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LOCAL LAONICS.

—Yesterday was turkey day.
—Have you had a sleigh ride yet?
—Real estate seems to be on the move.
—If this kind of weather continues farmers will feel like seeding.
—The date for the Louie A. Walker entertainment has been set for Friday evening, Dec. 14th.
—The Thanksgiving service program arranged for last Sabbath will be given next Sunday, at School Hall.
—The taxes levied in Griggs county this year amount to \$34,395.14, which will more than pay all outstanding orders.

—The small edition of winter we had the first of this week didn't appear to have much backbone. Anyhow its broken.

—We have just received a car load of that genuine Fargo Roller Mill Flour and it will be sold cheaper than ever. Odegard & Thompson.

—There is but one family in town where the Courier is not a regular visitor, and only one business place not represented in its columns.

—The Hillsboro Banner claims the daily wheat receipts of that place have averaged 45,000 per day for six weeks; total for season, 1,250,000.

—Mrs. T. F. Kerr arrived home Wednesday from her protracted Michigan visit, much to the Doctor's joy and the satisfaction of her many friends.

—Sunday and Monday were tolerable cool days, compared with preceding ones. However, we have had no weather yet that has influenced our carpenters to "lay over" a day.

—Through kindness of a lady friend we feasted on stuffed turkey, puddings, pies, sauce, and everything relishable yesterday and were happy to a high degree. To-day we are back chewing on—well, on hotel fare.

—On Sunday last Justice Glass hid himself to the Sheyenne precincts whither he had been summoned to "splice" in matrimonial weld Amund Fluto to Christiana Johnson. Another indication of coming cold weather.

—A. N. Adams, the accomplished tinsmith and farmer, has gone to Boston to close out his real estate there for the purpose of more extensively carrying on his Griggs county Enterprise. He will be back to start in with the New Year at Cooperstown.

Tell your uncle, aunt, cousin and everybody to call at the Pioneer Store for Holiday Goods. You must not forget your sweetheart. We have a fine line of candy, nuts, etc. It will make you all happy to buy a few pounds. It is sweet. Odegard & Thompson.

—There is talk of a few social hops among our young married people. Good idea, and we might remark that any new dancers needing instructions will do well to apply at this office. We know all about "al-a-man-left," "swinging-your-partner," "balance-all" and two or three other changes. Charges reasonable.

—Editor Smith, of the Tribune, whooped it up big for Mayville last week with forty-eight columns of home matter concerning the inception, progress and attainment of that prosperous place. Dakota is the province that produces enterprise, and Traill county evidently has her share of it.

—A well attended meeting for the organization of a glee club was held at Mrs. W. R. Whidden's last evening. The object of the society will be literary instruction, music and mirth, and the following officers will guide its welfare: Pres. H. G. Pickett; Vice-Pres. Mrs. W. R. Whidden; Sec. Fred Sabin; Treas. Mrs. H. G. Pickett.

—If I had but \$1,000 to invest in business," says Barnum, "I would put \$500 of the sum into advertising." He who attempts to do business in this day and age of the world without advertising, is he who "saves at the spitgot while he wastes at the bung." Never pull your sign board down until you desire to part company with trade.

—Edwin Bradley, our obliging city barber, has moved his shop to the Union House where he solicits that portion of the public in quest of smooth shaves or slick hair cuts to call. Our male population are not justified in scraping their own mugs when we have a good tonsor in our midst who stands ready at all hours to serve them.

—Our original and only Joe, by adoption, has been heard from. This from yesterday's Fargo Argus: The rushing Joe Marshall from Cooperstown, the young city of boom, big hotels and thrifty citizens, was circulating in the metropolis yesterday, where business and much pleasure followed in his wake.

—Yesterday was not very generally observed as a Holiday in Cooperstown, and few seemed thankful for aught but the beautiful weather and the use they could make of it. We were sorry to note that so few found time to observe the long honored day of Thanksgiving, but as this is the first offense in the town's history of course we will not moralize.

—Operations on the Sheyenne river bridge, which were mentioned a couple weeks since as being statu quo, have resumed under direction of T. C. Fernald, who has assumed the contract awarded to Skinner & O'Keefe. Mr. Fernald says that farmers can cross the congealed and sinuous stream on the new bridge in about ten days or two weeks.

—The Courier has been informed from high and authoritative source that the S. C. & T. M. railroad will not be extended north of this place next year, as the company have intended heretofore. There has been much said in regard to the effect an early extension of the road would have upon Cooperstown, and those who like to discuss the matter now have a basis upon which to construct their talk.

—As will be noticed by their new advertisement, Odegard & Thompson, the rustlers, have added a new departure—agricultural implements—to their already extensive business. Somehow the "platform" upon which this firm conduct business appears to meet pretty general approval, and we have no doubt but that their new line, in which they are well versed and experienced, will figure as an important branch of their immense traffic.

—M. J. Davis, the genial superintendent of the Lenham Elevator system, received a sad telegram yesterday forenoon, announcing the sudden death of his wife at their home in Duluth. Mr. Davis was greatly shocked, being a man extremely fond of his family and taken so unexpectedly. He had just remarked to the publisher while eating breakfast that this was the first time he had been obliged to be from home on Thanksgiving, and he hoped it would never occur again. Alas, little did he think that happy home was so soon to be wrecked by the reaper death.

—The following, which must have given the Michigan paper that admitted the fact pain, is quite a "straw" for so early in the season: "The stream of immigration that has poured into Dakota the past year promises to continue for another season, and we may expect glowing accounts of the New Eldorado through various sources." The paper we clip the item from was quite certain six months ago that the "Dakota excitement had seen its day and that an adverse tide would set in" etc. Thus does a poor eastern editor forfeit his distinction as a wise-acre.

—If the maids mentioned in the following paragraph from an eastern paper should all migrate to Dakota the "condition" they propose to labor against would readily be overcome, and there would be pleasure for their future instead of disappointment: "An Old Maid's Club is about to be organized in town, for the purpose of offering suggestions as to the best means of securing a husband the coming year, and exercising the following novel experiments: Walking backwards up stairs, looking into a looking glass, swallowing an egg shell full of salt, drinking vinegar and sugar, remaining silent for 10 seconds, and other and more difficult tests. They are determined on a desperate struggle, and if any of our young men are left out in the cold it will be their own fault."

—B. C. Cooper has purchased of Pinkerton & Shue their store building on Burrell avenue at a consideration of \$1,650. Messrs. Pinkerton & Shue are closing out their livery business preparatory to leaving the county. They are energetic and generous business men whom the town can poorly afford to part with. If they must go it is pleasant for their business here has yielded them a handsome profit. LATER—Since the above was put in type Messrs. P. & S. have concluded Griggs county is good enough for them, and it took them about 2½ minutes Wednesday afternoon by the watch to close a bargain with the Courier publisher for that "wood lot" on the Sheyenne. The deal amounted to \$2,000 and the time consumed in its transaction is a fair illustration of how things are done in Dakota.

Another Railroad.

"The railroad, projected northwest from Fargo to Fort Buford and thence possibly through to the Pacific coast, is assuming definite shape and rapidly becoming something besides talk," says the Fargo Argus.

This line will probably follow the old Fargo and Northwestern preliminary survey, which touches Cooperstown near the elevator. There is no reason why a railway northwest from Fargo could not be operated at a great profit, and we think our citizens have reason to watch for future developments with no meagre degree of anticipation. The country for sixty miles northwest from where the proposed road would enter Griggs county is absolutely the most fertile part of Dakota, and as all this region is desirous of being directly connected with Fargo—the natural metropolis of the northwest—the enterprise would meet hearty co-operation and encouragement. Let the good work move rapidly on.

Be Social.

MR. EDITOR:—One who spoke in harmony with the fitness of things, said: "Society is a sphere that demands all our energies and deserves all its demands. Now, therefore, who retires to ails and caverns to court a monotonous conflict and to win a richer crown is doubly deceived; the conflict is less, the reward is nothing. He may, indeed, win the race if he can be admitted to have done so who had no competitors, because he chose to run alone; but he will be entitled to no prize because he ran out of the course."

Cooperstown has no hermits in caves nor caverns—but it has had for the past few months. A people who have hid themselves in the dust and mire of close hard work until it seemed that social life was about to shroud itself in a winding sheet. But this was necessary to the end that the butcher and doctor and baker should not foreclose on us, and that the larder should be fat for winter.

This having been accomplished there is a desire to shake hands and talk a little, and meet the demands of society in a downright social way. So the ladies and friends who have made our life pleasant here in Cooperstown propose to engage in social chat and cheer at Mrs. W. R. Whidden's next Thursday eve. A profitable programme will be arranged by the glee club. Let all appear, and in good spirits.

A Puerile Pun.

An exchange says: According to a recent visit to Dakota three classes of men are to be met there, the "boomers," the "rustlers," and the "tenderfeet." A "boomer" is the individual who tells the most wonderful stories about the country, and of the opportunities offered on every hand to grow rich suddenly. He is a land owner, or the agent of a land owner; of course he has property to dispose of. The "rustler" is the innocent who believes the representations and buys without investigating the character of the soil. The "tenderfoot" is the man who does not swallow all that is told him, and hesitates about investing.

From the above explanation we are led to believe that Dr. G. F. Newell is a "rustler."—Waterford (Wis.) Post.

The above is a sample of the numerous abortive attempts in use by the eastern press to injure the influence of Dakota gospel that may perchance gain ground in their midst. Every spring they are called upon to say the parting word to their most esteemed, energetic citizens, who, after coming to Dakota in nine cases out of ten send for their friends. The little half-starved local papers of these depopulating villages are expected to be loyally patriotic, as well as foolish, and hence such silly stuff as the above.

So far as Dr. Newell is concerned he can well afford to laugh at the above assinine attempt at satire, for his growing trade and future prospects can only tend to make him more than ever generous. He bought with his eyes open, after thorough investigation (the above insinuation notwithstanding) and to-day has the agreeable satisfaction of knowing that his real estate is worth \$4 to \$5 per acre more than he paid for it eight months ago. Waterford folks and papers will do well not to waste any more sympathy on Dr. Newell, for that commodity is really due from the other side of the fence. These poor stand-still or backward-bound localities should not spend their feeble energies in blaspheming Dakota, but rather use what little strength they possess to building up their own shattered condition.

Oh, What is This?

It is a car load of those Genuine "Stoughton" Wagons for Odegard & Thompson. No better wagons on wheels. They will sell now, you bet they will. They always sell the year around "and don't you forget it!" Good goods are staple in a go-ahead country like this.

A Note Lost.

A note given by J. C. Clemenson for \$45 in favor of A. H. Sonju has been lost. Finder will be rewarded by returning the same to me at Cooperstown.
A. H. SONJU.

Eastern Excursions.

The Jamestown Capital has started a boom in favor of excursions to the east during the winter months, and the idea seems to meet approval along the line. Says the Capital:

"There is no question that a large number of people who are not held here during the winter season by any particular ties of business would like to visit their former homes and their friends in the east, if the expense of the trip were not too great. The various railways running into Dakota could well afford to issue excursion tickets and send out special trains about the middle of December which should carry people at greatly reduced rates, return tickets to be good for say sixty days. Thousands of people would take advantage of cheap fares who cannot afford to pay the regular rates. The visitors to the east would all act as missionaries who would carry with them a true account of the country and create a great additional interest in it. There is no doubt that Dakota would receive more benefit from this method of advertising than from any amount of printed matter scattered through the country. And the increase of business that would ultimately result to the railways would reimburse them a thousand fold for their trouble."

Proceedings of County Commissioners.

Met this 21st day of November, 1883, at 2 p. m., having been adjourned from day to day by clerk since October 25, 1883. Present—Rollin C. Cooper and N. C. Rukke.

Rollin C. Cooper in the chair. Liquor license bond of Henry C. Fitch approved and license issued.

Appraisers to appraise damages for highway running across lands owned by A. A. Fluto and Ole J. Skrien, reappointed on account of former appraisers not being eligible to act as such and appoint Omund Nelson, (Geo. W. Harward and Peter E. Nelson as such appraisers.

Resolved that the county treasurer be ordered to collect each and every tax enumerated upon the tax list which we have this day placed our warrant in amounting to \$34,395.14.

FOLLOWING BILLS ALLOWED:	
Muir & Christie, labor on bridge in 30-146-58	\$ 90
Andrew Johnson, election duties	30 00
Andrew Johnson, sheriff's fees, Pinkerton	16 30
Iver Jacobson, legal services	10 00
A. N. Adams, hauling piles to bridge	12 00
Theo. F. Kerr, school town record books	100 00
(County tuition fund)	
Bill of O. J. Skrien, \$200, and A. A. Fluto, \$400, returned.	
Adjourned till Nov. 22nd, 1883, at 2 p. m.	
ROLLIN C. COOPER, Chairman.	
HERBERT P. SMART, Clerk.	

Met Nov. 22, 1883, at 2 p. m. in accordance with adjournment. Present—N. C. Rukke. Adjourned till Nov. 23d, 1883, at 9 a. m. Met Nov. 23d, 1883, at 9 a. m. Present—Rollin C. Cooper and N. C. Rukke.

Rollin C. Cooper in the chair.

FOLLOWING BILLS ALLOWED:	
Pinkerton & Shue, hauling bridge piles \$	78 00
Cooperstown, bridge work west of	5 00
H. P. Smart, coal and express	28 25
M. J. Davis & Co., Freight and livery	11 50
Rollin C. Cooper, services as county commissioner	82 20
N. C. Rukke, services as county commissioner	99 80
Election expense bill, 1st precinct	10 00
" " " " " 2d " "	10 00
" " " " " 3d " "	11 00
" " " " " 4th " "	5 00
M. Robinson, use of polling houses	612 28
Knud Thompson & Co., grading Sheyenne bridge	730 00
Allen Breed, services as county commissioner to date	14 70
Stevens & Enger, hardware	108 87

Following bills laid on the table for further consideration:
Andrew Johnson, office rent, sheriff's \$ 120 00
" " " " " " " " " " " " " " 20 95
Byron Andrus, coal 17 45
Lenham E. & L. Co., timber 108 40

Present Bond of Anton Enger, county treasurer, is hereby declared cancelled and his bond dated this day in the sum of ten thousand dollars is approved.

Bond of P. A. Melgard, justice of the peace, approved. Adjourned till Nov. 30th, 1883, at 9 p. m.

ROLLIN C. COOPER, Chairman.
HERBERT P. SMART, Clerk.

Poking Fun at Us.

Cassellton Report: Bao. Stair of the Cooperstown Courier, rejoiceth in the proprietorship of a "wood lot." So do we; but our lot only measures 4x8 feet, cubic measure, and the next blizzard will contract its dimensions to about 0x0. Bro. Stair, we would like to borrow a few acres of your wood lot when ours is gone.

Portland Inter-Ocean: The Cooperstown Courier man advertises that he has wood for sale. Something wrong, Stair: no newspaper man was ever known to have a full load of wood. Must be you are laying in with Washburn on the timber steal. Better sever the partnership before congress meets. It looks suspicious.

There, there brothers, you have said enough. We are penitent and will never more be so unprofessional as to sell wood. We never dreamed the fraternity would rise up against us so for having a few dozen cords of wood on hand, but seeing our grave error we have corrected it and the "wood lot" is no longer under our control. Nuff sed.

We have now the largest stock of winter Boots and Shoes ever brought to Griggs county. Come and see for yourselves. Odegard & Thompson.

Mary Perry was to be married to Archibald Burton Monday at Grand Forks. Louis Forkey of Grafton came Sunday as best man. When he beheld the bride to be and she fell in love with each other. They were married Monday, Archibald attending the ceremony, weeping copiously.

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.

Talk is cheap, but we won't be undersold. You can bear it in mind all day. Odegard & Thompson.

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. Odegard & Thompson.

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 of the Courier office.

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

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 Odegard & Thompson's.

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

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.

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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.

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.

JULIUS STEVENS,

Money Loaned on Chattel Security

AT LOW RATES.
Office in the Hardware Store.

EDWIN BRADLEY,

CITY BARBER!

Can be found at all hours with sharp razors, keen scissors and clean towels at the Union House, Cooperstown, where he solicits the public to call.
Taxidermal work performed at reasonable prices.

Estray Notice.

Notice is hereby given that there came onto my enclosure on the 4th of Nov. 30, two head of working cattle, 145, range 58, two head of working cattle. The owner can obtain the same by calling on sec. 22-145-58, proving property and paying expenses.
BETRIEL HERIGSTAD.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

In the matter of the estate of Frank L. Axtell, deceased.
All persons having claims against Frank L. Axtell, deceased, are required to exhibit the same with the necessary vouchers, to the undersigned administrator of said estate, at his office in Cooperstown, in the County of Griggs, Territory of Dakota, and that four months have been limited as the time for creditors to present their claims against said estate.
Dated the 30th day of November, 1883.
THEODORE F. KERR, Administrator.