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LOCAL LACONICS.

—Bank up your house.
—Storm windows will soon be in vogue.
—J. F. Holliday has been at Sanborn for a few days on "biz."
—R. T. Pinkerton has been down to Fargo three days this week.
—The Courier's prayer has been answered and Cooperstown now has a barber.
—Justice Wm. Glass has been looking into matters and things at Fargo the past few days.
—The depot is nearly completed and is a decidedly well planned and beautiful structure.
—Dr. Kerr's new house has been having a little boom of its own and is now well along toward completion.
—A large surfacing gang and train are at work hauling in gravel and leveling the railroad yard at this place.
—Knut Thompson and B. C. Brophy have the finest residences in town, and each brag of a splendid well of water.
—Henry Hougen has enlisted in the building army and is having a neat little cottage erected in block forty-nine.
—Mrs. J. Stevens is being visited by her mother, Mrs. Iverson, and her brother, Nelse Iverson, of Lanesboro, Minn.
—Attorney Jacobson has been down giving Fargoites a few pointers on the best town in North Dakota, this week.
—The lands of this territory set apart for school purposes are now valued at \$82,000,000, and are on the rise, too.
—County Treasurer Pease, of Barnes county, was in town consulting the interests of his harness business yesterday.
—Skinner & O'Keefe, contractors for the county bridge over the Sheyenne, had the misfortune to break their pile driver yesterday. Damage, about \$60.
—Mrs. J. P. Bronson and Miss Lina Barnard represented Sanborn in the county capital Monday. Landlord Dam did honors for the same place on Tuesday.
—Mrs. Jurine Bull, aged 39 years, died Wednesday morning of consumption at her home six miles southeast of Cooperstown. The funeral occurs next Sunday morning.
—As Landlord Fitch remarked the other day, "when it's necessary to build fires it's time to shut doors." Some people don't appear to appreciate the force of this fact, however.
—District Clerk Jorgensen accompanied Baron Lund as far as Holy Cross, Minn., Wednesday, and will visit there a few days. J. Stevens is deputy clerk of court and will act in his absence.
—"Heroine" is perhaps as peculiar a word as any one in our language; the first two letters of it are male, the three first female, the first four a brave man, and the whole word a brave woman.
—J. T. Odegard was up from Fargo last Saturday noting the long procession of Cooperstown improvements and planning with Mr. Thompson for the erection of that double store on Burrell avenue.
—Fargo's Argus of Wednesday says: R. C. Cooper, the Cooperstown boomer and bonanza farmer, came in from the west last evening and report, plowing at least two-thirds done in that part of Dakota.
—Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Curtiss, of Sanborn, were at the Palace yesterday. Mrs. Curtiss had on display a very fine line of millinery goods and the optics of more than one Cooperstown lady was delighted thereby.
—Mr. Omund Nelson, the pioneer of the Sheyenne Valley, has been nominated by the republicans of the first precinct as commissioner. He will no doubt make a competent and careful county legislator.
—Miss Caro Smith left, this week, for her Wisconsin home, stopping for a brief visit at Fargo. During her few months' sojourn here she gained many admirers through kind cordiality who regret her departure.
—We learn from Mrs. Barnard that Geo. Clark reached Detroit safely after three days on the road, though he suffered greatly during the trip. Mr. McGraw, a famous surgeon of Michigan, performed an operation on his face, but it is feared his spine is also affected and that another operation will be necessary.

—Lord Chief Justice Coleridge, the eminent English jurist, who has been "doing" the United States, says our women have no equals for beauty in the world. As Justice Coleridge is very high authority, his decision will stand, and the question is settled.
—The good citizens of Lisbon evidently have due appreciation for the efforts of H. S. Harcourt, whose silver-tipped quill has done so much to make their little city known to the world. Anyhow, about 100 of 'em gave him a whopping surprise party a few evenings since.
—Farmers have been putting in their best endeavors at plowing this week, and many of the small farmers are nearly through with their work. On the Cooper farm there is a little over two weeks' plowing yet, and it looks as though the weather is going to be favorable that long.
—In order to secure tasty work the parties to a forthcoming event in Michigan ordered their invitations printed at the Courier office. We take just as much pleasure in doing work for distant patrons as we do those at home, and their orders are at all times expeditiously and artistically despatched.
—F. C. Holmes and E. E. Fitch request favorable mention of the Cooperstown Instrumental Club, an organization of which they are prominent members. All right, boys, we can conscientiously remark that your orchestral music is very amusing, if not magnificent and intensely entertaining.
—Her supply of old two-cent stamps having become exhausted Postmistress Barnard began dealing out the new "brindle" ones Sunday morning. She reports the revenue of the office as about one-third diminished since the new stamp came into style. Cooperstownites don't write one whit more than of old.
—Sanborn Enterprise: Mr. J. Murray Burrell received on last Sunday, from his old time friend, Mr. Horace Steck, of Bradford, Pa., a handsome lemon-colored pointer puppy eleven months old, well broken, with a splendid pedigree, bred from old English stock. Murray is very proud of his present as well as of his friend Steck, who seems to know what our Dakota hunters need.
—E. B. Bradley, a former Saginaw City, Mich., boy, but more recently of Sanborn is the lucky man to "catch on" to the Cooperstown tonsorial field. He arrived yesterday with a full complement of barber's paraphernalia and is temporarily located in Mr. Holliday's building, just east of the Palace, where all wanting a clean shave or a slick haircut will find him in readiness to serve them. We understand Mr. Bradley is an industrious and accomplished workman, fully worthy of hearty encouragement.
—That great papers as well as their "country cousins" sometimes make mistakes is evidenced by the following from the St. Clair (Mich.) Republican: The Post and Tribune gave the item of news that Geo. W. Barnard, of Cooperstown, Dakota, formerly of this city, was in Detroit for treatment at the hands of Dr. T. A. McGraw. St. Clair people would be pleased to learn that Mr. Barnard was in Detroit, but will be more pleased to learn that the statement is incorrect. The gentleman is prosecuting his business in Dakota in his usual health. The item arose from the fact that a nephew of Mr. Barnard is in Detroit from Dakota for treatment.
—J. M. Burrell is enjoying life in this bustling metropolis, to-day.
Shelter the Machinery.
The Jamestown Capital deals the careless farmer this seasonable side-wipe: It is a painful thing for one driving through the country to see that many of the slovenly habits of the farmers are brought along with them to their new homes on the prairies, instead of being left behind among the old things to which they belong. Farm machinery is in many cases left standing exposed to all the changes of weather instead of being under cover. Dealers in farm machinery notice with the twinkling of the eye that they will soon have a chance to duplicate many of their sales. It does not pay to neglect machinery any more than it does live stock, and those who do so will become losers to an important extent. An implement house is one of the most important institutions on the farm; and nothing indicates the character or propensities the success or failure of the husbandman more surely than the care he takes of his implements and tools. Until a proper house can be built to receive it, at least a temporary shelter should be made to protect the machinery from the weather.

Republican County Convention.

In pursuance of a call the convention was called to order at the Union House, last Saturday afternoon, by T. F. Kerr. On motion J. Stevens was made chairman of the meeting and E. D. Stair, secretary.
A committee on credentials was appointed, consisting of Kerr, Jacobson and Stair, and their report of delegates accepted as follows:
First Precinct—Ole Serumgard, Martin Robinson, S. K. Norgard and O. Nelson by O. Serumgard, proxy.
Second Precinct—Iver Jacobson, Dr. T. F. Kerr and E. D. Stair.
Third Precinct—M. Sutherland, F. Hunter and H. Retzlaff.
On motion of Dr. Kerr Anton Enger was made the unanimous nominee for county treasurer.
Dr. G. F. Newell was then nominated and unanimously elected candidate for county coroner.
On the first ballot for justice of the peace P. A. Melgard received all but one vote, and was declared the candidate.
For cor constables there was a little strife, but Allen Pinkerton carried off the plum for this precinct and O. P. Balkan for the first precinct.
The convention then elected S. K. Norgard a member of the central committee, to fill the vacancy caused by the removal of Dr. Virgo, and adjourned.

Not to Blame.

A few weeks since an item appeared in these columns not exactly flattering to Capt. Ed. S. Bear in the discharge of his duties as chief head clerk of the R. M. S. It has elicited the following from an old friend to the Courier who is well posted on matters pertaining to the Railway Mail Service of the Northwest:
"DEAR E. D.—I regretted to see the item you published against Ed. Bear last week. It is being copied by papers unfavorable to him very generally, and I believe does him an injustice. As you know, he is a No. 1 good fellow, and I can say is doing all he can (which is but a repetition of the dictates of his superiors) for each and every section so far as his power extends. If you want "to go for" anyone, why, go to the top—the department or those in high power."
If the Courier did Mr. Bear an injury it is glad of this opportunity to correct it, for personally he has our kindest feeling. That he can do much to keep our service in good running order without being dictated to by his superiors there is no doubt, but if he has exercised the full limit of his power then he is to be exonerated. There is a shortage of postal clerks in North Dakota, and to this fact much of the trouble may be traced. We will suggest to Mr. Bear that clerks be instructed to "sling" Cooperstown mail to Sanborn "dis" instead of to Valley City, as quite a percentage of our mail has been thrown to the latter place, thus delaying it one or two days.

A Little Condensed History.

A recent interesting letter written by Col. Pat Donan for the St. Louis Globe-Democrat contains the following: "Twenty years ago the fierce and warlike Sioux held the whole territory, and the hardy and adventurous white settlers were covering in barracks and stockades at Yankton and Sioux Falls, or fleeing in terror from the scalping knives of Little Crow, Red Cloud and Two Bears. Ten years ago a large tract of its broad plains and valleys was the unexplored roaming place of the buffalo and dusky savage. Eight years ago Indian war parties were raiding all over the western and central portions of the territory, and killed many venturesome prospectors in the Black Hills region; and but seven short years ago they massacred Custer and his command in the wild canyons of the Little Big Horn, just over the Montana line."
"In the brief time since then—scarcely a clock tick in the annals of nations and their mighty march forward—the vast and unknown wilderness has become one of creation's garden spots, teeming with life and activity, and resonant with the music of prosperous industry. Railroads have stretched their iron arms far and wide in every direction. Mines that are veritable treasure houses of the gods have been opened, and the thunder of their stamp mills shake the everlasting hills. Horizon-fenced wheat fields have unrolled their glory of waving gold before the eyes of all the world, and thrifty and beautiful cities and towns have risen like magic exaltations everywhere amid the wild prairie grass strewn with the skulls and bones of the scarce departed buffalo."
—J. B. Whidden and Dr. Newell are slightly under the weather—just sick enough to require considerable attention from their wives.
—The oyster supper and social last evening was a recherche event, indeed. Palace parlors were fairly flooded with throngs of intelligent and cultured people bent upon an enjoyable time, which all had. The ladies of Cooperstown never fail in an undertaking, but they fairly eclipsed themselves in the preparations for last evening's affair. Further mention may be made next week, as space only permits a reference this morning.

Among the Magazines.

THE NOVEMBER CENTURY.

In illustrations, important articles, and American fiction, the November Century attempts to raise its own standard of excellence—a significant way of beginning the new magazine year. Among the engravers of the number, five are women, who contribute seven engravings. In technical skill, Mr. Cole has hardly surpassed the full-page engraving of Wyatt Eaton's portrait of Modjeska, accompanying a study of Modjeska's Skakesperian characters, by J. Ranken Towse. T. Johnson's engraving from Thomas Sully's portrait (owned in Philadelphia) of Queen Victoria at the age of nineteen, is the frontispiece of the number; also with Mrs. Oliphant's paper is valuable for its analysis of character, which is interestingly shown, also, in several anecdotes of Queen Victoria's courtship and of her attention to public affairs. An important contribution to the history of the war, and a most entertaining anecdotal paper withal, in the account of "The Capture of Jefferson Davis."
Charles Dudley Warner's recollections of "The Bull-Fight" in Spain are impressive for the evident fidelity of the description and the picturesque and humorous treatment. Robert Blum's drawings are striking for the same qualities expressed with the brush. "An American Artist in England" is a sketch, by Mrs. Schuyler Van Rensselaer, of Winslow Homer's career, illustrated by his recent English drawings, which have been engraved for this paper by T. Cole, two of them being full-page illustrations. "Glimpses of Paris," by J. D. Osborne, is profusely illustrated by E. R. Butler. John Burrough's study of "Nature in England" is illustrated in a sympathetic spirit by Alfred Parsons. Lafcadio Hearn writes of "The Scenes of Cable's Romances," with enthusiasm and personal knowledge. A matter of greater moment, however, than the scenes of Cable's romances is the opening chapters of Cable's new romance, "Dr. Sevier." In the fourth part of the "Bread-winners" the unknown author gives fresh evidence of a bold, firm hand and a grasp on real life. A two-part novelette, by Henry James, "The Impression of a Cousin," is begun; also the first part of sketches from a California mountain entitled "The Silverado Squatters," by Robert Louis Stevenson, author of "The New Arabian Nights," "Mrs. Knollys," by the author of "Guernsey," is the short story of the number. The poetry and "Topics of the Time" departments are fully up to their accustomed excellent standard. Century Co., Union Square, New York.

ST. NICHOLAS FOR NOVEMBER

Is the first number of a new volume, and is full of promise of good things for the coming year.
Louisa M. Alcott has the first of a bright story called "Sophie's Secret;" J. T. Trowbridge contributes a thrilling biographical sketch of Captain Mayne Reid, and Frank R. Stockton furnishes one of his inimitable fairy tales, entitled "The Beeman and his Original Form."
Another article of much more than ordinary historical interest is the paper on "The Origin of the Stars and Stripes," and are intensely interesting.
There is also a cleverly written and easily produced Christmas play, called "Among the Pines." Sophie Swett tells a very funny story about "The Gentleman from China;" W. O. Stoddard, author of "Dab Kinzer," "Among the Lakes," and "Saltito Boys," begins another six months serial, entitled "Winter Fen." Natural history receives due recognition in accounts of some "Benvolent Birds" and the polar hare, with illustrations by Nugent and Beard. A varied assortment of verses, jingles and short stories, with pictures by Birch, Smedley, Bolles, Share, Edwards, Rose, Mueller, D. C. Peters, and others, completes the number.

BALLOU'S MAGAZINE for November has a long and interesting chapter of Mr. William H. Thomas's "Belle of Australia." The story is drawing to a close, and this installment is very exciting. One more issue of the magazine and it will be finished; and then the author will begin a new tale, called "On Land and Sea, or California in the Years 1843, '44, and '45," when Mr. Thomas was on the coast, collecting hides. It will be an entertaining narrative to read. Besides "The Belle," Ballou has some thirty-five different articles, illustrations, poems, stories, household and puzzle pages, and other matter of interest. Remember, the magazine is only \$1.50 per annum, or 15 cents a single copy. Just send 10 cents for a sample copy, and see what a nice magazine it is. For sale everywhere. Published by Thomas & Talbot, 23 Hawley Street, Boston.

Vague Advice.

Clipping the item concerning his marriage from the Courier, Will Warner, of the Hope Pioneer, adds:
"Yes, Ed., the information was correct. "Exemplary" is good; now, go thou and do likewise. Don't think of spending another winter in single wretchedness. Cold weather is approaching, and you must know by this time that it is mighty uncomfortable to live alone, as there isn't much consolation in the song of the blizzard, or satisfaction in knowing that you must have to sew on your own buttons, etc."
Go where, dear boy? We would be perfectly willing to "do likewise," but feel unacquainted with the methods appertaining thereto, and then we don't know where wretches of our sinful make-up are marketable to a good advantage.

A CARD.

We wish to express our appreciation and tender our heartfelt thanks to all who have responded so cheerfully to our need, and rendered such valued assistance in arranging for and giving our oyster supper. We realize our favored condition in having our lot cast where gifts and privileges are held in readiness to be used in support of the right, and wish to convey to our helpers in some measure at least, our gratitude. To Landlord Fitch do we especially feel indebted for his generosity in opening his house for our accommodation, and not always does printers' ink flow so freely in this worthy cause, as we are proud to be able to acknowledge it does here. Until we can repay these many favors more substantially we submit this card as a slight expression of our gratitude.
LADIES OF CHURCH SOCIETY,
Cooperstown.

Proceedings County Commissioners.

October 18, 1883.
Board met at 2 p. m. in accordance with previous adjournment.
Present—R. C. Cooper and N. C. Rukke.
Moved and ordered that all bills be laid on the table, and the bids for bridge work at Sheyenne river be opened and considered.
Skinner & O'Keefe, for building Howe street bridge, \$5.00 per lineal foot; for driving piles, \$5.00 each; for building approaches, \$4.00 per lineal foot; for grading, 30 cents per yard.
Pinkerton & Shue, for grading only, 30 cents per yard.
A. N. Sanger, for grading only, 28 cents per yard.
Nathan Sifton, for grading only, 19 1/2 cents per yard.
Knut Thompson & Co., for grading only, 19 cents per yard.
The bid of Skinner & O'Keefe on the bridge, approaches and piles was accepted and contract ordered; also that they be required to give bonds in the penal sum of \$1,000 for the faithful performance of contract.
Ordered that the contract for the grading be given to Knut Thompson & Co. according to bid and that they be required to give bond in the penal sum of \$500 for the faithful performance of contract.
Ordered that F. B. Edwards be employed to superintend the building of the bridge and grading.
Motion to adjourn till Thursday, Oct. 25, at 10 a. m. H. P. SMACK, Clerk.

☞ 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.

☞ Brown Bros. & Co., San Francisco, manufacturer 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.

☞ 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.

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

Ladies and Gents' Underwear at Whidden Bros.

☞ Casady Sulkys at Holliday Bros.

☞ Paints and Oils of all kinds at Odegard & Thompson'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 horseflesh by using the light draft Casady Sulky Plow. It only costs ten dollars more than the old fashioned landside machines.

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

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

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

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

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

For mens' fur goods go to Nelson & Langlie's.

☞ Don't purchase your Underwear until you have examined the immense stock at Nelson & Langlie's.

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

☞ Coal in quantities to suit all at bed rock prices. Lenham E. & L. Co.