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LOCAL LACONICS.

—The Palace opened up to-day.

—Work on the elevator is progressing.

—Dr. Newell has a new stable and now "boards" his nag at home.

—You can find a full stock of those California Buck Gloves at Whidden Bros.

—Mr. Mark Sutherland left Wednesday last, for a brief absence on business at Chicago.

—Miss Thora Odegard left for Fargo Wednesday, where she goes to keep books for her brother, J. T. Odegard.

—Byron Andrus, Esq., Sundayed and Mondayed in Fargo, and was glad to return to the scenes of his adopted home.

—Mr. H. J. Curtiss, the affable agent of the Northern Pacific at Sanborn, was in the metropolis of Griggs on Monday.

—W. S. Christian, deputy register of deeds for Steele county, is in town for the purpose of copying deeds and mortgages.

—The store windows of Nelson & Langlie have been "ragged out" in true metropolitan style, and are quite attractive.

—The boarding cars on the railroad have moved two miles nearer town this week, and now stand opposite Mr. Benson's place, on section twenty-two.

—H. H. Windsor's official Northern Pacific Time Card and Land Seekers' Guide for August is at hand. It's a beauty and 10,000 strong this month.

—Mr. J. H. Van Voorhis, of 146-60, has demonstrated the success with which turnips can be raised over his way by marketing a fine lot of that cruciferous vegetable.

—By his card it will be noticed that Joseph Hoggarth has established a new industry in our place. Farmers wanting wagon or woodwork done should not fail to give him a call.

—As we go to press that very worthy young man, Mr. Christian Nelson, lies at the point of death with inflamatory rheumatism of the heart, and with chances for recovery against him.

—Mr. Peter Fiero, the bonanza producer of No. 1 Hard of southwestern Griggs, was in the county capital Tuesday after additional machinery to gather in his immense crop.

—N. L. Lenham, vice-president of the S., C. & T. M. R. R. and general manager of the L. E. & L. Co., was in town yesterday and to-day, smiling quietly upon the thrift of our place.

—Correctly remarks the Oriska Benefit: Dakota lands will never be cheaper, but they will be better, than they are to-day, and those whe wait for the re-action to set in will find that their "name is mud."

—Young ducks are getting big enough for shooting, and prairie chickeas are ripe enough to eat. Our disciples of the great and mighty Nimrod have been putting in good time since yesterday morning.

—D. T. Wilson is getting out a business directory chart of Cooperstown, and he reports a lively display of public spiritedness on the part of our citizens. One well acquainted here couldn't expect anything else.

—The Jamestown Capital refers to generous-hearted R. C. Cooper as the "father of Cooperstown." Correctly dubbed, Bro. Burke, but you might as well include Griggs county and several adjoining townships in the term.

—Notwithstanding that this is a season of the year when we expect but little trade, the sales of one Cooperstown general dealer amounted to $1,150 last week. A trifle less than $200 a day is not so bad for the dullest month of the year.

—Teller Ed. Siegfried, of the Barnes Co. Bank, left for Sanborn Wednesday, his services as a "sub" cashier being placed below par by return of the original article. Mr. S. made numerous friends during his brief sojourn here.

—A card signed by numerous of our best citizens has been handed us for publication. It denotes a good move and reads: "All persons interested in the organization of a literary society in Cooperstown, are requested to meet at the Courier office on Saturday evening at half past eight.

—It is not generally known, but it is nevertheless a fact, that H. J. Curtiss, Northern Pacific agent at Sanborn, can ticket passengers to any point in the United States, at the very lowest rates, too. Consult him before buoing your coupon tickets.

—Try a pound of Fancy Cakes. You can buy them from Whidden Bros.

—Mr. Allen Breed, Esq., was over from Hope Tuesday communing with his friends on this side of the raging Sheyenne. We have heard it said that Mr. Breed has the best garden in Steele county, and that his wheat is surely good for from 22 to 25 bushels per acre.

—Mr. Geo. W. Barnard feels as big as a summer garden full of ripe watermelons while Mrs. Barnard is unusually happy, and the fountain of all this joy is a nine-pound piece of femininity that arrived on Monday afternoon. Congratulations and a fresh supply of kerosene oil are in order.

—J. F. Holliday, one of Cooperstown's energetic machinery dealers, returned on Monday from a ten days siege of work at Sanborn, where his firm are doing a rushing business. They have sold seventy-five self-binders this season, to say nothing of the hordes of other implements.

—Miss Caro Smith, who is spending her initial summer in Dakota with her uncle on the great Cooper farm, is delighted with the climate and upon her return to Wisconsin will have naught but peans of praise to sing of this fair haven. We shall look for a large delegation from Delavan next summer.

—The latest new enterprise in town is announced by cards that read thusly: "Pioneer Laundry, Cooperstown, Dak., Mrs. J. C. Yancey, Proprietress. All work left at the house, on Roberts Avenue, or at Cash's barber shop will receive prompt attention. A trial solicited and satisfaction guaranteed."

☞School books at Odegard & Thompson's.

—The up-and-doing citizens of Wheatland school township (No. 11) are preparing to erect seven temples of learning at accessible points this fall, to cost a total sum of $8,500. Mr. Chas. Nelson and S. B. Merriman are on the board for that town, which ensures a public spirited, but careful expenditure of school money.

—Messrs. Whidden Bros., the ever energetic, drive-ahead Lenham Avenue merchants are out with their mid-summer announcement this week, which can be read by refering to another page. This extensive institution is becoming exceedingly popular with the public, who find that they always back up what they say or advertise.

—Mayville Tribune: Mr. C. I. Croft, from Cooperstown, Dakota, who was recently appointed postal clerk on the Breckenridge and Mayville route, to take the place of J. H. Hutchins, resigned, took his first run over the road on Monday last, much to the delight of Major Manning, who has been doing the work of two men for the past six weeks.

—Mr. and Mrs. M. Zimmerman with their two bright little daughters have arrived "bag and baggage" from Pennsylvania and will at once proceed to open a young bonanza farm just south, and within sight of Cooperstown. Mrs. Zimmerman is a sister to Jack Brown, and her family lend strength to the already splendid society of that neighborhood, while the little girls will bloom into genuine Dakota belles.

—Arrival of the sporting season has inaugurated a lively campaign in the gun and ammunition line, and our genial deaiers, Stevens & Enger, smile complacently. On Tuesday evening they sold four of those model English breech loading, double-barrelled shot guns; one each to Messrs. Iver Jacobson, J. N. Jorgensen, Klaus Jackson and Harvey Yeaton. They all sallied forth next day and the poor chickens, no longer protected by the strong arm of the law, had to suffer.

—The elevator is in course of construction. By buying a pair of those nobby boots at Whidden Bros. you can elevate yourself.

—That staunch journal friend of Dakota, the Northwest, published in New York City by E. V. Smalley, has these remarks to make of Cooperstown: "The track on the Sanborn, Cooperstown & Turtle Mountain Railway has reached Cooperstown. That enterprising North Dakota town, started nearly a year in advance of railroad communication, has had a season of rejoicing over the event, and has taken a fresh start as the county seat and chief trading point of Griggs county, a county containing hardly any land not fit for immediate and profitable cultivation. Cooperstown has a bright future before it."

—The Cincinnati Gazette, a paper notorious for its strenuous kicking against Dakota's popularity, "owns up the corn" nicely in the following item: "There have been some rumors out of a comparative failure of crops on the line of the Northern Pacific railroad. They are all wrong, however. The season is late, but the crops are splendid; and the farmers regard the handsome turn out after unfavorable weather as the best assurance they have had of the constant and permanent productiveness of the country. Northern Pacific wheat with short straw, but heads six inches long, will be on display at the Cincinnati Exposition."

—On Tuesday our young townsman, H. G. Pickett, returned from his four weeks' visit to the scenes of his childhood in Wisconsin. As was expected by his friends a blooming bride accompanied him, and the Courier arises to repeat the hearty congratulations it rather "previously" bestowed upon the happy pair. If there is one fellow in the whole community that deserves more than any other the happy destiny of a benedict it is Harry. Mrs. Pickett will, no doubt, upon acquaintance become as dear to this place as her affable other half. They are receiving at the upper parlors of the Palace and their cards read thusly: "Vinnie V. Stone, H. G. Pickett; married August Ninth, Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin, 1883. At Home, Cooperstown, D. T." May the sunshine that has dawned upon their souls never lose its brilliancy.

—A few months ago the Courier had occasion to speak of Meadow Brook Farm, the model plantation of Dakota, and a stroll we had over the place a few days since prompts further reference to it. We have always maintained that there is nothing in the line of farm or garden products but that will thrive amazingly on Griggs county soil, and in Jack N. Brown's garden we find a firm "clincher" for this assertion. Mr. Brown's "patch" covers two acres of ground, and notwithstanding this has been a dry season we there found growing in abundance peas, beans, radishes, lettuce, beets, turnips, ruta bagas, squash, pumpkins, cucumbers, melons, cabbage, green corn, salsify, and several kinds of "truck" we can't pronounce. Let one look upon that garden, with its almost complete, thrifty representation of the vegetable kingdom and he must admit that the resources of our soil are as numerous as they are inexhaustable, and all one has to do is to put seed in the ground, then stand aside and let a fountain of food spring up at his feet.

—The temperance meeting last Sabbath evening was largely attended, the hall being well filled. The exercises consisted of singing by the congregation, a splendid quartet by Messrs. Holmes, Phillippee, Sabin and Clough, recitations by Miss Rankin, Edith Brown, Master Newbury, a selection by Jas. Walker, and the remarks by David Bartlett, Esq. Mr. Bartlett spoke from a rational standpoint and advanced views not quite in harmony if not in contrast with any that have heretofore been forwarded as to the best modes of proceedire in the great cause of sobriety. While not reaching his accustomed height of ardor, Mr. Bartlett spoke with a force that interested, if the close attention accorded him is any criterion, maintaining that prohibition was not only unjust, but impracticable; he urged high license and legislation against impure liquors, and advocated the adoption of a thorough system of temperance education in our schools and at our firesides; he thought the temperance people by being politic and less unreasonable could accomplish more, and didn't believe in the high-pressure notion of insisting that things must be thus and so or not at all. His arguments were well sustained, and while they must have proved quite a thunderbolt to some, they were equally acceptable and refreshing to all conservative temperance people.

The Valley.

Red, green and yellow.

Red raspberries, (quantities.)

Green meadows, hill sides and forests, and yellow grain.

The postoffice should be improved.

Ole E. Udgard has gone on a visit to Minnesota.

Who ever saw anything like the improvement of growing crops within the last three or four weeks.

Mardell has four mails every week: Portland, Tower City, Valley City and Sanborn.

T. J. Foster, Laporte, Ind., W. A. Martin, ditto, and E. N. Curl, Des Moines, Iowa, registersd at the Park Hotel Saturday night.

Jorgensen and Enger, also Peter A. Nelson, have been over from Cooperstown recently and "taken in" raspberries at the Park Avenue Hotel. We look for them again, when the prairie chickens will doubtless be taken in.

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Difference of Opinion.

EDITOR COURIER:—I beg a little space of you this morning to make a few remarks upon the temperance question as presented last Sunday evening. Our speaker made some good points, and his remarks bore evidence of a thorough investigation of his subject. No doubt he fully believes what he holds—as I believe him to be an honest gentleman—however I do not agree with him altogether, but to disagree with a person is not to hold disagreeable feelings toward them by any means in my belief, so these are simply friendly comments and nothing more. To be sure all workers and friends of the temperance cause are not satisfied with what has been done in the way of progress, but to say that nothing, or next to nothing has been accomplished, seems rather unjust. Since the progress of our enemy has been made in the very face of such determined and earnest opposition, who will deny that the advance would have been much more rapid and fearful without this restraint to hold it in check? The fact carries its own proof, for it is a fact fully demonstrated that without the restraining influeuce of good, iniquity abounds much more and gathers speed in proportion to the absence of restraint It surely cannot be gainsaid that the efforts made in behalf of temperance have accomplished some good, unsatisfactory as it may be, not denying there may have been a better way to proceed, but in all reforms it has been fully proven that we must "creep before we walk," learning to walk by taking many a tumble, and then learn to go around the things that trip us. This is the history of all reforms. They are never effected at once nor without many false moves, but are not the false moves as useful, nay, necessary as the right ones? Since it is by experience that blind humanity must learn their lessons. However, the speaker finally acknowledged that we could not tell what the present condition might be had not this opposing influence been exercised during the last half century. I fully agree with him that the proper end of this question is to begin with the youth, which phase of the work is receiving more attention and prominency of late than has previously been the case; but since this work in the rear must necessarily be of slow progress; in the meantime would it not be wise and prudent as well as good policy to assail the front ranks doing what is possible, and though it be ever so small still it is sometning and we are the better off for the effort made. It may be that high licence is the stepping stone by which we may reach prohibition. But our speaker after making all liquors pure—which is decidedly common sense, for if we must have liquors let's have it pure and less demoralizing—and placing the license so high that a man of moderate means could dot indulge long without becoming bankrupt, left us there without suggesting any means of getting rid of it, and I doubt very much if it would be gotten rid of, since it would be wholly in the hands of the wealthy who could afford it, who are also powerful combatants and would stamp it with respectability by making it fashionable as well as possessing the additional enticement of being pure, of which it was stated a man could take a good deal of and not be injured; and so it seems to me with this state of affairs in existence it would simply make it aristocratic and make another opportunity of exhibiting the selfishness of human nature by "robbing the poor man of his beer." Of course we all recognize the rights of our fellow-beings, but if we should see a man with a cup of poison pressed to his lips in the act of swallowing it who would deny the right of a brother to hurl it from him; is it not his duty to make an effort to save him, notwithstanding his perfect right to swallow it if he chooses? This is a parallel case. With these differences in the case cited, the man would die at once or within a few hours at most; his death would only harm himself is in fact an individual case, while in the case of a drunkard though death is just as certain, unfortuuately—I say it sincerely—it is much more prolonged, and not only effects himself but casts a curse over scores of others, leaving behind him such a wretched train of misery as to prove that the world would have been much better off if he had never entered it. We can easily see that the latter is far the more aggravated case, and reason would say demands stronger and more earnest effort to rescue such. Now are we going to succeed in saving them by telling such that they have a perfect right to kill themselves if they wish to, and emphasizing that right until they feel that it is not only their privilege but it is right to use it. There is one right that rises higher than all others; the divine right of doing good, and when this right is used it cannot interfere with the welfare of the one whom it effects, hence there can be no harm done. We will admit that there can be an improper use made of all privileges; but we'd better err in doing good than to stand idly not trying. We can't shrink our duty by putting the responsibility on others. Our creed says "Do unto others as you would have others do unto you." Pardon me if I have encroached too much upon your space. CHARITY.

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.

☞A full line of Dry Goods just opened at Whidden Bros.'

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

☞Casady Sulkies at Holliday Bros.

☞A car load of Valley City Flour just received and for sale low at Whidden Bros.'

CARD.

Park Ave. Hotel, Mardell, is a neat and commodious two-story house; complete and furnished luxuriously; is one of the best kept hotels in the Territory, is home-like and strictly first-class in veery particular, capable of accommodating fifty guests. Situated in the picturesque valley of the Sheyenne, amidst forest and hill, in a climate where summers are absolutely perfect and where tourists can find rest and recreation, with boating, fishing, hunting of every kind of game known to the Northwest, berry and plum picking. Easy of access by two railroads it is destined to become a favorite resort.

Terms of the House as low as any of like accommodations. Farmer's rates made to suit.

MARTIN ROBINSON, Prop.

☞Come and examine the new stock of Hats & Caps at Whidden Bros.'

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

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

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☞Campbell & Sabin make loans on FINAL PROOF. 26

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

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

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

☞Raw and boiled Linseed Oil at at Odegard & Thompson's.

☞A few Baby Carriages for sale at Whidden Bros.'

☞Anything in the line of Farm Mahinery 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.

☞Money to loan on chattels by Jacobson & Serumgard. 15

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.

Celebrated Fargo Flour.

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

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Shop. All work promptly executed. A call solicited.
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