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LOCAL LACONICS.

—Fine fall day.

—Don't forget the caucus to-night.

—Will Stearns left for Jamestown, Monday.

—The weather the first of the week was disagreeably damp.

—Prairie chicken and duck harvest is about over for the season.

—Stevens & Enger have secnred a fine well of water at a depth of 18 feet.

—The little freeze up last night does not interrupt plowing operations.

—C. C. Phillippee has been recreating in Jamestown and Bismarck this week.

—Fred Thompson is having a very neat cottage built over near the Boulevard.

—The county election approaches very calmly, and the interest manifested by the people is lukewarm.

☞Ladies' and gents' knit underwear and outside wraps at big bargains at Odegard & Thompson's.

—Joseph Allen and family have moved in from the country and are established in their Boulevard cottage.

—Sheriff Johnson is having an addition to his meat market erected. His growing trade must be accommodated.

—Cashier Pickett smiled on his Sanborn friends Wednesday, and Fred Sabin greeted his Fargo acquaintances on Sunday.

—C. A. VanWormer, Sanborn's orator, accompanied by H. Thayer, an eastern friend, took in the Hub Monday and Tuesday.

—Contractor Jas. Muir was down to a pretentious town called Fargo, this week, as a witness in the Mc Mahon-Smart case.

—Cooperstown is developing as an educational centre, and Prof. Clough reports seven foreign pupils already booked at the institute.

—The Steele Herald of last week gave a page of solid facts concerning the growth of that place. Bro. Britton is a boomer of great magnitude.

—Jno. N. Jorgensen has a new barn and a lot of laying chickens as well as a cow. John has granger proclivities and may yet turn farmer.

—A playful "mill" between two business men of the Hub created some merriment Monday morning. No black eyes and but little blood drawn.

—Geese have been numerous in the air this week, and some have been interrupted in their southward journey by rifle balls fired from the doors of villagers.

—A barber, a barber! Why don't some enterprising tonsor with an eye to wealth and a relish for sobriety put in an appearance. There is money here for such a chap.

—In the departure of David Bartlett, Monday, Cooperstown lost a valued citizen, and by the remarks that have been uttered since, it would seem that nearly all are aware of the fact.

—Sinfully says the Enterprise: "The telegraph wires along the Sanborn and Cooperstown Railroad are strung, and now the wicked deeds of Cooperstown are made known to a listening world in a flash.

—H. A. Hicks, of Holy Cross, Minn., and father of Mrs. J. N. Jorgensen, accompanied by H. A. Hicks, of Fargo, have been guests at the district clerk's home this week. They evidently relish the activity manifested in Cooperstown.

It will do you good to call at Odegard & Thompson's if you want flour or provisions. We will give you good bargains.

—The day of townsite swindles in Dakota is over, and it is high time, too. Legitimate, well located towns and Dakota generally have suffered amazingly from the unprincipled operations of the bogus town lot boomer. "The town lot rascals must go."

—Mr. Swenson, an experienced brick manufacturer of Fargo, has been in town several days testing clay and finds that a superior quality for brick making abounds hereabouts. He will establish an extensive yard here early in the spring. Score another for Cooperstown.

—G. A. Luce, Jas. Ellsbury, Louis Pepin and A. Wyant were over from Hope, Monday, as witnesses on the horse case.

—It is said that Silas B. Dutcher, of Erie canal fame and late superintendent of public construction for New York state, is to succeed government architect Hill. Mr. Dutcher's Griggs county friends will be pleased to learn of his appointment and confirmation.

—Cooperstown is now ahead by a large majority. In making an excavation the other day they found a soap mine which they claim surpasses all the chemical saponaceous compounds ever yet discovered and everybody is going into the laundry business.—Jamestown Alert.

—Baron Lund, a very comely young nobleman of Sweden, is in the capital of Griggs, visiting with J. N. Jorgensen and other old country people. He has slaughtered some game, but the hearts of our maidens remain untampered with. He expects to start for his home within a few days.

—Mc Mahon and Small's hearing against H. P. Smart's right to prove up on his pre-emption adjoining Hope was heard at Fargo Wednesday. It is conceded by the most candid men acquainted with the facts that Mc Mahon and Small havn't the respectable skeleton of a case, but that their action was born of vindictiveness.

—An eastern paper says: "Dakota may be bleak and cold, but some way immigrants go there, write to their friends to follow, and the entire land is being plowed and planted. It is even doubtful whether the entire world presents a picture of larger thrift and comfort than in these new homes of the Northwest."

—At the commissioners meeting yesterday Knud Thompson & Co. were awarded a contract for grading the turnpikes to the Sheyenne bridge at 19 cents per yard. Skinner & O'Keefe secured the job of driving the piles at $5 each; building the approach at $4 per foot, and building bridge at $5 per lineal foot. There were five bidders and the work was awarded to the lowest.

—Mr. A. Johns, at present stopping in Cooperstown with his daughter, Mrs. Z. A. Clough, is reported by the Sanborn Enterprise as remarking: "No use, Michigan climate don't agree with me. Since my departure from Sanborn my health has been steadily declining, and I find myself to day many per cent worse off than when I left last spring. I am confident from experience that Dakota air has more healing qualities than all the doctors' medicine in christendom."

A fine calf boot for $2.75. Also a large stock of winter foot gear at Odegard & Thompson's.

—If this thing continues we shall feel constrained to buy a shot gun. The house-hunters presuming that editors know everything, or knowing that they usually presume to know everything, besiege this office daily. But there is no hope for them, unless they build their own houses, for cottages are generally leased before their construction is commenced. What a great avenue for remunerative investment of capital the erection of tenement houses in Cooperstown offers. Thirty or forty families would be added to our population inside of four weeks if tenements could be had.

—The second Chautauqua meeting was held at the house of Mrs. W. R. Whidden last Saturday. At roll call eight responded. Secretary's report read and accepted. After reading the program it was carried out, with one exception, and proved to be profitable and interesting. The president adjourned the meeting until Saturday, Oct. 27th; place of assembly, Palace Hotel Parlors. The circle bids fair to become a source of enjoyment and a decided means of improvement. The officers are: President, Mrs. Pickett; vice-preeident, Mrs. J. B. Whidden; critic, Mrs. Pickett; secretary, Mrs. J. N. Brown.

The best smoke in town for 5c is the "Henry Clay" cigar at Whidden Bros.'

—If it be true, as the Fargo Republican alleges, that the merchants of St. Paul have combined to bulldoze the Milwaukee and St. Paul into refusing a favorable connection with the Fargo Southern railway at Ortonville, then it is high time that North Dakota, of which Fargo is part and parcel, bend unitedly against St. Paul. The business men throughout this entire portion of the territory should, and will, lend all their encouragement of trade to Fargo just as soon as the wholesalers of that city can offer them advantages—freights of course considered—equal to Minneapolis or St. Paul, for the success of Fargo is in part the prosperity of interior towns.

—The testimony in the case of Elef Olson vs. H. H. Hosford, of Hope, was taken before H. P Smart, Monday, Iver Jacobson appearing for plaintiff and C. J. Paul for defendant. The action was brought to recover pay for a horse that was froze to death while in Mr. Hosford's feed stable one night last winter, Mr. Olson alleging that the horse froze from exposure caused by a stable door being left open. The case will be decided by Judge Hudson.

Important to Ladies.

On Thursday and Friday of next week, Oct. 25 and 26, Mrs. H. J. Curtiss, Sanborn's fashionable milliner, will be at the Palace Hotel for the purpose of taking orders in the Millinery and Fancy Goods line. The ladies of Cooperstown and vicinity are invited to call on her, the days above stated.

Oyster Supper and Social.

The ladies of the church society are preparing for an oyster supper and social, to be given at the Palace Hotel parlors next Thursday eveging, Oct. 25th. The invitation to attend is extended to all, and as the proceeds are for a worthy cause the oyster should receive a grand innovation.

COMMITTEES:

On Arrangements—Mrs. R. C. Cooper, Mrs. W. R. Whidden, Mrs. J. N. Brown, Wm. Glass.

On Reception—Mrs. G. W. Barnard, Mrs. G. F. Newell, Mrs. S. B. Langford, Mr. F. M. Rockwell.

On Music—Prof. Z. A. Clough, Mrs. Z. A. Clough, Mrs. F. M. Rockwell.

Oysters served in the hotel dining room from 8:30 to 10:30 p. m. Tickets at the door.

A Word to Settlers.

Under this heading a contemporary administers a few pounds of wholesome advice to people who want to get on too fast. It points out the certain rewards of pluck and patience and perseverance, and admonishes the farmer that he must be more content to labor and wait in order to reach the rewards which Dakota has in store for every class of industry. The subject is one which calls for some attention. No man coming to Dakota, relying upon his industry of success, and putting that industry into motion fails to prosper. But success is so easily attained that some people are led into the belief that it is to be obtained without an effort, or without being deserved. People who come here from the east to share in our prosperity will do well to remember that greenbacks do not grow on cornstalks, any more than figs do on thistles, and that the man who starts in to cultivate the soil of Dakota with a shotgun is not only liable, but tolerably certain, to get left. Thrift, industry, sobriety and honesty are all the capital the Dakota settler wants, and if he has these he will find his reward in his crop of No. 1 Hard. If he have them not a war footing of Remington rifles, or a pedigree to reach from here to Fargo will not place him any nearer financial salvation than a copy of Bob Ingersoll's religious tracts.

Villard's Gratefulness.

The following circular, dated at the president's office, in New York, Oct. 12th, has been received:

To the friends of the Northern Pacific in Minnesota, Dakota, Montana, Washington and Oregon:

The memorable journey across the continent, on the occasion of the opening of our main line, is ended. Our American and European guests have returned to their homes. They agree with me that just as the trans-continental excursion never was, and never will be equalled in point of numbers, character and interest, the demonstrations of popular good will, warm sympathy and genuine joy, to which it gave rise from the Mississippi to Puget Sound, can never be surpassed. We rode, as it were, on a rising tide of popular enthusiasm from one end of the road to the other. Beginning with an extraordinary, almost overwhelming, outburst in the twin cities of St. Paul and Minneapolis, it appeared to gain in intensity as we moved westward, until it reached its climax on the Pacific Coast in Portland, Tacoma and Seattle.

I perform a most gratifying duty in expressing to the inhabitants of the cities and towns along the Northern Pacific, and to the people at large of Minnesota, Dakota, Montana, Washington and Oregon, officially and personally, my most profound thanks for the great honors bestowed upon our Company, and for the most generous hospitality extended to our guests. It is almost a pianful thought, that where so much kindness was rendered everywhere, it is impossible to render proper thanks in every case. As it is, I can only avail myself of this method to assure all of our friends that neither the Northern Pacific Company, nor myself personally, will ever forget their goodness to us, and that we hope to prove worthy of the confidence of which the opening excursion elicited such a striking evidence.

H. VILLARD, Preisdent.

A new line of Ladies' and Gents' Hosiery jzst opened at Whidden Bros.'

"DAKOTA IS MY HOME"

Says Dr. G. F. Newell to his old Neighbors of Wisconsin through a letter to the Waterford Post.

He Loves the Land of Fertile Acres.

COOPERSTOWN, D. T., Oct. 2, 1883.

DEAR POST:—I have heard that the people of Waterford and vicinity are reporting that I am going back to W——. Well that may be if my friends send me back in a box. While living I am pleased with Dakota and its future prospects. Our crops are good, climate so far pleasant and agreeable.

My health and the health of my wife is perfectly good, and I see no good reason why I should go back. I never have seen a day when I ever thought of such a thing and have yet to hear the first person say they have any desire to leave here and return to the States. To be sure, we have a new country and it necessarily has some of the disadvantages of a new country, but I have found them very few in comparison to Racine county when I first came there. We have a railroad running directly to us and bringing us all the facilities necessary to the pursuit of any business. It was not so when I first came to Racine county. Here all God's broad acres are ready for the plow and there has never been a failure of a fair crop. Wheat, the great staple of Dakota, is a sure crop and always abundant. The inhabitdnts are intelligent and industrious and strictly mind their own business. The most of them are Americans. There is, however, a large class of Norwegians, but they are of the very best. Three of our principal merchant firms are Norwegians, also the Clerk of the Court, sheriff, county trersurer and several of the lawyers, and more noble and intelligent men never lived. There is once in a while one seen just over from the old country with their little short jackets with its forty rows of buttons and forty buttons in a row, but they are what Du Chaillu describes them "an honest and industrious people." There are a few Germans and as far as I have seen a good class of people. And what I never saw or heard of on God's green Earth—not a Jew.

Now surrounded as I am by good, honest, God fearing people, and in a country as glorious as the bright sun of Heaven ever shone upon, why in thunder should I want to go back to a country of cyclones and frost bitten corn? None of your "carry me back to old Virginia" for me.

I should be glad to visit my children and old friends at a future and proper time, but till then "Dakota is my home." Mr. Editor give my kind regards to old friends and accept the same for yourself.

Very Respectfully,
G. F. NEWELL.

A Word to Young Men.

In every town in the Northwest which has had a few years growth may be found young men occupying leading positions as merchants, bankers, lawyers, editors, doctors, etc., who, when they emigrated from their old homes, brought no capital with them. These men have prospered by applying their energy and intelligence to the favorable conditions of a new and growing region. If they had remained in their former positions, lacking the leverage of capital and influential connections, which are so important in old communities, they would probably have worked all their lives as salaried employes. Now they are independent, and are themselves capitalists and employers of labor. They have worked up from the bottom to their present prosperous and influential positions in a very short space of time. Indeed, they have had but to rise with the rising tide of general prosperity, keeping on its crest, to reach success.

Of course, such men are no dawdlers or visionaries. They have pluck and force. But the point we want to make is that with all their good qualities, if they had staid in the east, where competion is keen, opportunities few, and desirable places well-filled and firmly held, the chances of getting on would have been against them. Every step forward would have been at the cost of years of effort. In the West, where value is put into the virgin soil by first occupancy, the first industries and business enterprises spring up every day, there are so many avenues opened to make money and secure independance, that a sober, earnest man, be he ever so poor at the start, can hardly fail to prosper.—The Northwest.

Valley City Diamond Flour $2.50 at Whidden Bros.'

Notice of Caucus.

The electors of the second precinct are hereby called to meet in caucus at 7:30 p. m., Oct. 19th, 1883, at the Union Hotel in Cooperstown for the purpose of choosing four delegates to the county convention to be held in Cooperstown, Oct. 20th, 1883, for the purpose of renominating county officers.

MANY CITIZENS.

Dated Oct. 18, 1883.

☞A car load of Flour just received at Nelson & Langlie's.

☞Call and examine the "Monitor" at Whidden Bros.'

Odegard & Thompson will sell you good calico for 5c per yard; full width sheeting 8c; and dry goods cheaper than ever.

New goods by every train for Whidden Bros.

☞Machine oils of all kinds at Nelson & Langlie's. 31

☞The farmer and mechanic want to see the "Monitor" at Whidden Bros.'

☞Wm. Glass loans money for final proof and on real estate. 38tf.

Get a comb of that Honey at Whidden Bros.'

☞Brown Bros. & Co., San Francisco, manufacturr the "Monitor." For sale only at Whidden Bros.'

Lippitt, Leak & Co. beat the world on Gloves. Winter Gloves and Mittens of their make at Whidden Bros.'

A second-hand soft coal heating stove can be had at a bargain by applying at the Courier office.

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

☞"Casady" Sulkys at Holliday Bros.'

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

☞Fresh Groceries received this week at Whidden Bros.

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

50 pieces Dress Prints and Ginghams 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.'

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

French Flannels and Groveland Suitings for Ladies wear at Whidden Bros.

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.'

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

☞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.

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

☞Casady Sulkies at Holliday Bros.

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

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

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

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

RECEIVED THIS WEEK AT

WHIDDEN BROS.'

1 Car Valley City Flour,
1 Car Furniture,
Kerosene Oil, Ex-Mess Pork, Apples, Babbitt's Soap, Dry Goods, Boots & Shoes.

A new line of Heavy Red, Heavy Blue, Basket and White Flannel just opened at Whidden Bros.'

A new line of Ladies' Wool Hoods just opened at Whidden Bros.'

Important Notice.

All those indebted to us by book account or otherwise are hereby notified to call at once and settle. Don't hang back, for we mean business, and the lawyers must live.

ODEGARD & THOMPSON.

October 12th, 1883.

For Ladies Only.

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

A CARD.

Scholars from the country desiring a home in Cooperstown, during the winter term of school, can secure accommodations by applying to Mrs. B. B. Brown. Those taking music lessons can have the privilege of a piano.