then no time will be lost in opening the house, which is all “settled” and in apple-pie order.

—Why are Lippitt, Leak & Co.’s the best in the market? Because they are genuine California Buckskin, and sewed and warranted not to rip. Lippitt, Leak & Co. are trying to make the best glove in the world. Ask for them and take no other.

—At last reports the Grand Forks base ball club was ahead in the tournament games at Fargo, which were played Wednesday and Thursday. The Valley City nine withdrew from the tournament, leaving the strife narrowed down to Grand Forks and Fargo.

—Odegard & Thompson, who seem ever on the expand, are putting another addition onto their store. This time it is a neat little shoe shop, over which they propose to have a competent cobbler preside. An acquisition to the town that will be appreciated.

—Harvesting will commence on the big Cooper farm next week by entrance of the binders into the barley field. The week following Mr. Cooper will gather in the oats, and then comes the golden No. 1, which he thinks will be thoroughly fit to cut by that time.

—As the store building being erected by Muir & Christie approaches completion its beauty develops beyond the anticipation of even those who looked for a very neat structure when it was started. It adds decidedly to the street it adorns, and is a credit to our town.

—The weather still continues favorable for growing grain, and it is now about as certain as a certainty can be that this great North Dakota will within a few weeks send out a most glittering greeting to prospective emigrants in all parts of the world. Brighter outlook for this land of No. 1 Hard there never was.

—A sweet singer in the east recently sang a mouse to death. Wish we could hire her to make melody in our humble, pre-emption abode. It might be that we could keep up our stock of crackers, bread, cheese, etc. with less expense, and then we might get a little more sleep after she once gets the pests thoroughly saturated with her harmony.

—Before another moon shall cease to shed its effulgent rays o’er this prosperous land, just a few more swiftly gliding days and Cooperstown will be linked to the outside world by railway. This important epoch in our history has been unavoidably delayed several weeks, but come when it may it is an event that cannot fail to mark a new era.

—John Flittie, Esq., of Mayville, was in the county capital Monday looking after his land business in this vicinity. Mr. Flittie reports confidently upon the results of both the county seat and division fight, the former case to be decided in the district court the 15th inst. He says there is no quibbling, and the people propose to assert their rights.

—Harvesters, when you buy a pair of gloves see that they are branded Lippitt, Leak & Co., and then you will get the worth of your money.

—Machine men have been busy the past week loading the wagons of farmers with reapers for the coming harvest. Cooperstown is a great distributing point for farm machinery, and though this is her first season we verily believe that no town within 75 miles of here has supplied more machinery to farmers during the last three months than has Cooperstown.

—Stevens & Enger, the enterprising hardware dealers, greet the Courier perusers with a new adv. this week. They are worthy of more than ordinary commendation, for they are not only square dealers, but carry a stock that would do credit to a city, so complete is it in every department. These gentlemen merit the good trade they enjoy, and it is only a natural result of honest goods and low prices.

—On Monday morning when Supt. Fernald, of the S. C. & T. M. railway gave orders to proceed with tracklaying, the delayed necessities having arrived, what should meet his astonishment but another strike among the men. The easy time they had been having for ten days seemed to make them unreasonably arrogant and they demanded \$2.50 per day with mince pie thrown in. Their impudence was met by instantaneous discharge, and Mr. Fernald at once started after a new crew of men.

—A carload of Valley City Flour just received and for sale low at Whidden Bros.’

—Mr. J. B. Cooper departed on Monday for the great Pacific slope, going by the way of Chicago. While Mr. Cooper was greatly impressed with the charms and advantages of Dakota he still remains an ardent Californian. He is engaged largely in fruit and nut raising, and expects an exceedingly large crop from his almond orchard, which contains 10,000 trees, this year.

—Martin Cheley, the man arrested and bound over in default of bail for decamping with a mortgaged team, escaped from Sheriff Johnson’s care on Monday and is yet at large. Mr. Johnson offers \$25 for information leading to his arrest. He went in the direction of Devil’s Lake, is a Swede about 24 years old; talks very broken English; has no beard; has high cheek bones; fair complexion, with grey eyes and brownish or middling dark hair. He is round shouldered and is slow in talk and motion; is 5ft. 4 in. tall, weighs about 135 pounds, and wears a dark suit of clothes, with sack coat, and black soft hat. When last seen he was carrying a cheap black valise.

—The Lenham Elevator and Lumber Co. don’t propose to have work on their big elevator at this place delayed by non-arrival of the cars, and are pushing things right ahead as though there was not the least disadvantage to be buffeted. When the first news of a delay in the track laying reached them they at once set a force of men to framing material for our elevator at Sanborn, and now when the second strike and delay is made known what do they do but engage Cooper Bros. big train of mule teams to draw the material in from the track, in order that their institution may be in readiness for the first of the crop. Such get-up-and-get-there-a-tiveness is worthy of all the prosperity it gathers, and that is not a little.

An Electrical Prank.

Wm. McCullough, a settler of the Jesse Lake vicinity, and his two sons had a very close call while putting up hay Wednesday. Mr. McCullough was pitching hay from a load to his sons who were on a stack, when a flash of electricity struck and knocked him senseless. He lay unconscious about ten or fifteen minutes; reviving and not seeing his boys he feared they had met their fate. Tremblingly he climbed upon the stack, only to behold them stretched out and apparently dead. He worked over them and was rewarded by the return to consciousness of one, whereupon they took the other and started for the house. He too recovered upon being jostled a little, and the three were soon their natural selves again, though somewhat pale and frightened. ‘Twas a close shave, and the men have reason to feel grateful for the happy result.

Picnic Party.

On Wednesday morning quite a flurry was manifested in our streets by the gathering and departure of about sixty citizens who were bent on a picnic frolic. The party was loaded into all kinds of vehicles and away they went for lake Jessie, which classic, but opaque body of water lies some ten miles to the northwest of Cooperstown. The pleasure seekers were in for a splendid time, and laid their plans for boating, bathing, croqueting, swinging, etc., to execute which they thought the strengthening influence of a little dinner necessary. Therefore out came the hampers which had been solidly packed by the ladies with all the dainty delicacies of the season, and which were soon spread in tempting style on nature’s own table. But, alas, those hungry gents and almost famished ladies had no more than opportunity to get away with two or three courses when up comes a horrid thunder shower, compelling each and every “picnicer” to abandon pleasant pursuits and find shelter under a tree. After the storm the viands appeared in a less inviting state, and so the balance of the day was occupied with other sports than eating.

All who attended report a splendid time, notwithstanding the shower, and each one avers that the event was a veritable oasis in the desert of life, which lent refreshment to the cares of daily strife.

—Fresh Oranges & Lemons at Whidden Bros.’

—Everybody invited to call and gaze on that elegant line of glassware at Odegard & Thompson’s. If you don’t buy it’s your own fault.

—Well, I declare! Hens Magolica Ware at Whidden Bros.’

—A full line of Dry Goods just opened at Whidden Bros.’

Boots & Shoes.

—17 cases to arrive this week at Whidden Bros.’

A SAD MISTAKE,

Made by Young Men who come West to “Grow up with the Country.”

Many young men who come west with the laudable intention of “growing up with the country” make a serious mistake in the manner of going about it. Especially are young men of limited means prone to error in this regard. Some of them who come to Dakota and settle down to work at a trade in Fargo, Jamestown or Bismarck, perhaps imagine, in the first novel consciousness of being “a good ways” west, that they are “growing up” bravely. Now, as a matter of fact, there is no growth in such a course. It is true that the cities mentioned are growing, and will have a good growth for many years; but the time when a poor man will find it practicable to “catch on to the boom” with a good vital grip, with them, is past. Wages, taking into account the high cost of living, are very little better than wages in the east. The price of real estate is above reach of any but capitalists; he who has only the surplus of his wages to invest stands a very slight chance of realizing much wealth in investments.

Young man, if you are really desirous of exemplifying in your own self the wisdom of the distinguished advice of Horace Greeley—if you wish to grow up with the country, go where the country is new—where the soil is fresh—where the activities of developing the country are just begun, and where your influence, your personality, will be recognized and felt. Go to the small towns of Dakota. There you may “catch on” vitally. There is where fresh young blood is needed and appreciated. There is the place where the energies and the aspirations of youth find adequate field for their exercise, and an ample reward. Don’t expect to find the comforts and the refinements to which you have been accustomed in your eastern homes. Bring with you an unalterable belief that success in this western land requires pluck, industry and attention to business, just as it does in the east. And don’t think for a minute that “character don’t count” in Dakota. The men and women who people Dakota have for the most part come from the eastern states. Character, energy, faith in Dakota, and patience, are the corner stones of lasting success out here. With these failure is impossible.—Ex.

Fargo Argus: As the grain in Illinois comes from the threshers, in the winter wheat districts the reports are not as favorable as anticipated; where ten to fifteen bushels per acre had been confidently expected the machines yield only five, seven and eight bushels. While the yield in that and other great winter wheat states has been shrinking at the approach of harvest, the past month has added millions to the value of the crop in Dakota. The farmer of the broad valley of the Red and North Dakota, the prolific mother of No. 1 Hard, realizes as never before that his lines have truly fallen in pleasant places.

A denizen of Illinois taking a peep at the Wonderland writes thusly to his home paper: “Dakota seems to have been fitted by nature for a vast wheat field; conditions of soil are here to be found for producing the largest and longest succession of wheat crops in the United States. A chemical analysis asserts it to be rich in wheat producing qualities and a very large average per acre, and the last year confirms the assertion. The soil subjected to analysis was found to be very similar to that of the great wheat fields of Turkey and southern Russia that have been producing wheat for centuries.”

People are hereby warned to look out for the largest stock of clothing and furnishing goods ever brought to Cooperstown at Odegard & Thompson’s.

—Be sure that the gloves you buy are branded “Lippitt, Leak & Co.” None others are genuine California Buck.

—Ladies’ and childrens’ shampooing a specialty at Cash’s barber shop.

—Casady Sulkies at Holliday Bros.’

—Lippitt, Leak & Co. are manufacturers of Genuine California Buck Gloves and Mittens, hand made and warranted not to rip, at San Francisco, Cal.

—Ask your merchant for a pair of Lippitt, Leak & Co.’s harvest gloves. The best made.

—Casady Sulkies at Holliday Bros.’

—Money to loan on chattels by Jacobson & Serungard. 15

—Threshers, if you want harvest gloves, enquire for Lippitt, Leak & Cos. California Buck.

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

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

Lost.

A red morocco pocket book containing papers of Campbell & Sabin. A suitable reward will be paid by leaving it at this office.

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

—Harvesters can find the best glove made by calling for Lippitt, Leak & Co.’s genuine California buckskin.

—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” Sulkies at Holliday Bros.’

—Campbell & Sabin make loans on FINAL PROOF. 26

—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.

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

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

—Raw and boiled Lined Oil at Odegard & Thompson’s.

—A few Baby Carriages for sale at Whidden Bros.’

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

—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.

—Holliday 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.

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Cutting, threshing and delivering grain; from three hundred to one thousand acres. For particulars apply or address, B. HAGAMAN, Wheatland, D. T.

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Celebrated Fargo Flour.

A car load just received at Odegard & Thompson’s.

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