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### LOCAL LACONICS.

—Building operations are brisk.  
—Joe Buchheit is on his claim in Willow.  
—Mr. Brophy's residence is up and enclosed.  
—Oats have been bringing 30 to 35 cents this week.  
—About five carloads is now averaged per day at the elevator.  
—J. M. Burrell, banker, came up last night for a sniff of metropolitan air.  
—Fey Flannels and Groveland Suits for Ladies' wear at Whidden Bros.  
—John Ole is now dealing out sixteen ounces to the pound at Nelson & Langlie's.  
—Fred Sabin is back from a business trip to Jamestown and several other inconsequential places.  
—Saturday evening's accommodation brought twenty-nine guests for the Palace to entertain over Sunday.  
—Joseph Allen will remove from his fertile claim to Cooperstown, and he will build a cottage of his own.  
—Fall plowing is well advanced among the small farmers of the county, and the threshing season is at its zenith.  
—Ten or twelve young people from this place rusticated in Mardell and dined at the Park Avenue, Sunday.  
—The fronts on Nelson & Langlie's and Stevens & Enger's store have been beautified by a coat of fresh paint this week.  
—A neat new awning over the sidewalk at Whidden Bros.' emporium now protects goods on display from the bright autumnal sun.  
—Conductor McClaren's family have arrived, and that worthy performer of tickets will make Cooperstown his home in the future.  
—Notwithstanding that this is one of the glorious months of "R." the succulent bivalve has not appeared in Cooperstown as yet.  
—It is noticed that commercial men now make it a point to Sunday over in Cooperstown. The Palace is what bring 'em here so plentifully.  
—Efforts are being made to get a post-office established at Mr. Mateson's, on section 16, T. 147, R. 58, which is not far from the discontinued office of Lybeck.  
—Dr. Newell is now building an addition to his store for household purposes, and last week he had to put in more shelves to accommodate his increasing business.  
—Mrs. W. C. Jameson and children, of Willow, have been stopping at the Palace this week. Mr. Jameson will erect a house in Cooperstown for his winter residence.  
—In a saloon brawl Wednesday night a railroader with artistic inclinations portrayed an elaborate Italian sunset scene on the physiognomy of another railroader. No arrests.  
—Of all the threshers hereabouts we have seen but one propelled by horse power, and that confines its operations to the Valley, where it would be difficult for a steamer to get around.  
—Any discrepancies in the Courier this issue can be charged up to our threshing account. Garnering grain has had more attraction for us this week than the old story of running a paper.  
—S. A. Nelson, of the firm of Nelson & Langlie has gone east, which is a warning for everyone to look out for an immense stock of winter goods, which bought in a cheap market will be sold cheaper than usual.  
—Ladies' and Gents' Fine Shoes in great variety at Whidden Bros.  
—The cellar for Dr. Kerr's new residence is excavated and the structure will rise just as soon as the contractors can get at it. Work in the building line is pressing and one has to have his order in early to receive attention.  
—Call at Odegard & Thompson's for your winter supply of Flour and Pork.  
—It is now a good time to practice closing the door when you come in or go out. If it were not for fear of giving offense we would like to offer a similar suggestion regarding the mouths of some people when they get through talking.

—The No. 1 wheat produced in South Dakota brings from ten to fifteen cents per bushel less than the No 1 Hard of North Dakota, and oats down there are not selling for half the price obtained by the farmers hereabouts.

—Anderson & Erickson, who live on the north line of this county, are doing some splendid work with their "Eclipse" threshing machine, and are confining their field of operations to the Valley and the northern part of the county.

—Cooperstown has its railroad at last, and now Stair and the Courier will whoop 'er up. Shake, Stair, we congratulate you.—Tower City Herald. All right Bro. Cornell here's our "E", and may you see the Dakota & Great Southern an accomplished fact 'ere this time next year.

If you want Dry Goods, just see the stock at Whidden Bros.

—Farmers and town people will save money and possibly inconvenience to themselves by laying in their winter's supply of fuel now. Prices are almost certain to be considerable higher, and again the company at this place take orders at present prices and deliver at any time to suit purchasers.

—On Friday evening last Mrs. J. N. Brown entertained, in a manner characteristic of the well known hospitality of Meadow Brook Farm, a large company of young folks and others not so young. Music, song, games, social intercourse and the splendid repast served made it an enjoyable event, indeed.

—The uncertainty of weather in Michigan is tersely told by these lines from the Saline Observer: "The season of 1883 will be noted as a season of extremes. From May 12 to July 20 (seventy days) there fell twenty-six inches of water, and from July 20 to September 7 (forty-nine days) less than one-fourth of an inch."

—Chester Kingsley, late of the Hope House, has gone back to Minneapolis from whence he came. The Pioneer credits him with being a great boomer, but wherein the title is appropriate we cannot discern. Such unreasonable, incessant bragging as he was wont to utter can only result in disgusting the unfortunate listener.

—Messrs. Smart and Glass returned from Fargo and Valley City Sunday evening. They appeared before the grand jury in the case of Griggs county against the Hope mob who stole the records last fall, and were successful in having the eight originally charged with the crime together with an additional man, Douglass, indicted. The trial will probably occur at next term of court.

—While it cannot truthfully be said that the average yield of wheat in this vicinity is larger than last year's crop, it is a fact that it grades much higher. Hardly a load comes to town but that goes for No. 1 Hard. It might be remarked right here that Griggs county had an exceptionally large crop last season, the long continued wet weather that proved almost fatal to Red River Valley grain not affecting crops hereabouts a particle.

—As threshing continues it becomes more and more evident in all parts of Dakota that the yield has been underestimated by about fifteen per cent. It is now a foregone conclusion that the one million acres seeded in the territory last spring will yield an average of twenty bushels to the acre. This is the great failure heralded by the eastern papers in July, and we must say it is a decidedly satisfactory collapse of crops for all concerned.

—Wheat is firm here at 82 cents, and has an upward tendency. No. 1 Hard was held at \$1.06 in Duluth, Wednesday, and \$1.03 to \$1.05 in Minneapolis. The market in these places was not as active as it might have been at last account, as buyers don't seem anxious to purchase except at lower figures, and holders are indifferent about selling except at an advance. It is conceded at the leading markets that farmers now hold the key to the situation, and that by holding off a trifle they will force better prices. Mittens and Gloves to no end at Whidden Bros.

—When a man gets mad at something and orders the newspaper stopped it is amusing to see the persistence with which he hangs about until his neighbor's next week's copy is brought in, and the eagerness with which he scans its columns to see if there are indications of the concern "going up" because he has withdrawn his patronage. This observation, reader, is a general one—not founded upon any recent experience of our own; though human nature is pretty much the same the world over.

—Were it not for the fact that our thoughts on the topic are interrupted by fingers that smart and muscles that ache from too frequent contact with loaded grain sacks we would like to tell our readers just what we know about farming. That there is plenty of hard work in the business is certain, but we are equal to it, especially as we can do most of it by proxy. We are a granger of no mean degree, and flatter ourselves that we have outdone R. C. Cooper on quality of wheat, though he may have raised a few bushels more, and as for our oats, they weighed 37½ pounds to the bushel of measurement.

### Personal Pointers.

Al. Berg, of the Fargo Republican, enjoyed life in Cooperstown the first of the week.

Mrs. J. F. Bronson and Miss Lina Barnard, of Sanborn, visited friends of the metropolis last Sunday.

J. A. Dole, of Jamestown, an old time friend of Landlord Fitch, paid that gentleman a visit this week and became enraptured with Cooperstown and the Palace.

Theo. Otzen, an attorney of Bismarck, and an acquaintance of Postmaster Barnard's family, has been in town part of the week. He owns some splendid lots in the Hub of Griggs.

J. B. Murray, of New York City, in quest of good land came to Cooperstown Monday, and has here found the object of his trip to North Dakota, namely, the best land for the least money.

J. W. Waldorf, who reads the Courier regularly at South Bend, Ind., is in town making preparations to remove to this county next spring. Mr. W. is one of those get-up-in-the-morning men and he will prove a desirable acquisition to our population.

F. J. Blodgett, an accomplished newspaper man recently from New York but now engaged in holding down a good claim near Eckleson, and agent H. J. Curtiss of Sanborn, picked their teeth at the Palace Sunday. In his new uniform Mr. Curtiss appears like a general.

It will be grayifying for his many friends to learn that Geo. B. Clark is now on the broad highway of recovery from his long siege with a terrible abscess in the throat. George has suffered untold pain, and while he is not entirely out of misery's bondage yet, he is comparatively easy.

### Things Hard to Understand.

Why F. C. Holmes is called "Senator," and

Why No. 1 Hard don't bring \$1 per bushel.

Why cold weather always comes when least desired.

Why piety always strengthens as health weakens.

Why Fred Sabin is so lavish with his heart-breaking smiles.

Why a failure of crops has never been known in Dakota.

Why Justice Glass has resolved never to wear the matrimonial yoke.

Why Maynard Crane, who can take his pick, don't join the benedict ranks.

Why enterprising citizens don't set out more shade trees.

Why the price of wheat in Fargo hardly equals Cooperstown quotations.

Why so many bachelors of modest worth are located in Griggs' capital.

Why it is impossible for a woman to pass a mirror without looking at herself.

Why Judge of Probate Andrus has never yielded to the machinations of matrimony.

Why some enterprising man don't establish a straw paper mill at Cooperstown.

Why the best land in America sells for so nominal a figure as do the fertile acres of Griggs at the present time.

Why John N. Jorgensen will persist in his futile attempts to produce a mustache.

Why the desire to make a fool of one's self springs eternal in the human breast.

Why Dr. Newell will insist on being so satirical in his arguments at the literary.

Why farmers will persist in burning their straw, when it is so valuable as a future fertilizer.

Why Dave Bartlett's eloquence has never won him an heiress or a seat in legislature.

Why Cooperstown merchants can and do sell goods cheaper than dealers in neighboring towns.

Why John Holliday and Manly Davis don't take the stairway to their "boudoir" in when they retire at night.

Why men will pay their whiskey bills and let the grocer who has kept the body and soul of his family together whistle for his pay.

Why it is so much easier to be polite to people whom we shall probably never meet again than to those whose good opinion we have reason to cultivate.

Why the man who will wait for an hour with tranquility to get shaved at the barber shop, will get mad as a maniac if he has to wait five minutes for his dinner.

### SOAP UNDER THE SOIL.

The Boundless Resources of Dakota have a Special Acquisition from Griggs County.

Cooperstown Possesses a Soap Mine.

Every citizen of this great and popular territory who reflects upon her limitless resources must do so with feelings of superlative pride. Her unequalled richness for agricultural pursuits, her adaptability for the production of the very best wheat known, her growing manufacturing interests, her railroad facilities, her exhaustless mines of tin, gold, silver and coal, all combine to make Dakota absolutely the grandest territory—a section of country that stands without a rival on this or any other continent. But the latest development that is calculated to give this territory a still higher place among the commonwealths of the land and bring her the extreme envy of eastern states devolves upon Cooperstown.

Soap mines have for ages been the standing subject of a joke, but no longer can this subject be trifled with, for soap has actually been found under the soil, of Cooperstown.

Last Wednesday the laborers who are digging a reservoir on the railroad grounds came upon some dirt of a yellowish color, that upon investigation proved to possess the qualities of soap. It readily removes dirt from the skin and makes a good suds. The only discovery similar to this was made in Yellow Medicine county, mention of which the Courier made a few weeks since, and so this place will stand almost without competition in the mining of soap. Thus are great possibilities opened up to Cooperstown, and cleanliness assured the world.

### Railroad Notes.

The telegraph line will be finished next week.

A large reservoir is being sunk near the water tank site.

Freight and passenger traffic on the S., C. & T. M. is brisk.

A two-stall engine house is soon to be erected at this point.

The passenger depot is nearing completion, and shows off in good style.

Operations on an immense water tank have been commenced by the company at this point.

A large and well finished section house will be erected in Cooperstown, for which lumber is already on the ground.

The extensive system of side tracks being put in by the company at this place will greatly facilitate the large amount of yard work required here.

The holes for telegraph poles are all dug between Sanborn and this place.

The poles have arrived and will all be set within a day or so, after which it will take four days to string the wire.

—The enterprising firms who recite new "pieces" in the advertising columns this week are, Whidden Bros., Buchheit Bros. and Nelson & Langlie.

50 pieces Dress Prints and Gingham at Whidden Bros.

"Casady" Sulkys at Holliday Bros.

For your Winter Cloaks, Dolmans, Shawls, Dress Goods, Trimmed Hats, go to Odegard & Thompson's.

Odegard & Thompson have received the largest stock of Ladies' and Gents' Furnishing Goods ever brought to the county, "and don't you forget it!"

Ladies and Gents' Underwear at Whidden Bros.

Casady Sulkies at Holliday Bros.

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

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.

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

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

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

Mens Grain Plow Boots only \$1.50 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.

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.

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.

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.

Casady Sulkies at Holliday Bros.

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

### For Ladies Only.

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

### The Cars Have Arrived.

and Whidden 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.

### Notice to Builders.

Scaled proposals will be received until Saturday Oct. 6, 1883, for the erection of two school houses in Fork Centre township, the material therefor to be furnished by board. Plans can be seen and bids deposited with Supt. Kerr, in Cooperstown. Right to reject any or all bids reserved.

Dated this 27th day of Sept., 1883.

J. G. MYERS, Director.

ANDREW K. JOHNSON, Clerk.

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