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LOCAL LACONICS.

—Harvesting is well under way.
—Plenty extra copies of the Courier at this office.
—Cooperstown will have a large and handsome depot.
—The town has been quite animated with strangers this week.
—Don't forget the literary meeting at school hall next Wednesday evening.
—For harvesting purposes this weather can justly be labeled "Unexcelled."
—Capt. Robinson and Mr. Murray, a guest of his house from Minnesota, were in the Hub Tuesday.
—Mrs. J. N. Jorgensen and little son departed for a visit among friends and relatives at Fargo, on Wednesday.
—The frame of the elevator is up and the roof on. It is seventy-five feet high, and shows off in an imposing style.
—Upon his retirement from management of the restaurant Mr. Merrill "set 'em up" to the boys and made them happy.
—Before purchasing call and price the Pork, Beef, Hams and Bacon just received in large quantities at Whidden Bros.
—The locomotive is in plain sight of Cooperstown and its long delayed advent into the city can be expected any day now.
—Allen Breed, of Hope, accompanied by his sister, Miss Alma Breed, of Medina, N. Y., spent a day or so in the Hub this week.
—J. S. Ricketts and J. B. Weatherbee, of Sanborn, drove up from that prosperous burg Monday and luxuriated at the Palace for a day or so.
—Geo. B. Clark has been suffering with severely sore tonsils. We understand there has been considerable complaint of this order for a week or so.
—As will be seen by reference to their advertisement, F. C. Holmes is now connected as a partner with Messrs. Campbell & Sabin, the live land men.
—One case Ladies' Felt and Straw Hats, Turbans, etc., trimmed ready for wearing just opened at Whidden Bros.
—Geo. L. Lenham and J. Murray Burrell, a large percentage of Sanborn's backbone, rested comfortably at the Palace Monday night and returned to their duties greatly refreshed the next morning.
—Jas. Rankin shouts for joy, as he reflects upon the importance of being a pa. The little fellow has no teeth, arrived Wednesday, and announces his intention to stay. Mrs. Rankin doing well.
—Mr. Knud Thompson has concluded to add to the beauty of our town by the erection of a nice residence in block 39. It will be a two story edifice, 26x30, finished after the best style of Muir & Christie, who have the contract.
—The Devil's Lake Pioneer Press gets this off on the poor chicken, or the hunter: Prairie chickens don't mind being shot, but their dying agony must be awful when they think of the yams that are going to be told about them.
—H. P. Merrill has sold his restaurant and property to Wm. Lenham, better known here as "Uncle Bill." Mr. Lenham took possession yesterday morning and will continue the business, while Mr. Merrill will return to his family in Canada.
—Go to Nelson & Langlie's for your harvest supplies and get good fresh goods at the lowest bottom prices.
—A solid affair is what the big elevator will be. People who have never seen a round elevator in course of construction will feel well repaid for several miles travel by examining the principle upon which they are erected. Cooperstown will have just cause to "strut" considerably over her huge granary.
—The Villard and "Uncle Rufus" Hatch excursion parties that passed over the N. P. toward the setting sun this week, created a furore along the line. Live lords, and foreign big-guns too numerous to mention was a sight all wanted to see. The whole party was charmed to a person with Dakota's broad acres and waving grain.
—Buy the California Buck Glove, manufactured by Lippitt, Leak & Co., at Whidden Bros.

—That the man who said fruit will not thrive in North Dakota lied is evidenced by the following item from the Tower City Herald: "Mrs. E. S. Humphrey, has presented the Herald with a fine collection of apples, grown on trees on her residence lots in this village. The apples are large, of delicious flavor, and speak volumes for the garden land of North Dakota."

—The Hope Pioneer flings this after Mr. Christian, who has already become quite well known in the Hub: Deputy Register of Deeds Christian has gone to Cooperstown to copy that portion of the records of Steele county which was formerly a portion of Griggs. We commend Mr. Chiuissian to the tender mercies of Brother Stair, of the Courier, during his sojourn in the land of the Coopers.

—Those famous California Buck Gloves can be found at Odegard & Thompson's. Harvesters don't forget it.
—A certain class of tenderfeet who visit this region try to vie with their superiors of the eastern press in monumental lying. The following extract from a postal mailed at Bismarck, while the orthography is not perfect, yet it gives promise of rare attainments in the lying line: "I saw with my own eye A dog with out a Hare onn itt And was Tole bi A Mann that I no to Be Al Rite that the dogs hare was Al blode off By a Siclone Or a blizerd, as tha call Them here it betes Hel desont It Willham."

—A severe storm of rain and hail passed over this section early last Sunday morning, but the accounts that have gone out concerning it are stupendously exaggerated and false. The Pioneer Press states that in the Sheyenne Valley south of Devil's Lake the damage to crops amounted to at least \$50,000. The facts of the case as near as we can learn are that the total damage to crops in the district mentioned won't figure up to \$1. At Larimore crops are said to have really suffered from the storm to quite an extent, but the Sheyenne Valley was unharmed.

—General manager C. A. Roberts, of the S. C. & T. M. Railway has been stopping at the Palace several days this week and directing matters concerning the immediate completion of the track to this place. It is Mr. Roberts' first "stay" in the place and to say that he is eminently pleased with Cooperstown in general, and its hotel accommodations in particular would be drawing it mild. As proprietor of the Fargo Roller Mills, manager of the S. C. & T. M. R. R., member of the Cooper Townsite Co., director of the National Park Improvement Co., etc., etc., the indomitable "C. A." does not find time dragging on his hands.

—The farmers of Griggs county are now in the midst of a harvest that indeed is proving gloriously bountiful. Oats and barley are nearly half cut and some are already in their wheat. About thirty self-binders were put in motion on the Cooper farm yesterday, and they will be kept on the move until the entire patch of 7,000 acres of grain is secured. The promises of the past few weeks are being verified by a large yield of plump, hard berries. Farmers by exercising great care to properly secure and stack their grain are almost certain of a good price. By careless handling the grade of wheat can easily be dropped from No. 1 Hard to No. 1, and there is eight cents difference in the price, and five cents between No. 1 and No. 2. If care will secure an addition of 8 to 13 cents per bushel, it certainly pays to stack the grain and spare no means of retaining the high grade.

—Best 5 cent smoke; the "Nestor" at Odegard & Thompson's.
—In response to the call for a meeting to organize a literary society a goodly number of representative citizens assembled at the Courier sanctum last Saturday evening and made good headway. A temporary organization was effected by making David Bartlett chairman and F. C. Holmes secretary, when the work of adopting a constitution and by-laws was undertaken. No name for the society was chosen and the regular officers will not be elected until the first Wednesday in September, when it is expected the society will be as flourishing as a palm tree. An informal meeting will be held at the school house next Wednesday evening, and it is expected that an entertaining program will await the public, who are cordially invited to be there at 7:30 sharp. This is an organization that promises to result beneficially in more ways than one to our thrifty place, and we trust our people will be prompt and hearty in their recognition of its worth. It is a correct move in the right direction which promises to develop much latent ability that perchance sleepeth in our midst.

Our First Bereavement.

Christian G. Nelson, the young man spoken of last week as being at the point of death, did not rally and his life passed quietly away Friday afternoon. It is the first time the black horse death has rode into Cooperstown to claim a rider, and the event caused the deepest of sorrow. Mr. Nelson was a quiet, exemplary young man 21 years and six months old, and the indirect cause of his early demise was a severe cold he took from being exposed to a storm one night while on his claim.

His two brothers, Samuel and Peter, attended him faithfully during his brief illness, but 'twas of no avail. His remains were accompanied by his brothers to their old home, Decorah, Iowa, where a father and sister reside, and where the services were held.

A Canine Controversy.

Cooperstown, it is well known, lacks none of the features that would indicate a populous, bustling place, therefore it is not strange that she has had a hotly contested dog case. There is something connected with dog cases that has given them the reputation of being particularly unsavory and this is no exception. On Sunday last S. E. Mills' dog came to his house with a charge of shot in his body, and after a little detective work Dave Wilcox, James Hills and Perry Griffith were arrested for shooting the canine. Judge Mills of Valley City prosecuted the case against Mr. Wilcox on Tuesday, while Messrs. Holmes and Bartlett defended him. There was considerable warmth and interest in fair; especially was there much comment on Justice Glass' rulings. It seems seven young men on a frolic bent, passed near Mills' shanty Sunday and that Wilcox fired a gun twice, and it was charged he injured the dog. However the seven men swore positively that the dog was out of gun shot when Wilcox was shooting, while two men swore that they knew he did not injure the dog, while no evidence was offered that he did, other than circumstantial.

The queerest part of the case was Cadi Glass' decision, which was stated substantially to the effect that he believed by facts shown that the dog was out of gunshot when Wilcox was firing; that were he a final magistrate he would not find evidence to convict the prisoner, but as it was he felt it his duty to bind him over to the district court. If to pronounce a man innocent in one breath and deal with him as guilty in the next is justice, we wish to be delivered from it. We do not sympathize with the prisoners in this case, but we do dislike to see unnecessary cost made the county, and that, too, when the examining justice is fully satisfied that a defendant is innocent, according to evidence adduced. There has been much talk over this case and excitement still runs quite high. That some one shot the dog is evident, and the Courier trusts that the guilt may be fastened upon the right party, and he made to feel the rigor of the law.

Proceedings County Commissioners.

Met August 20th, 1883, at 2 p. m. having been adjourned from day to day since July 17, 1883.

Present—Rollin C. Cooper and N. C. Rukke.

Rollin C. Cooper in the chair.
Resolved, That the county superintendent be authorized to apportion equitably to the several districts that have held school prior to Dec. 31, 1883 so much of the county general tuition fund as may be necessary to pay teachers salaries for six months.

Ordered that the county superintendent be authorized to procure record books, school registers and blank forms for the use of school township officers throughout the county, cost not to exceed \$150; to be paid out of the county general tuition fund.

Ordered that the county superintendent's salary be fixed at \$300 per year.

Ordered that the first year's salary of the county superintendent be borrowed from the county general tuition fund until such time as there may be a sufficient amount of money in the county general fund to pay said salary. On motion ordered that bill of Ezra W. McCrea, for assessing, \$471, be approved.

Adjourned to meet August 21, 1883, at 2 p. m.
ROLLIN C. COOPER, Chairman.
HERBERT P. SMART, Clerk.

—Machine oils of all kinds at Nelson & Langlie's.

—It will surprise the smoking community to smoke that "University" at Odegard & Thompson's.

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

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

—In stock and to arrive, two car loads Ground Feed for sale low at Whidden Bros.

—Kerosene and Machine oil for sale at Whidden Bros.

—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 Holiday Bros.

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

—"Casady" Sulkys at Holiday Bros.

—Campbell & Sabin make loans on FINAL PROOF.

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

THE COMING CITY

Of the Northwest, as Seen by Other Eyes.

D. T. Wilson's Business Chart gives Cooperstown a Well Deserved Puff.

Mr. D. T. Wilson's business chart of Cooperstown has been delivered this week, and is a very tasty affair. The article of the directory alluding to the growth of Cooperstown is to the point and reads thusly:

'Tis but a short 10 months ago since the foundation of what is now the charming city of Cooperstown was laid. A substantial, abiding foundation; something able to cope with, and defy the storms of winter, something able to clear the path of all obstacles, of whatever nature, the pluck of one man. He could look over the plains as far as his eye would carry him; over the present site of our city, and see nothing artificial. How it appeared to him we never can know. The old prairie, covered with the same abundant growth of grass and flowers, as we now see in our rides through the country. One vast sea, interminable and unlimited, fanned by the breezes from the purest depths of air, kissed and bathed by the light of the same old sun, which shines for the emigrant as well as the king. Such was the prairie, grand and great as it appeared to the first settler. His settlement was of course soon followed by others. The spirit of the first settlers of Cooperstown and in fact of all of the northern part of Dakota was such that the greatest benefits that could be brought to any city are now being reaped by the inhabitants of our city. It is not proposed in this article to give a full and complete list of the pioneers, in fact we might almost say "charter members." There were so many obstacles to communication that it was a difficult matter to decide who was the actual pioneer of this part of the county, and it is a source of some good natured rivalry who was the first. It is no wonder that it is so. Take a look at the result of the indomitable perseverance which was manifested by men, who, coming it may be from comfortable and pleasant homes in our thickly populated cities, "drove their stakes" and stayed, knowing full well that with a year or two of hard work and a continued long strong pull together, a town and settlement of some importance could be reared.

Cooperstown, the subject of this article, is the county seat of Griggs county, and the geographical centre of the same.

The soil of Griggs county is truly wonderful—a heavy black loam with clay subsoil. It is of the same nature as the wheat fields of Russia, from which for the last seventy-five years heavy crops of wheat have been taken. How can the prospects of any town be brighter than that of Cooperstown? Take the class of men that are here, the spirit they infuse into everything they put their hands to, and right here it is in order to mention the magnificent quality of an unusually large crop of wheat waiting in the fields to be cut and an abundant crop of all other grain, and everything that could tend in any way to push forward the city of Cooperstown has been forced upon it.

There are now in Cooperstown three general merchandise stores, a hardware store, a fine drug store, three restaurants, a meat market three saloons, etc. There is a fine bank, in a beautiful edifice of its own, a large and well stocked lumber yard, a palatial hotel, besides a large number of residences. The proprietors of the stores are men of thrift and enterprise, and keep a fine and well selected stock of goods. They have the true spirit, building up a trade not just for the present but for the future, by giving honest weight and measure, and in fact being honest with their customers.

For "necessary evils" Cooperstown has three lawyers, and two doctors. The climate of the surrounding country is not, however, very favorable to doctors.

There are a large number of land agents, who are doing a thriving business. A stranger would be safe in the hand of any one of them. They are an honest and intelligent class of men and surely are a great benefit to this growing town. Parties desiring information of them can be sure of receiving truth in answer to all inquiries.

The newspaper of the county—that is the leading one—is edited and published by E. D. Stair, Esq., a gentleman thoroughly conversant with the art of printing, and withal a most enterprising young man—truly a man for the Northwest. He occupies a very neat and tasty building on one of the principal streets, and a call upon him will it is safe to say, be very agreeable and pleasant to the traveller. The Cooperstown Courier is the title of his paper, which finds its way to the farthest of foreign shores. It gives the news of the county in general, full information as regards Dakota and the great Northwest.

On the main street there stands a building known all over the country as the "Palace." It is the leading hotel of Cooperstown, and surely you cannot find anywhere the equal of it in North Dakota. The cost of the building was \$21,000.00. It is a model of architecture and is both within and without, a "study in symmetry and grace." Furnished at a cost of over \$6,000, which figure itself shows the lavish hand of the proprietors. In addition to a fine hotel, they have just the gentleman to fill the position of landlord. Mr. H. C. Fitch Esq., a gentleman from the east, of sterling qualities as a man both in a business and social point of view. People going to Cooperstown will find the landlord and his house the finest working team in

North Dakota. The Palace was built under the hand and guidance of Mr. C. C. Phillippee of Des Moines, Iowa, a gentleman of about fifty years of age, whose experience is of the very best quality, since he has been through the practical part of the trade, and so of course can engineer the building of the finest structures. He is a gentleman of fine tastes and Cooperstown ought surely to congratulate herself on having him remain there.

The Lenham Lumber and Elevator Company, (incorporated) capital \$500,000.00 are putting up an immense round elevator the capacity of which will be fifty thousand bushels, which is another sign of the great growth of the city.

An article relating to Cooperstown without a mention of the gentleman from whom it takes its name would be an insult to North Dakota. Mr. R. C. Cooper, a native of Michigan, a gentleman still in the prime of life, who before coming to Cooperstown lived in Colorado and other parts of the west, came to Griggs county about three years ago, and purchased very largely of land—probably about 35,000 acres. His farm and buildings are kept in first class shape. A finer man than Mr. R. C. Cooper never drew breath. A man of genial countenance, of easy and winning ways—a noble, upright and generous man.

Society in Cooperstown is of the very best, and heads of families can rest assured that their children will have proper companions. The schools are of the very best. Cooperstown has the finest school house in Dakota, erected by the symmetrical architect C. C. Phillippee. A quiet, undemonstrative, energetic and industrious people in conjunction with the purest air, and also the most wide awake backers, goes to make Cooperstown the most flourishing town in North Dakota.

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

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

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

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

CARD.

Park Ave. Hotel, Martell, is a neat and commodious two-story house; complete and furnished luxuriously; is one of the best kept hotels in the Territory, is homelike and strictly first-class in every 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.

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