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LOCAL LACONICS.

—Clear but cool.
—Concert to-night.
—Plowing for 1883 is over.
—Who could ask for finer weather?
—Ten below zero yesterday morning.
—How do you like the first edition of winter?
—Probate Judge Andrus went down to Sanborn Wednesday.
—J. H. Montgomery went to Fargo Sunday, returning Tuesday.
—R. T. Pinkerton has been quite ill for a week or so, but is now out again.
—Either go to the concert this evening or send up four bits as your regrets.
—Very little sickness in this vicinity now, as compared with a couple weeks ago.
—Mrs. T. F. Kerr is expected home from her extended eastern visit next week.
—H. P. Smart has been "shelved" this week, with an inflamed eye to care for and sooth.
—We have enjoyed a little bracing weather this week, but the sun doesn't forget to shine.
—Wm. Wellman, of Sanborn, has been in the county seat this week, collecting for Chas. Booth & Co.
—The publisher, after rusticating in Fargo, Cass county, a few days was glad to get back to the central city, Tuesday evening.
—J. S. Bronson, the Sanborn jeweler and newsdealer, has a card in the Courier that may be of interest to many of our readers.
—The streets are thronged with teams to-day and our little city presents a metropolitan appearance that is pleasant to behold.
—E. B. Paxson, and C. A. Radford, of Fargo, passed north yesterday for a sojourn on their claims, after spending a day at the Palace.
—The Sanborn railroad station feels itself quite an institution, and well it may for the ticket sales the first of this week run up to \$300 a day.
—Mr. Geo. Foley, the contractor who graded the Cooperstown railroad, has purchased a residence and taken his permanent abode in Fargo.
—A letter from David Bartlett informs us that he is pleasantly settled in Boulder, Colorado, and that the weather there is extremely pleasant.
—Vice-President Oakes, of the Northern Pacific, and president of the Cooperstown & Turtle Mountain, with his special train and party is expected to arrive in this place to-morrow forenoon.
—The Lenham Elevator Co. of Sanborn are reaching out. They have just purchased the Spiritwood elevator, and will hereafter manage it.—Jamestown Capital.
—Since the freeze-up wheat has been rolling in at a big rate, and our elevator men are hard worked to care for it. The merchants report an increasing trade in consequence.
—W. J. McCord, general agent of the New York Life Insurance Company, has been in Cooperstown a few days this week, writing new policies and settling Mr. Whidden's.
—The good society and our excellent schools are inducing numerous farmers to take winter quarters in Cooperstown, that their families may have these desirable advantages.
—This is just about the season of the calendar year that enterprising dealers plant their holiday advertisements. The columns of this great family journal are open for such purposes.
—Agent Cowen now has temporary electrical connection with the Sanborn office, and the boys can chatter with each other. The regular instruments for this line are looked for every day.
—Farmers who want a fall ballad may hum, without infringing upon any copy right, the following:
No more the reaper mutilates,
The thrasher chews no arms;
No more the boiler portable
Depopulates our farms;
To rest the plow has gone,
To market our No. 1 is drawn.

—An immense passenger traffic is being enjoyed by the N. P. folks, and what may seem strange to many is the fact that the throngs of travellers are bound both ways—west as well as east.

—The Portland Inter-Ocean editor as a candidate for commissioner in Traill county got snowed under along with Butler and Mahone. He takes it calmly, and thinks he can stand it if the people can.

—The Fargo Southern has at last scored that impending victory over the Manitoba road at Wahpeton, and the crossing has been effected. Track laying now progresses finely on the new road.

—Ben. Bennett, of the Sanborn Enterprise, will be up and participate in this evening's concert. Ben. is an old friend of Z. A. Clough, and was also a printer neighbor of the publisher when in Michigan.

—Mrs. R. C. Brophy and her sweet little child, came up Tuesday evening from Glyndon, Minn., to take charge of that neat little home on Rollin street. "R. C." is now just a trifle the happiest man in town.

—Geo. McCormick came in from the printer's wood lot yesterday with a big gash just above the knee that he wanted stitched up. Through some hocus-pocus the ax he was swinging managed to descend in the wrong place.

—Attorney Iver Jacobson is at Fargo attending to the interests of his firm's clients. We notice that Mr. Jacobson has at last got nicely settled in the metropolis of Griggs, having secured the upper apartments in the Jackson & Knudson building.

—Mrs. T. J. Cooper, of Chicago, and Miss Swift, of Red Wing, departed Tuesday for their homes, after enjoying a pleasant campaign in the great territory. Mr. T. J. Cooper accompanied the ladies but will return at once to this field of energetic business life.

—Should any of our readers incline to complain of a lack of home news in this week's Courier, we beg them to be patient. We have had a thousand and one things to look after the past few weeks, and it has been quite impossible to give the paper proper attention.

—J. S. Dam, the Sanborn landlord, we learn now admits that he cannot make any money at the extortionate rent he has to pay for the house, and is about to quit the business. Let's see, what did the Courier say a few months ago in regard to this matter that gave offense?

—The tax roll has been completed by county clerk Smart, and just as soon as the commissioners meet and sanction the list it will be placed in Treasurer Enger's hands, when people can have the pleasure of paying their little assessments for the first time in Griggs county.

—E. H. Foster, the civil engineer of Jamestown who platted Cooperstown, came up this week to find a bristling little city where one year ago he was running lines and driving stakes on an open prairie. Mr. Foster claims to be the first printer on the Northern Pacific, beginning at Duluth in 1868.

—Lisbon Clipper: "Ed. D. Stair, editor of the Cooperstown Courier, one of the best of Dakota's good newspapers, advertises that he has wood for sale. This is the first instance on record of a newspaper man having more than a quarter of a cord of wood "in sight" at one time. Ed. The Clipper congratulates you."

—Fred A. Sabin after two weeks labor at Fargo in the interests of the clients of his firm returned Tuesday evening, reporting matters a trifle close in the monetary market, but easing up some. Mr. Sabin informs us that his partner, Mr. Campbell, one of the best office men in the territory, will help him at this place during the balance of the busy season.

—Civil Engineer Edwards and Supt. Fernald completed their Turtle Mountain prospecting tour Tuesday evening, Mr. Edwards and Mr. Bradley returning to this place. The party report a very successful trip so far as seeing the country is concerned for they went to within three miles of the dominion line before turning homeward.

—The Courier publisher has a promise from Louie A. Walker, nee Anderson, that she will appear in one of her charming dramatic recitals at this place and Sanborn within a few weeks. Mrs. Walker is a finished elocutionist, having a full mastery of the science of expression by voice and action. When given the entertainment will probably be under auspices of the church society. Look out for future announcements.

—Lisbon Clipper: "The Cooperstown Courier styles The Clipper a great religious luminary. Well, for a couple of years we were pretty good darned religious, but the stretch has left our suspenders and they begin to hurt our shoulders when we kneel to pray. It looks as though we shall have to part with our religious practices and convictions.

—We are grateful this week for a pack of extraordinarily well written visiting cards, and we shall hereafter pass ourself off as an accomplished quill driver. We know not where they came from, but among the cards is one reading: "by W. P. Cooper, almost blind." The person who can spread ink on cards as finely as upon the ones in our receipt without perfect eyesight is indeed a genius.

—Mr. C. C. Phillippee, our veteran architect and contractor contemplates an all-winter trip to Illinois and Indiana, to visit among relatives whom he has not seen for twenty years. None will miss Mr. P. more than the Courier, and we expect to hear frequently of his "booming" operations down in the land of corn, for he is an enthusiastic Dakotian. He will depart next week.

—When the wheat crop in Canada was good the millers rejoiced in the protective tariff which prevented the importation of cheap breadstuffs from the United States. But this year there is a short crop; there is not enough wheat to keep the mills running, and the indignant millers are protesting against the tax of 15 cents a bushel on grain from the United States.

—The north half of Maine has snow nearly a foot deep, and as good sleighing as Illinois ever gets in January. In Florida the pine-apples are all gathered and the oranges are ripening. Here in glorious Dakota land the air is balmy, the sun shines brightly, the season of labor is over and the happy resident is preparing for a long spell to be devoted chiefly to enjoyment. What a joyous lot is that of the true Dakotian.

—Our brother, Orin Stair, publishes the Saline (Mich.) Observer, and upon turning his fourth mile post last week he treated his readers to a double-sized paper, thus giving 64 columns, or about eight rods of reading matter. It was the largest paper ever printed in Wash-taw county. For a Michigan paper that was quite an innovation, but just wait until about the Holidays and then gaze upon the average Dakota newspaper production.

—Cooperstown has occasion to feel a trifle uneasy, as reported rich gold finds have been made near here, at the mouth of Bald Hill creek. This place desires to build up solidly on agricultural, commercial and industrial resources, hence it is trusted the gold mines discovered hereabouts may be limited. Unhealthy excitement that is quite sure to some day prove retroactive is not desired by our steady going citizens, and to be candid we must admit they are in some danger of being disturbed.

—While at Fargo this week the writer was pleased to meet and listen to Fargo's favorite boomer, Mr. Dickinson, the Broadway druggist, for the first time. "Dick," as he is familiarly known, is as earnest as he is grandiose in his advocacy of Dakota gospel, and it seems a pleasure for him to annihilate any croaker who may unwittingly drop into his store, with sledge-hammer arguments, of which he carries a big stock. Pat. Donan has a rival and it is pleasant to know that, next to Fargo, said rival considers Cooperstown the most promising place in North Dakota.

—Wood cut from good live trees can be bought cheap of E. D. Stair, at Courier office.

Political Pick-Ups.

There was a republican gain of 10,000 votes in Nebraska last week.

A number of dead presidential candidates are lying about in different parts of the country.

The negro who was reported to be "rising" in Virginia has concluded to softly subside. The story was a uagaboo.

I have several lots already pre-empted at the head of the waters of Salt River. I am an old settler in that region.—B. F. Butler.

It is estimated that the Massachusetts campaign cost not less than \$1,000,000, Butler alone having spent about \$125,000. Over \$100,000 changed hands on the election in and around Boston alone.

The report that Riddleberger, Mahone's partner, will cultivate the Democrats and act with them is probably true. Recent events have shown that it may be very convenient to have a Democrat in the family.

Concert To-Night.

The ladies of the Cooperstown church society have at a considerable expense of pains prepared for a concert which they will give at the Institute building this evening beginning at 7 o'clock. Not a person in Cooperstown can afford to stay away from this entertainment, as the proceeds are to augment the organ fund. Following is the

PROGRAM:
Anthem—"Oh, give Thanks unto the Lord."
Instrumental Duet—"Hunters' Chorus," Mrs. Zimmerman, Mrs. Rockwell.
Soprano Solo and Quartette—"When the Mists Have Rolled Away," Miss Gimblett, Mrs. Rockwell, Messrs. Phillippee and Whidden.
Vocal Duet—"The Murmuring Sea," Mrs. Z. A. Clough, Mrs. J. N. Brown.
Bass Solo—"Rocked in the Cradle of the Deep," Prof. Z. A. Clough.
Tenor Solo and Quartette—"Poor Jilted Johnathan," Mr. Bennett, Mrs. Clough, Mrs. Rockwell, Prof. Z. A. Clough.
Soprano Solo—"When 'Tis Moonlight," Mrs. Z. A. Clough.
Simultaneous Declamation, Messrs. Clough and Walker.
Quartette—"Come Where the Lillies Bloom," Mrs. Z. A. Clough, Mrs. J. N. Brown, Messrs. Phillippee and Clough.
Instrumental Duet—"Wiener Bonbon," Mrs. H. G. Pickett, Mrs. F. M. Rockwell.
Male Quartette—"Speed Away," Messrs. Phillippee, Sabin, Whidden, Clough.
Vocal Duet—"Master and Pupil," Mr. and Mrs. Prof. Z. A. Clough.
Contra Solo—"Days Done," Mrs. J. N. Brown.
Anthem—"Praise Waiteth for Thee."

Effects of Dakota's Climate.

A few months since Rev. H. M. Gallop who came to Ypsilanti from Saline where he had been pastor of the Baptist church, was unable scarcely to walk with the aid of a staff; he went to Dakota last summer and such was the bracing influence of the climate that Sunday, Oct. 7th, he occupied the Baptist pulpit, standing upright and preaching a vigorous and forcible sermon very acceptable to the audience.—Ypsilanti (Mich.) Commercial.

Temperance Meeting.

Sunday evening the Temperance Union will hold a service in the school building at 6:30 o'clock. All are invited. The following program will be observed:

Song service.
Scripture reading and prayer.
Quartette.
Reading, Mrs. Haskell.
Solo and chorus.
Recitation, Bertie Haskell.
Vocal duet.
Reading, Mrs. Carlton.

The meeting will be held in the upper room of the school building which will afford the use of an instrument.

CORRECT TO A DOT.

Is the Following from the Cleveland (Ohio) Leader.

In Dakota, enterprise breaks the broad prairies with the same freedom that a steamer ploughs the ocean. Energetic men of even limited means, if in localities of rich soil and railways, make a competency in a few years. In 1879 an acquaintance entered upon the pre-emption laws one hundred and sixty acres; raised wheat and in three years sold the land for \$3,400 profit. A clergyman tired of the dull routine of eastern watering places, reinvested in Northern Pacific railway lands a \$500 bond unfortunately purchased ten years ago of Jay Cooke. To his first purchase he added others, such as a limited bank account allowed, occasionally sold and reinvested. Now he estimates the profits of seven vacations in Dakota as follows: Robust health, vigorous sermons, an elegant new church built, pastor and people happy, especially the pastor, who believes his misfortune in bonds has resulted in a fortune of \$50,000 in lands. Lately I rode with the son of a college president, whose debts if credits ten years ago would have made him comfortable. Now he is president of a national bank, and the bank's deposits are over \$300,000. Charles Goodwin has the largest cattle ranch in the world at the head of Red River, Texas. He began buying land four years ago, getting 270,000 acres. To enclose his lands two hundred and fifty miles of fence is required. He has 40,000 cattle. Wealth in Dakota and the west is guaranteed by the experiences of ten thousand investors in other states, who have purchased good lands at three dollars and less per acre. Enter your legacy and cultivate what you can, and hold on to titles for ten, twenty years, if necessary. This rule has and will make millionaires.

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

A Billiard and Pool Table

Combined, for sale at a bargain by R. C. COOPER.

For Rent.

A well appointed store in excellent location of Cooperstown, suitable for any kind of business, can be leased by applying to, R. C. COOPER.

Fargo Republican: Dakota never entered upon a winter season with so much actual wealth as she possesses this fall. There is probably 100 per cent more grain in store among the farmers here to-day, than ever before, and while some inconvenience to commercial circles may be felt because of the low prices and slow marketing of wheat, yet the wealth is here nevertheless and will show itself before another seeding time.

There will be three hundred and twenty-five members in the next house of representatives, instead of the two hundred and ninety-three of the last house. The eastern representatives have the seventy-five they had in the last house; the western states have one hundred instead of ninety-two; the southern states have one hundred and twenty-one instead of one hundred. The democrats have a majority of sixty-four.

The grand jury at Grand Forks, Dak., have considered the evidence placed before them in the matter of Dr. Scott, a capital commissioner, against whom charges of corruption in connection with the capital location were made by the Grand Forks Herald. The district attorney ruled the matter out, owing to the fact that the corrupt bargain and corrupt consideration was received in another county. It is understood some evidence will be submitted to the grand jury in another county before the close of the circuit court.

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

A car load of furniture just received by Odegard & Thompson.

A few suits Buckskin Underwear selling at cost at Whidden Bros.

Another car load Flour just received at Whidden Bros. You can save money buying of them rather than hauling your wheat to the mill.

Whidden Bros. have never before urged their customers for a dollar, but any thinking man can understand that owing to the sudden change—the death of one partner—it's necessary to wind up the present business. Don't forget to pay.

See Whidden Bros.' new ad. They offer a premium on all current funds by selling goods lower than ever.

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

A few Grain Sacks still on hand at Whidden Bros. will be sold for cost.

Have you got a yoke of oxen, sheep, hogs, etc.? We will always give you goods for them. Odegard & Thompson.

Three good rooms on a second floor can be rented singly or together by applying to R. C. Cooper.

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

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.

Old newspapers for sale at the Courier office.

Wm. Glass loans money for final proof and on real estate. 381f.

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

Fresh Groceries received this week at Whidden Bros.

A car load of Pork just received at Odegard & Thompson's.

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

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

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

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

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.

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

One good second-hand Singer Sewing Machine for sale cheap by Buchheit Bros.

If you want one, ten or fifty cords of good wood get prices of E. D. Stair.

The great rush at Nelson & Langlie's is occasioned by the largest stock of general merchandise ever brought to Cooperstown, and the low prices placed thereon.

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.