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LOCAL LACONICS.

—First-class time of the year to catch colds.

—Winter has no terrors for stove dealers and coal men.

—Let's see, did Dakota have an equinoctial storm? Guess not.

—Joseph Allen's cottage on the Boulevard, is up and enclosed.

—Boys don't forget to get a box of that choice candy at Whidden Bros.

—Business is booming at the lumber yard and Manager Crane finds himself hard pressed to keep the stock full.

—Beards are now the rage in Cooperstown, and the faces of our male population present a pubescent appearance.

—The school house stoves not having arrived church services were held at Mr. W. R. Whidden's last Sunday evening.

—The largest day's threshing we have heard mentioned this season was 1,950 bushels of oats, on the Peter Fiero farm.

—The first rain in this county since threshing commenced descended last night, and was welcomed by the thirsty earth.

—The public land sold this year in Dakota to private persons aggregates twenty-seven times the acreage of Rhode Island.

—A Chatauqua reading circle has been organized in this place, and the society have the full complement of literature to start with on hand.

—Dr. Newell has about seventy acres ready for crop on section 11, and another year will find him a horny handed granger with No. 1 Hard to sell.

—A prairie fire on Wednesday swooped in and threshed out three stacks of wheat for Chas. Mosley, of town 145, range 60. Grain lost, about 300 bushels.

—We buy anything and sell everything and can make you happy by looking over our stock of General Merchandise. Odegard & Thompson.

—It is gratifying to know that the new two-cent stamp is popular, and that congress will not be criticised for the passage of the cheap postage bill.

—Artist Myers is embellishing the exterior of the Courier building with his little paint brush, and we feel ever so much prettier since he put our first coat on.

—J. H. Montgomery has leased A. N. Adams' place and will soon move to town for the winter. Mrs. Montgomery, we are informed, will take a few boarders.

—Fine line of fresh confectionery at Odegard & Thompson's.

—N. L. Lenham came up yesterday for a peaceful night's rest on a Palace bed, and to take a squint at the extensive interests of his corporation in this place.

—Work on the engine house of the S., C. & T. M. Railway was commenced last Tuesday. The structure will be 36x60 and is being erected just south of the elevator.

—The telegraph construction force commenced stringing wire Wednesday, and average six or seven miles of line per day. They will be at Sanborn tomorrow or Monday night.

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

—Mr. Peter Nelson, now chief man at the establishment of Nelson & Langlie, has been "up to his ears in work" this week receiving new goods, and he says low prices shall rule henceforth in Cooperstown.

—Christian Johnson, living a dozen miles northwest of town, in a tussle with a refractory heifer had his shoulder badly dislocated, last Saturday. Dr. Kerr's skill was called and the sufferer was soon made easy and able to be about.

—Last Saturday while wheat was bringing 83 cents in Fargo, farmers were unloading their No. 1 Hard for 85 cents per bushel in Cooperstown. That's the difference between a large and small metropolis and the buyers. Nuff ced.

—Cash, the barber, has gone to roam in places unknown to his Cooperstown friends and creditors. This leaves a profitable field open for some sober tonsor. Who will be the lucky man to step in and secure a good patronage from the start?

SPECIAL—The "Judge" says that case of candy at Whidden Bros. will soon be disposed of.

—Banker Herbert Root, of Valley City, sought to vindicate his reputation and heal his wounded feelings by a \$117,000 judgement salve against the Times, for libel. He spent several hundred dollars and got vindication along with six cents as damages.

—A very commodious section house will be erected by the railroad company at the foot of Rollin street. The main part is to be 30x36, and the wing 20x16, two stories high. The improvements being made here by the company are substantial, indeed.

—While working on a steam thresher just north of town, Wednesday, Knute Haaland received a stroke on the back of the hand from the hatchet of a laborer who was cutting bundles for him to feed. It made a severe gash and the injured man will be laid up for some time.

—The annual election this year occurs on November 13th. Griggs county will elect one commissioner, a treasurer, and probably a justice of the peace. It is not expected much interest will be manifested in the campaign, as the offices to be filled are so decidedly limited in number and remuneration. The convention has been called for Oct. 20th.

—The tide of emigration is to Dakota is an attractive headline to the advertisement of an Edgerton, Ohio, hardware dealer. This truthful assertion, undoubtedly aversely made, indicates unusual honesty and candor on the part of the aforesaid merchant, and we'll bet he enjoys a good trade.

—The great advantage of a complete set of surgical instruments to a place was illustrated Wednesday. Had the unfortunate man been obliged to wait until instruments could have been procured from abroad to amputate his arm with, the chances for recovery would have been greatly lessened.

—All who have tried it say that Butter Scotch at Whidden Bros. can't be beat.

—There is now very little wheat in the country not threshed or stacked. For three weeks the weather has been clear and perfect for successful threshing and machines have averaged ten to twelve hundred bushels per day. The great crop has virtually been secured without being damaged a cent's worth by the elements.

—Fresh Groceries received this week at Whidden Bros.

—The entire party of Villard's emigrants are now at home or in the east, the last section having passed through Dakota several days since. If anybody expected to hear that the west tipped up as these "heavy" men of several nations moved eastward they are doomed to disappointment, for everything is just as level as it was before the visit.

—According to our exchanges the mail service of North Dakota is in a deplorable condition, which ought not to be. If Chief Head Clerk Bean would pay less attention to the "fly" women of St. Paul and be more attentive to the duties of his office, matters would be entirely different. There isn't a route in this part of the territory where the mail is any more certain than the actions of a sixteen-year-old female.

—This is about the time of the year that the average country publisher back in the states feels constrained to remind his patrons with pathetic eloquence that an editor can't live on air or get fat by chewing daylight and devouring exchanges. Then comes the plaintive wail for promised wood, potatoes, pumpkins, squashes, butter, eggs, hay—in fact anything to apply on subscription. Verily, country journalism in the east has many charms.

—Hiram Williams, the pioneer granger of town 146, range 60, brought to town, yesterday, a basket of mammoth Snowflake and Strawberry potatoes. They were as perfect as tubers can be, and were raised on sod, the ground not being worked a particle from the time the seed was dropped last spring until the potatoes were dug this week. What other country can produce a prolific crop the first year with so little labor? Echo answers, None!

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

—General Freight and Passenger Manager, W. S. Alexander, of the Manitoba railway, was in town last Saturday and made the Courier a call. He seemed greatly pleased with this fine apartment of God's great granary, but did not make known the object of his visit to the Hub. It is possible, yea, and probable, that the powerful corporation whose interests he guards may have a covetous eye on the traffic of this region. In short, the Hope branch may be extended to Cooperstown, the centre of an immense trade.

—"Casady" Sulkys at Holliday Bros.

Personal Paragraphs.

H. Meyers came over from Kelso Monday evening.

Wm. Allen, the Fargo pugilist, came up last Monday to hold down his claim.

W. E. Covey, the merchant prince of Sanborn, and his family spent Saturday last in Cooperstown.

General Manager C. A. Roberts was in town Tuesday dictating new railroad improvements at this place.

F. C. Holmes has been suffering from neuralgia this week, and has been obliged to keep in his room several days.

C. A. Crittenden, of Mendon, Ill., was looking this fair young metropolis over the first of the week, and seemed well satisfied with his investigation.

W. C. Coddington, an old acquaintance of Fred Sabin, came down from Harrisburg Tuesday, and took the train for Jamestown next day, whence he goes to accept a position in one of the leading stores of that city.

C. T. Dazey, bonanza farmer and proprietor of Dazeytown, paid his initial visit to the Hub of Griggs Monday and Tuesday. He seemed delighted with the comforts offered by the Palace and the general make-up of the town.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Cooper, of Chicago, accompanied by their niece, Miss Edie Swift, of Red Wing, Minn., are guests at the residence of R. C. Cooper. Of course Mr. Cooper looks with complacency upon the great changes since his visit here last spring, and well he may.

We are sorry to say that the companionable W. S. Christian has taken his departure for Caledonia where he has about four weeks' work of copying, after which he will return to Indiana for the winter. Next spring Mr. C. will begin extensive farming operations about 25 miles southeast of this place.

Mr. Louis S. Lenham, the founder, the pioneer merchant and the present popular rostrmaster of Sanborn, in company with Mrs. Lenham arrived on Wednesday's accommodation, and became guests of Mrs. R. C. Cooper. This is their first visit to Griggs county since the inception of Cooperstown, and had they not been regular readers of the Courier they would hardly have been prepared to find a lively young metropolis where naught but grass and wheat waved in the zephyrs when they were here before. Mr. Lenham returned to his duties this morning, but Mrs. Lenham will remain for a few days.

Threshing Machine Accident.

While feeding a steam thresher on section 13 Wednesday forenoon, Elef Olson, a tenant of the place, lost his equilibrium and his left hand was caught and terribly lacerated by the cylinder of the machine. The injured man was at once brought to the drug store where Dr. Newell, assisted by Dr. Kerr performed the difficult operation of amputation a few inches below the elbow. The injured man is doing as well as could be expected.

The accident that thus deprives Mr. Olson from the future use of a strong arm affords an awful temperance text, for had he not been under liquor's influence the mishap would probably never have occurred.

Church Report.

Secretary's report for the months of August and September.
Amount in treasury last of July.....\$ 15 67
Collections for August and September..... 15 66
aggregate..... 31 33
Total..... 31 33
EXPENSE ACCOUNT:
Sept. 17 paid F. H. Revell cash on bill for hymn books and bibles..... 29 70
Sept. 24 paid D. C. Cook balance on quarterly..... 97
Total..... 30 67
Amount remaining in treasury..... 66
BILLS PAYABLE:
August 21, F. H. Revell, envelopes and record book..... 5 00
Mrs. J. N. Brown,
Church Secretary.

Sanborn's Reception Speech.

The Pioneer Press gives a long and interesting interview with Dr. Von Holst, the eminent jurist and author, who was a Villard guest, regarding incidents of the great excursion. In reply to a question as to Mr. Villard's gratification at the trip, the doctor replied:

"Yes; he was very much pleased. His speeches struck me as being models of good taste, and he was always ready for any occasion that presented itself. At one ambitious town he was welcomed by a very pronounced spread-eagle speech in which the orator brought in all the adjectives known to the English language. When he had concluded, Mr. Villard asked him his name and occupation. He gave it, and said he was a lawyer. 'Exactly!' said Villard; 'just what I thought!' and the crowd roared."

This must be the joke Villard got off on Mr. Van Wormer, along with his eulogy of Van's speech.

Settlers' Rights.

In answer to a correspondent in regard to the matter the Fargo Argus says:

It is well settled that no squatter, entry man or scripper, can get title to any of the odd sections within the grant of the Northern Pacific railroad except through the company. The sixth section of the charter of the Northern Pacific Railroad company is in the following words:

"And be it further enacted, that the president of the United States shall cause the lands to be surveyed for forty miles in width on both sides of the entire line of said road after the general route shall be fixed and as fast as may be required by the construction of said railroad; and the odd numbered sections of land hereby granted shall not be liable to sale or entry or pre-emption before or after they are surveyed except by said company, as provided in this act; but the provisions of the act of September, 1861 granting pre-emption rights, and the acts amendatory thereof, and of the act entitled 'An act to secure homesteads to actual settlers on the public domain,' approved May 20, 1862, shall be and the same are hereby extended to all other lands on the line of said road when surveyed, except those hereby granted to said company, and the reserved alternate sections shall not be sold by the government at a price less than two dollars and fifty cents per acre when offered for sale."

The company filed in the United States land office at Fargo, March 19, 1883, its selection of indemnity lands under the instructions of the honorable secretary of the interior, which selection included all the odd sections in this land district in the indemnity limits, on both sides of the road; and it is now offering these lands for sale, the same as the original grant.

Among Our Exchanges.

Sanborn Enterprise.
J. M. Burrell picked up the great bicycle act as naturally as if he had been born with one in his possession, for the ease with which he drives the bowless horse is astonishing. There will be a large importation of these two-wheeled wonders next spring.

Up to date the Lenham E. & L. Co. have shipped ninety cars of wheat, representing 50,000 bushels, to Duluth, from the various points at which they have elevators established. Most of this large quantity passed through this elevator here before final shipment. Considering that threshing has been in operation only a few days and the low price of wheat, the figures are enormous, and it begins to look as though the prediction that this company alone would handle 800,000 bushels this season was rather moderate. The N. P. elevator has also made large shipments, but we have not learned the amount.

Carington News.

In the winter of '73 there were only three white men living between Bismarck and the Red River along the line of the Northern Pacific. These were Sam Williams, of Crystal Springs, who lived in a dug out; D. M. Kelleher, who kept a banking house at Jamestown, then Fort Seward; and the third was a man named Flood, who had a travelers' ranch at the second crossing of the Sully, now Valley City.

People who wish to change their place of habitation, invariably see newspapers that are published in or near the place in which they desire to locate, and 99 per cent of the people of intelligence will go to the town where the most business is visible in its local papers, in preference to moving into a locality where, if papers are published, they are eking out an existence through the "kindness" of foreign advertisers, at half rates, "with the usual 25 per cent. commission to advertising agents." A town shows very readily what kind of mettle the citizens are composed of, and but few miss the mark when they judge of a town's importance by the business-like appearance of its newspapers.

Correctly uttered, Bro. Pioneer. It has long been admitted that local papers are the mirrors of their respective localities, and where one sees a local paper filled with "patent ads." the conclusion is at once drawn that the place in which it exists is one of the Rip Van Winkle order. A bristling paper denotes a bustling town, and such a sheet cannot be produced without the hearty co-operation of merchants. The dealers of Cooperstown recognize these facts and perform their part well. That they have been benefited in more ways than one cannot be gainsaid, and why a certain neighboring town, in possessing of an excellent paper, don't emulate their example is a problem.

50 pieces Dress Prints and Gingham at Whidden Bros.

Drop in at the Pioneer Store and try some of those California pears, just received.

A few fine Dolmans on exhibition at Whidden Bros.

Fresh Crackers this week at Whidden Bros.

Call at Odegard & Thompson's for your winter supply of Flour and Pork.

Ladies' and Gents' Fine Shoes in great variety at Whidden Bros.

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

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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.

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.

Save oats and horsefeed by using the light draft Casady 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.

The Pioneer Store

Will sell you Valley City Flour at \$2.75 per hundred, and do not forget it. Odegard & Thompson.

For Ladies Only.

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

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't buy a better wagon; you are "liable" to get an inferior one.

Call at the Lumber Yard and examine the RUSHFORD.

Notice to Builders.

Sealed 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.

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