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LOCAL LAONICS.

—Col. Fitch, of the Palace, paid James-ton a flying visit Tuesday.

—A large stock of Blacksmith coal just received at the lumber yard.

—The ground is covered with fleecy whiteness this morning, for the first time this season.

—You can save money by calling at Whidden Bros. and leaving your order for your winter supplies.

—W. A. Burns, a genial commercial boy of St. Paul, spent a couple days of the present week in the Hub.

—No. 1 Hard was bringing 78 cents here yesterday while 77 cents was the price at Fargo, Hope and Sanborn.

—A few suits Gents' Clothing, jean and duck pants, "Monitors," etc., etc., will be closed out low at Whidden Bros.

—Mrs. J. B. Whidden and her little son have gone to Chicago to spend the winter with a sister living there. Mrs. Lever accompanied them.

—The soft sunshine and sapphire sky of the past week is convincing proof that there is no limit to the sublimate attainments of Dakota weather.

—Chas. Dazey, of Dazeytown, is writing a drama to be produced by the Valley City amateurs. The title is striking, namely, "The American King."

—Dell. Wing departed on Tuesday for the paternal roof at Old Town, Maine, and Geo. Whidden returned to his military duties at Fort Custer, on Monday.

—Herman Husel, one of Griggs county's most respected and industrious young farmers, departed for an all-winter visit to the old home at St. Clair, Mich., Wednesday.

—Geo. McCormick has been having a serious time with his wounded knee, he having taken cold before it was properly dressed. He is now gaining rapidly under the care of Dr. Newell.

—Mr. C. C. Phillippe took his departure on Wednesday for the states where reside Hoosiers and Suckers. "When the birds begin to sing, their early songs of spring," etc., he will return.

—Friday evening of next week the ladies propose to inaugurate, at School Hall, a series of socials that will renew our existence as a harmonious community. Let all appear in garb of good feeling.

—The tax lists are at last in Treasurer Enger's possession and all can now cash up for their little assessment. Money is already flowing into the county exchequer at a lively rate, and county orders must soon take a boom.

—Attorney N. W. Campbell, of Campbell & Sabin, came up from Fargo Wednesday evening to help his partner through with a batch of proofs. As will be seen by a dissolution notice, F. C. Holmes is no longer connected with the firm.

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

—County commissioner-elect Ole Halverson was in the city Wednesday and received his certificate of election. Not until January 1st will he qualify and assume his share of the responsibility and abuse connected with the county's management.

—With wisdom walls the Jamestown Capital: It would be too bad to discover gold in the fertile soil of North Dakota. It might induce some people to give up the magnificent profits of agriculture for the delusive and uncertain search after the yellow god.

—S. McKenzie, one of the first carpenters to drive a nail in Cooperstown, but now a prosperous granger of Steele county, was in the city Wednesday. Harry Lyons, another one of the town's original saw shovers, has gone to his old home at St. Mary's, Ont., to winter and visit.

—Ester Johnson, a farmer of 157-58 was in Cooperstown Tuesday circulating a subscription paper in his own behalf. He had lost all his grain and hay by prairie fire, proper precaution against the same not having been taken. Of course our citizens all came down liberally with the needful lucre.

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

—We haven't space this week to give full particulars regarding the way a young lady of this place, who is a regular prayer meeting attendant, became mesmerized by a gentleman attendant whom she had been endeavoring to exercise her mesmeric power upon. Those who saw the operation so neatly transposed, much to the lady mesmerist's discomposure, report a ludicrous scene. Watch next week's Courier.

—Cooperstown is not to escape the bane of the Northern Pacific retrenchment, as a new order painfully indicates. On and after Dec. 1st one train is to do service for both the Carrington and Cooperstown branches, which will give us a train on Mondays and Fridays only for the winter months. This would seem a gross injustice to a populous county, but what can we do but abide by the "powers that be?"

—The Marysville (Cal.) Appeal tells of a girl who supports herself by selling kisses at 10 cents a dozen. If this young lady is desirous of striking a bonanza that signifies something more than a mere living, let her purchase a ticket for Cooperstown, the Hub of Griggs, forthwith. An apple-pie-mouthed young gent at our elbow says he can consume one dozen a day, and there are plenty more like him here.

—Clipping an item from these columns regarding Louie A. Walker's forthcoming appearance in this place the Fargo Republican adds: "Mrs. Walker is one of Fargo's brightest dramatic stars and that is saying a great deal. She is one of the finest elocutionists that has ever visited the Northwest, and the citizens of Cooperstown and Sanborn are insured an evening of rare pleasure, should she appear in one of her elocutionary entertainments before them."

—Matters present a decidedly lively appearance in the Lenham E. & L. Co's yard down at the "West End" of the city now-a-days. Manager Crane reports the elevator as chuck full of grain, notwithstanding shipments are made as fast as cars can be procured, and lumber sales are very brisk. They have paid out as high as \$1,450 a day for wheat the past week, which is exclusive of the grain stored, and nearly every dollar of this money is set afloat in Cooperstown.

—That strip of territory which has set up shop as Steele county, just east of this place will have to pay double taxes this year to longer keep up the face of county organization. The portion they claim to have taken from Griggs county must pay taxes here, and the portion sliced from Traill is assessed as heretofore. Griggs county's claim to taxes from those townships "set off" for Steele are being recognized by the largest tax payers over there, Mr. Pickert among them.

—22 barrels eating and cooking apples for sale low at Whidden Bros.

—A farmer living on the east side of the Sheyenne took a load of wheat to Hope last Saturday, but was convinced the buyer there did not offer him a fair price, and so on Monday he crossed the frozen river and sold the same wheat for 21 cents per bushel more in Cooperstown than he was offered in Hope. We have heard of similar occurrences not infrequently, and judging from the number of farmers seen on our streets from the east side there must be some truth in the assertion that we have a superior wheat market.

—A special train bearing Vice-Pres. Oakes, General Freight Agent Hannaford, Ass't Manager Odell, Supt. Graham, Master Mechanic Ames and Traffic Manager Muir, all of the Northern Pacific, and General Manager Roberts of the S. C. & T. M., pulled into Cooperstown Saturday forenoon. These high-up officials were decidedly surprised to find so substantial a town and such magnificent and well improved land adjoining it. It is thought the object of their visit was an examination of the road, preparatory to operating it in connection with the Northern Pacific.

—The regular monthly meeting of the Temperance Union held at the school building last Sunday evening was well attended and yielded more than ordinary interest. The recitations were well selected and given with enthusiasm. The music was appreciated. At the close of the exercises a pledge was circulated which was signed by fifty-five persons. The season of absorbing work has passed and the board of managers of the Union promise a series of temperance meetings and socials which will be of much profit and interest to our young men during the coming winter. Let each one put his hand to the work and push the cause on a little.

—Fresh oysters in bulk and cans by express every week at Whidden Bros.

—The record of a day's threshing mentioned by the Courier a couple weeks ago is knocked out of time by the Hope Pioneer, which says: "Messrs. Douglass, Galt & Tomlinson, with their J. I. Case Agitator, threshed 2,750 bushels of oats on the 1st inst. They had on several occasions previous to that time threshed from 2,200 to 2,300 bushels in a day's time. Who beats this record?"

—Some twelve or fifteen couple of our fun loving people hid themselves over to the Park Avenue Hotel, at Mardell, last evening and chased the fleeting hours to strains of enchanting Terpsichorean music, with which they were provided. Landlord Robinson had received due warning of the intended invasion, and the reception the merry makers received is said to have been as good for the stomach as the soul.

Thanksgiving Service.

There will be a Thanksgiving service at the school building on Sunday evening at 7:00 p. m. The following programme will ensure an enjoyable evening for all classes. Messrs. Enger and Melgard have kindly consented to assist in the service with their cornets and will lend additional interest to the service of song:

1. Cornet duet—"What are the Wild Waves Saying," Messrs. Enger and Melgard.
2. Chorus—"Give Thanks unto the Lord."
3. Scripture reading by the children.
4. Chorus.
5. Recitation by Ella Brown.
6. Cornet duet—Messrs. Enger and Melgard.
7. Reading—"Thanksgiving Without Papa," Mrs. H. G. Pickett.
8. Duet—Vocal, Mr. and Mrs. Clough.
9. Recitation—"The First Thanksgiving."
10. Solo—Mrs. Clough.
11. Reading.
12. Cornet duet—"Nearer My God to Thee," Messrs. Enger and Melgard.
13. Short address.
14. Quartette.
15. Recitation—"Thanksgiving," Mrs. W. R. Whidden.
16. Cornet solo—"With the Angels, By and By," Messrs. Enger & Melgard.

Not so Slow, After all.

Fargo Daily Republican: "Ed. Stair, publisher of the Cooperstown Courier, says: 'The publisher, after rusticating in Fargo, Cass county, a few days, was glad to get back to the central city, Tuesday evening.' Ed. probably can't stand the hustle and jostle of the busy metropolis. Quietude and unmoledation are more congenial to his unexcitable nature."

Wonder if that's so? "Quietude and unmoledation" are good words, but Cooperstown is the last place a person would knowingly go to realize their practical sense. If the Republican scribe was up here about eleven minutes his conclusions would undoubtedly be that Cooperstown is an immense wheel of progress that makes no less than sixty revolutions a minute. Fargo is a great and flourishing place, but there are some particulars in which it should not presume to compare with this Hub of a rich county and vast region.

To the Public.

The secretary of the church society reports that the pastor's salary is running behind. We would call the attention of all whose duty it is, also of anyone feeling interested in the matter to this important fact, and ask that such of those that have not already done so, will see that their spare change is contributed at once. Those wishing envelopes by which to contribute regularly each Sunday can procure them at any time by applying to the secretary, Mrs. J. N. Brown; but it may not be amiss to suggest that unless they are used after taking they are quite useless, as some holding them have failed to respond as yet. This matter should engage the attention of every citizen and dweller of our entire community. As there is no one who does not feel the influence and reap the benefit of our church society, directly or indirectly, hence it is to the advantage and interest of each individual to aid in supporting it. It is a fact fully demonstrated long ago that a minister's family cannot subsist on thin air or good intentions any more than other mortals. It is not to be inferred that there has been nothing done; some have responded liberally, but a few, be they ever so liberal, cannot accomplish what many might do—by each one simply doing a little. If each one who can only do a little would reflect that were it not for the small things of this world there would be none, for the earth itself is composed of particles; that each grain of sand helps make the mountain; each drop of water the sea. We think this question would be quickly and easily disposed of. Shall it not be so considered? Doubtless all that is needed in the case of those to be heard from is to direct their attention to this need. A ready response is confidently expected, which will assuredly be the case if it made a matter of conscience, and God's gifts are acknowledged and gratitude expressed in a tangible form.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

He'll Do His Part.

Noticing General Freight Agent Hannaford among last Saturday's visitors at the Hub, a Courierite seized the opportunity to quiz him as regards the probable freight tariff that will be established for Cooperstown when the S. C. & T. M. Ry. traffic comes under his control. The conversation ran thusly:

"Mr. Hannaford, our business men and the people generally are looking forward with no meagre degree of anticipation to the rate that you will establish upon merchandise and movables bound for Cooperstown. We consider it in your power to aid us greatly in our continued prosperity."

"Well, sir, I shall surely favor your little city as much as consistent, and the freight tariff will be liberal."

"You understand, Mr. Hannaford, that our leading competing point is a Manitoba town, and that their freight rates are said to be some lower than those of neighboring N. P. towns?"

"Yes, I am aware of it, but if your place doesn't scoop Hope in a commercial way it will be the fault of your business men, for I shall do my part."

We then assured the genial general manipulator of freight traffic that he could rest assured that Cooperstown has dealers who can, with equal freight advantages, knock the enthusiasm out of all towns claiming to compete with them, as they are cash purchasers and buy in carload lots. Any favorable discrimination Mr. Hannaford may make for the terminal town will be substantially appreciated, for we have the men who will grasp such opportunities and make them redound to the interests of both town and railway.

Coming to Run Dakota.

"Yes, we're going to Dakota," said one of the party of eight lively young men on board a Lake Shore train near Toledo. "We're going out to Dakota to run it."

"To run it?" I queried.

"Yes, we mean to run the state, when it becomes a state. Jim over there's to be Governor, Henry'll be State Treasurer, John will be the Congressman, and I guess a United States Senatorship will be good enough for me." Then the whole party laughed and another spoke up.

"It isn't as bad as that, stranger. But we have a scheme. We're going out to settle in two or three adjacent counties. After we get started we're going to bring a lot more of our friends out. Some of us are lawyers, some doctors, one a newspaper man, two merchants, and you can bet we are all politicians. We'll go into some of those new counties, and when the state's organized perhaps we'll be strong enough to capture something pretty good. You know it doesn't take a very large crowd of fellows that pull well together to make quite a stir in a little state like that. And we're all from Ohio, too. But keep it quiet, stranger, because the darned newspapers might get hold of it."—Mentor, in Chicago Herald.

We are willing to wager our last month's board bill against a gross of monkey smiles that within one week from the time the above party touches Dakota soil every mother's son of them will have "drawn on dad" by telegraph for money to get back home with. It is just such vain-glorious young numskulls, and no other class, that are disappointed with the West. Self-important people who come to Dakota with glittering mind panoramas of the style in which they will conduct public affairs take a tumble to themselves the first day here and are compelled to credit themselves as fair fools in their estimate of a western town's make-up. It is amusing to see the dejected look of chagrin upon the countenances of the self-exulting young men after their initial day's contact with Dakota brain and brawn. Their estimation of self lowers about 90 per cent and they look as though they would gladly sell out their future official prospects for a cent each. Their bright visions of governorship, congressional duties, senatorial honors, financial responsibilities, etc., are suddenly and woefully knocked higher than Gilderoy's kite. But it is simply their own fault that these bright desiderata are not realized.

The class of young and middle-aged men who come to Dakota with resolutions of labor and perseverance are the ones who carry off the honor-coated plums of public trust and gain the desired financial competence. A man who comes to awe the natives with his preponderance of wisdom is astonished to find how little he really knows when he rubs against a Dakota intellect and it is not to be wondered that his foolish heart sickens within him. The young man with an ambition to "run things" had better stay where he can have the fostering care of his parents, but the young fellow that wants to work and win will find vast opportunities and rich returning conquests to conquer in Dakota. Would-be governors, congressmen and senators need not apply.

Worthy Publications.

BALLOU'S MAGAZINE
For December contains the last chapter of Mr. William H. Thome's "Belle of Australia." Of course all ends well. The young husband gets his young bride and the old folks bless them, and the wicked earl turns out to be a trump and a pretty good fellow, even if he does run after the women a little more than is proper for a nobleman. In the January number of Ballou Mr. Thome will begin a new yarn, called "On Land and Sea, or California in the Years 1843, '44 and '45," when the author will give his experience when he was on the coast, collecting hides, before the gold discoveries. It will be a lively narrative to read, we have no doubt. Ballou is always fresh and pleasant, and the December number will be found wonderfully good and entertaining. It 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 really is. Do this and secure some valuable winter's reading at a small price. For sale everywhere. Published by Thomas & Talbot 23 Hawley St., Boston.

NEWSPAPER DIRECTORY.

The American Newspaper Annual for 1883 is, beyond doubt, one of the best Newspaper Annuals ever issued. The labor incident to the compilation of an annual of this complete nature is simply enormous, and it should meet with substantial encouragement from all the business men of the country to whom its results are absolutely invaluable. N. W. Ayer & Son's, Philadelphia, are the publishers, and they acquitted themselves nobly in the work.

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

—A car load of furniture just received by Odgaard & 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.

—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. Odgaard & Thompson.

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

—Odgaard & 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. 38tf.

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

—Fresh Groceries received this week at Whidden Bros.

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

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

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

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

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

The great rush at Nelson & Langlie 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.

—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.

JULIUS STEVENS,
Money Loaned on Chattel Security

AT LOW RATES.
Office in the Hardware Store.

Estray Notice.
Notice is hereby given that there came onto my enclosure on the 8th of Oct. 30 cows, 145, range 58, two head of working cattle. The owner can obtain the same by calling on sec. 22-145-58, paying property and paying expenses.
BETRIEL HERIGSTAD.