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### LOCAL LAONICS.

A new floor has been laid in the dry goods emporium of Nelson & Langlie, this week.

Attorney Jacobson has been absent on "courting" business at Valley City this week.

Wild plums are a ruined commodity this year, and all owing to that untimely little frost.

The wheat season has opened at Odell, and three to five car loads are bought per day now.

The Devil's Lake papers in imitation of the Fargo dailies have each other by the horns. Bad policy.

A life insurance fiend by the name of Mc Cord, "worked" the town this week with ordinary success.

Mr. C. C. Phillippee has the contract for erecting a neat residence for Mr. R. C. Brophy, on Rollin Avenue.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Barnard suffered a three-weeks' siege of serious illness, but is now out of danger.

Miss Nelson, a dressmaker from Minneapolis, was in town Wednesday looking for a room to start in business here.

F. A. Sabin and Supt. T. C. Fernald, of the S. C. & T. M. railway, went up to Red Willow for a big hunt last Wednesday.

Sheriff Johnson is all smiles now-a-days, having taken into his custody a tiny prisoner that will insist on wearing curls and dresses.

It is reported that E. C. Dean, Washington capitalist, will plat a town about nine miles south of Cooperstown, and on Bald Hill creek.

Maynard Crane, the bustling local manager of the Lenham Elevator & Lumber Co., spent last Sunday in the frisky city of St. Paul.

Campbell, Sabin & Co. have a new triple column address in this issue. Of course every reader will peruse it, because it's right in their way.

Peter Fiero, the bonanza farmer of Southwestern Griggs, is shipping a car load of wheat per day, taking it direct from the thrasher to the track.

A party of four couple excursioned to the Park Avenue Hotel, Mardell, Monday evening, and partook of a repast such as has made that place so popular.

Messrs. Husel & Bathey started their new Minnesota Chief threshing machine Tuesday, on Mr. Barnard's place. The yield and the machine both panned out well.

Odegard & Thompson have a new spring double dray and delivery wagon. "Knud" cuts a fine figure on the high seat and almost wishes he could drive the thing all the while.

Last Monday when Valley City and Hope were offering 83 and 84 cents for No. 1 Hard it was being unloaded in Cooperstown at 86 cents per bushel. Freight rates does it.

Messrs. Sifton & Co. opened up their threshing campaign at the place of Mr. Rankin on Monday. They will now pound out grain for the farmers without cessation until the season's crop is exhausted.

J. C. Parker, expert for the Northwestern Manufacturing Company, left for Winnepeg, Wednesday. He is said to be all wool and a yard wide when it comes to handling refractory threshing machines.

Mr. A. M. Pease, the harness dealer, don't believe in paying money out for rent, and will therefore proceed to build, within a few weeks, a suitable store and shop on the corner of Burrell avenue and Ninth street.

Mr. Rockwell had threshers at his place on section twelve Wednesday, and some of the generous toilers would not accept pay from the worthy gentleman, whose efforts in the moral work yard seem appreciated.

Messrs. Lenham, Eddy, Kiser, Ricketts and Enger went out gunning yesterday afternoon, and notwithstanding the severe storm brought in twenty-four chickens, all of which were bagged between 3 and 6 o'clock.

There is only two business places in Cooperstown not represented in the Courier columns. This simple fact alone indicates the character, intelligence and public spiritedness of those who hold our mercantile reins.

The Courier last week erred in mentioning Mr. Steek, of Bradford, Pa., as a real estate operator. Instead he occupies a very responsible position with the exchange bank of that city, one of the most solid institutions of the country.

According to the Capital, Jamestown has a postmaster who not only disregards the accommodations he owes the public, but who also displays a disposition for despotism. As Dana would say, "Turn the rascal out."

Wheat has had a downward tendency the past week, but even at 85 to 90 cents per bushel farmers can make money. How long the present "bearish" condition of the market will last is a conundrum the Courier admits it cannot solve.

Two of the four school houses to be erected in Wheatland township this fall have been contracted for by Mr. Jos. Hoggarth and the other two will bear the trade mark of Messrs. Muir & Christie. Sanborn contractors were in the race but didn't take a heat.

The depot being constructed at this point is not one of those barny, two-for-a-cent affairs. On the contrary it will be not only commodious but decidedly attractive in architectural appearance, as all the filigrees and ornaments needed will be used without stint in its erection.

The job of backsetting 60 acres, near town, can be secured by applying at the Courier office.

Messrs. Wamberg & Axhdahl have removed their general stock from Mardell to Hope, and the sequestered village on the Sheyenne is now without any mercantile establishment whatever. We understand that Capt. Robinson will be the forthcoming postmaster of the place.

Ten days more and the young man who has only three cents will not have to part with more than two-thirds of it to tell his distant sweetheart how well he is doing, or to write to the old man for more "spon." The new postage rate will prove a great blessing in more ways than one.

The Minneapolis & St. Louis railway has an adv. in this issue, setting forth the numerous real advantages of that line. Parties going east and south this winter will contribute comfort, elegance and speed to their journey by seeing that their tickets read over the famous Royal Route.

John N. Jorgensen couldn't stand being a widower any longer, and so on Saturday boarded the train for Fargo, where he went for the express purpose of breaking up Mrs. Jorgensen's visit and persuading her to come back at once. John was afraid of getting homesick with his wife away so long.

It is said that Mr. Dam, proprietor of the Sanborn House, delights the hotel constituency of that place by setting a first-class table and improving the tone of the hotel in every particular. Cooperstownites will be pleased to learn that they can now secure good accommodations when called that way.

It is to be regretted that W. S. Christian, who is here copying records for Steele county, will next week take his departure. During his six weeks' sojourn in this place Mr. Christian has placed himself on record as a gentleman of high principle and intelligence, and we dislike to part with him.

How could more suitable weather for garnering a grand crop of golden grain be granted by the powers that are? More perfect meteorological harmony cannot be conceived, and it would seem that the elements have joined issues with natural resources to make Dakota a personification of paradise.

The Fargo Argus is accused of being opposed to division. It is not a bad thing to be twitted about, and the Courier can't see wherein division would be of any great benefit to the masses at the present time, but where is would prove of great moment to a few dozen voracious politicians is discernible.

Vice-President Eddy, of Fargo's First National Bank, and wife; Geo. L. Lenham and wife, J. S. Ricketts and wife, and E. M. Kiser, all of Sanborn, and Mrs. C. Crane, of Florida, formed a pleasant party that arrived at the Palace Wednesday. They enjoyed the breezes of Griggs county's capital and its air of thrift until this morning, when they departed on the accommodation for points of lesser consequence.

Best Valley City Straight Flour \$3.25 and Salt only \$2.75 per bbl. at Nelson & Langlie's.

Hiram Williams left a bushel of potatoes at the Palace office a few days since that would make an easterner's eyes bulge with delight could they but gaze upon tubers of such large, symmetrical proportions and call them the production of their own soil. Nothing in the vegetable line but what will take first money if grown in Dakota dirt.

St. Clair (Mich.) Republican: A sheaf of wheat from the farm of Geo. W. Barnard, of Cooperstown, Dakota, is on exhibition at the postoffice and excites considerable interest on account of its weight and the plumpness of the berry. In spite of the drought in the early summer, Mr. Barnard expects that his entire crop will average from 25 to 30 bushels to the acre.

The elevator was opened up for the reception of grain yesterday, and the tally for its first day of business was 1,650 bushels. For a starter that is not so bad, but in the future it will be a poor day that 2500 bushels or more are not handled. The Courier predicts that the Lenham E. & L. Co. will handle 200,000 bushels of wheat at this place before the close of the season.

While returning home from Cooperstown last Saturday night with three companions, Sylvester Ness, who resides in 148-40, had the painful misfortune to break his leg. It was done by the breaking of the wagon reach, on which the four were sitting. Dr. Kerr being called the fracture was dressed with his usual skill. The patient is doing well and will be out again before the 1st of November.

Farmers from Nelson county have been numerous on our streets with loads of No. 1 Hard, this week. Seeing grangers from the Devil's Lake country marketing their grain here is rather more than even the most sanguine believer in Cooperstown's "drawing" powers expected. Farmers are not slow in learning where they can sell the grain in the dearest and purchase their merchandise in the cheapest market, and are fully as quick to adopt that market.

The monthly temperance meeting held at Institute Hall, Sunday evening, was largely attended. The exercises consisted of recitations by Miss Rankin Mrs. Carleton; rousing remarks by Mr. Rockwell; some good singing and some that wasn't so good. The keen interest manifested in these meetings evidences a very lively tee-total sentiment in our midst, notwithstanding the too frequent appearance of staggering men on the streets. Let the good work move on.

Allen Pinkerton came very near furnishing a threshing machine horror item Tuesday. He was adjusting the belt and had his legs through the spokes of the driver, being unaware that a light pressure of steam was on. All at once the engine started, and he would have been crushed into jelly between the wheel and boiler but for the very low head of steam fortunately on. As it was he got off with bruises that will lay him up but for a few days. Allen blesses his lucky star, and thinks the accident may be of value to him.

Through some sharp and assiduous work on the part of N. L. Lenham with the Northern Pacific officials the Elevator Company are enabled to pay as much for grain at this place as they do at Sanborn, or any of the N. P. towns. This means considerable for Cooperstown, as it will attract grain from points 50 miles north and northwest and from the very thresholds of Hope, where buyers will not be able to pay within two to four cents as much per bushel. The only drawback now is the incompleteness of the Sheyenne bridge.

Register Smart and Justice Glass are in Valley City attending court. They are prepared to answer the charge made against the Hope felons who stole Griggs' records last fall and cast such a stigma upon the county that her credit was injured to a great extent for over six months. It is trusted that when the case is called the district attorney will push the prosecution for all there is in it. A few years in the penitentiary might cool the crime committing ardor of those eight self-termed respectables, who feel they are privileged characters.

The literary meeting Wednesday evening passed off with a fair degree of interest, though the chief disputants on the negative of the debate were unavoidably absent necessitating some "raw" recruits to protect the tariff laws. The question to be debated next Wednesday evening is, "Resolved, That women are more extravagant than men." There will be some good merriment on this question which will be handled affirmatively by Mr. Jorgensen and Mrs. Whidden, and negatively by Mr. Jacobson and Mr. Newell. All invited to the meeting.

### Dakota Grows and Prospers.

Notwithstanding the blackmail which eastern papers are heaping upon Dakota, she continues to grow and prosper in a way truly marvelous and to produce No. 1 Hard by the millions of bushels. Eastern papers will defame Dakota, but when their children cry out for bread they anxiously turn towards her and enquire about the crop prospects. In return for this treatment what does she bestow? When they ask for bread instead of giving them a stone she gives them a quality of wheat unequalled by any state or country on the globe. Dakota will produce wheat enough this year to furnish bread for over 4,000,000 of mouths, and whose heart does not render gratitude to the hardy pioneers who are developing a country of such vast capabilities? Dakota, with her millions of acres of broad wheat fields, with single grazing fields larger than the whole of some new England states, and her mountains of mineral wealth, combines within her borders more natural wealth than any other state or territory in the nation.

### Be Patient, Darling.

As the ticket agent at Mandan, Dakota, stood at his post one afternoon, sampling the various styles of breath that came at him thro' the small window a beautiful lady came up and asked for a ticket to Bismarck. He stamped it and laid it down, and the lady fumbled in her purse for the change. All at once she exclaimed in a petulant voice: "Darling, can't you be patient? What does my pet want?" The agent turned so red that his cheeks fairly blazed, and stammered out: "Madam—I—I—I—I assure you—that there is no hurry at all. Take your (ahem) time madam!" With a look that nearly froze his blood in his veins, and made him feel as if icicles were dangling all over his body, she replied: "Sir—r-r-r! I was speaking to my little girl," and peeping through the ticket window he saw a wee bit of cherub tugging at the lady's dress. When she had gone he sank down in a chair as pale as a corpse and told Conductor Richards if his family were better provided for he didn't want to live any longer.—Ex.

### Dakota vs. Michigan.

Some time since a fellow who could make a living in Dakota pulled up stakes and went to Michigan to get rich. This is what he writes to the Ovid Register after four weeks stay in the Wolverine state: "Mistur Editor,—I cum from Dakota four weeks ago to strike it in mich, and I guess I struck it I wore out six injun rubber overcoats since I been here. Mich has large crops of rain and ot to have six ditch commissioners to every section. If you aint got mud wholes Wo has there aint one of you fellows knos the Sun when you see it, you dont need much lieker for your never dry, nice kuntry for geese and Ducks, how are you going to get out of this without getting an Ark. When does the first Bote go down the Maple—how far is it to dry land?"

We can sympathize with the above correspondent, having enjoyed(?) many a hearty ague shake on the banks of the sluggish Maple. We rejoice in the fact, however, that we made the acquaintance of fair Dakota last.

### Notice to Teachers.

Notice is hereby given that the regular semi-annual examination of teachers in the public schools of Griggs county, will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 25th, 1883, beginning at 9 a. m., in the school house at Cooperstown.

Candidates must be over eighteen years of age and present satisfactory evidence of good character, if not known to the superintendent. The examination will be largely written and the answers written with pen and ink, for which material will be furnished.

Each candidate must pay one dollar before entering the examination and must show the required proficiency in the following branches, viz: Reading, Writing, Geography, Grammar, Arithmetic, Orthography, U. S. History. For third grade certificate U. S. History is omitted. THEO. F. KERR, County Superintendent of Schools.

Mr. Pickert, father of Pickerton, was in town admiring our substantial appearance, yesterday.

Boreas was out for a play spell last night, and in the exuberance of his good feeling toppled over Byron Andrus' sign, knocked the big chimney on Pinkerton & Shue's livery through the roof, and wound up with a few lesser pranks.

The occasional and provoking delays of the mail will be remedied from now on, as regular railway mail service begins to-day, and hereafter the public will have a perfect right to complain when matters go amiss. The railroad has been magnanimous enough to carry the mail free, pending the formal establishment of a daily route, and are entitled to gratitude.

Save oats and horseflesh by using the light draft Casaday Sulky Plow. It only costs ten dollars more than the old fashioned landside machines.

Do not pay old time war prices when you can buy anything you need cheaper at Nelson & Langlie's.

California Pears and Peaches at Whidden Bros.

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

Nine pounds standard Coffee A Sugar for \$1 and 8 lbs. good Coffee for \$1 at Nelson & Langlie's.

Now is the time to bone the "old man" for a new sewing machine. The "Household," White, "Davis" and Eldredge at Holliday Bros.

Everybody buys those juicy Lemons from Whidden Bros.

A new stock of Ladies' Trimmed hats, at Odegard & Thompson's.

Come and Examine the Wool Goods in great variety at Whidden Bros.

We will not be undersold in North Dakota. Lenham Elevator & Lumber Co.

A large lot Grain Sacks for sale low at Whidden Bros.

One case Ladies' Felt and Straw Hats, Turbans, etc., trimmed ready for wearing just opened at Whidden Bros.

Best 5 cent smoke; the "Nestor" at Odegard & Thompson's.

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

We are receiving lumber of every description daily. Lenham Elevator & Lumber Co.

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

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

Kerosene and Machine oil for sale at Whidden Bros.

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

Casady Sulkies at Holliday Bros.

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

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Campbell & Sabin make loans on FINAL PROOF.

Shoots for Sale. Apply to J. E. Mills, at his place on section 34, township 147, range 59.

For Ladies Only. A full assortment Wool Yarns, Saxony and Zephyrs, for sale at Whidden Bros.

The Cars Have Arrived, and Waiden Bros. are selling Salt a \$3 per bbl. Ground Feed \$20 to \$35, per ton, and all heavy goods at lower rates than formerly.

The Rushford. There is no better made wagon than the RUSHFORD. The Lenham E. & L. Co. handle the RUSHFORD. You can save 20 per cent. by paying cash for the RUSHFORD. You can not buy a better wagon; you are "liable" to get an inferior one. Call at the Lumber Yard and examine the RUSHFORD.

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