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LOCAL LACONICS.

—Threshing is fully finished in this vicinity.

—Mrs. H. G. Pickett is visiting friends at Jamestown.

—Now the lads can take their lasses on that long anticipated sleigh ride.

Xmas here soon and we can suit you. Call soon; we can make you happy. Odegard & Thompson.

—Ex-Commissioner Allen Breed has been in town this week, as also has Justice Goldthrite of Ottawa.

—The ground is pretty well covered with a soft mantle of fleecy pureness this morning—especially in some places.

—An old elk with two young ones was seen near the Cooper ranch a few days ago, but got away without being captured.

—Mrs. J. N. Jorgensen is spending a week at Fargo, while John is putting in his best licks to enjoy temporary widowerhood.

—It rained just long enough yesterday to give everybody a chance to catch a good supply of soft water, and then the tune changed to snow.

—Carl Carlson is now clerking at Nelson & Langlie's. More clerical force was necessary to accommodate the firm's increasing trade.

—Hon. C. A. Roberts was up from Fargo Monday and Tuesday squaring up affairs connected with the construction of the S. C. & T. M. Railway.

—So many of our young men have started to grow tree claims on their pliz's that the barber business threatens to be unprofitable this winter.

—Cashier Pickett has been supplied with an assistant, E. L. Crane having come up from Sanborn to accept a position in the Bank of Cooperstown.

—In a published card C. J. Paul of Hope warns all tax-payers in the alleged Steele county against paying taxes outside of said county. That settles it.

—Geo. A. Luce, of Hope, was in the city a few days this week. Mr. Luce has learned where to come when he wants a little excitement and a square meal.

—Probate Judge Andrus Sundayed in Valley City. Landlord Fitch worshipped in Jamestown, while the publisher graced the wicked city of Fargo on the Lord's day.

—J. S. Rickett, a once respected attorney of Sanborn, has gone to graze in pastures green and new. The Courier mourneth to the extent of \$18.50 over the departure.

—The old Fargo solar time is used on the Northern Pacific and branches between Fargo and Bismarck. The new time in use east of Fargo is 27 minutes faster than the old.

—Mrs. E. Barlow, Mrs. H. C. Ruth and Miss Birdie Ruth all came down from their Red Willow claims Sunday and stopped at the Palace until Tuesday, when they departed for Fargo.

—W. C. Jameson has been engaged by the "Pioneers," Odegard & Thompson, to help their other clerks weigh out molasses, measure up sugar and count out calico for their swarms of patrons.

—Mr. T. J. Cooper and his son Charles left for their Chicago home on Tuesday's train. Charlie has been a hard working, sturdy pioneer for over two years, and if he can find comfort by rusticating in Chicago he is entitled to it.

—The generous hearted young machinery man, Fred H. Buchheit, left for eastern ports last Tuesday. Fred is invincible in his business and will have some good contracts from manufacturers when he returns to the Hub.

—Purchasers got so pesky numerous at Whidden Bros.' Lenham Avenue Emporium that additional force became necessary and the consequence is that Fred Thompson is now on the list of "counter jumpers" at that institution.

—Messrs. Pinkerton & Shue have let a contract to Muir & Christie for the erection of a commodious dwelling on their riverside place. They propose to engage quite extensively in stock raising and will no doubt make a big success of it.

—Miss Mary Bauer, who has been living with Mrs. R. C. Cooper since early spring time last, departed for her home at Red Wing, Minn., last Wednesday. Her numerous friends here greatly regret to say good bye, even for a short time.

—H. A. Perry, of Newport, New Hampshire, arrived in town Monday and is the guest of H. C. Fitch, an old time friend. Mr. Perry is here to invest some of his surplus cash in gilt-edge mortgages, and we have no doubt but that he will be amply accommodated.

—A very pleasant surprise in honor of Charley Cooper, who takes his departure for Chicago winter quarters, was given at the home of Mr. M. F. Washburn last Friday evening. A goodly number were in attendance and succeeded immensely in having a joyous time.

Our goods are not old goods shipped in from old stocks east to be closed out. Bear that in mind when you want goods in our line. Odegard & Thompson.

—H. S. Harcourt, the chain-lightning editor of the Lisbon Clipper, has sold his "plant" and will seek temporary seclusion in the wilds of Michigan. He cannot be spared from the territory and it is trusted he will do his recuperating speedily and get down to business again by spring.

—People prone to grumble when the mercury goes down a little may find consolation in knowing that in South Australia it often rises in summer to 115 degrees in the shade, and this has been exceeded on several occasions. In January, 1862, it reached 116 degrees, and in January, 1882, it reached 180 degrees—only 32 degrees below boiling—in the sun.

—It is likely that Mrs. Louie A. Walker will be compelled to cancel her engagement at this place owing to the new order of running trains which would compel her to remain here from Friday until Monday, making it impossible to meet appointments she has made at Casselton and Grand Forks. It will be too bad to miss a treat that many of our citizens have anticipated so pleasantly.

—The Jamestown Capital heaps these coals upon its eastern subscribers: "It would be a hard thing for the people in those states to the east of us, and who are now covered up with a great depth of snow, to realize that we in Dakota are enjoying the most beautiful sunshine to be seen in the world, a cold, clear bracing air, and there is not a flake of snow to be seen here. That's the kind of winter weather we have in Dakota."

—Still they come by every train—goods, goods, and good goods for Whidden Bros., and this 7th day of December on the first through rates from St. Paul they receive one car load Groceries, five cases dry goods, nine cases felt boots, Arctic, snow excluders, rubbers, shoe packs, socks and mitts, three cases ready-made clothing from Chicago bought below cost of manufacturing, consisting of men and boys suits, overcoats, pants, etc., one car load Valley City Flour, patent and straight, three cases Xmas goods, nick-nacks, etc., etc.

—The Pioneer may sputter and sputter all it likes, but the truth that Cooperstown is, and has been for weeks, paying not less than one cent more per bushel for the same grade of wheat than Hope buyers offer remains a thorny fact. Jacobson, the Pioneer's authority for doubting the Courier's veracity, must be a great genius to graduate from an express car and become so wonderfully wise in the wheat business during the brief period of fifteen months. The men who buy at Cooperstown handled grain before the aforesaid Jacobson shed short dresses and it savors strongly of vain-glory for him to tell how little they know about the business.

—The natural inclination of some people in conversation is to belittle everything in connection with the city or town of which they are a resident, and very often go so far as to sneer at their local paper for publishing statements intended to promote the interests of the locality represented by them. There is a heap of sound logic which it would be well for such people to take cognizance of in the advice of a rural sheet which urges the readers never to speak in disparagement of their town or any of its citizens who are engaged in promoting its prosperity. The way to advance the interest of your city is to do all you can to aid your laborers, mechanics, merchants, doctors and ministers. Help to build your churches and schools. Aid every enterprise of merit, encourage every movement that will honestly bring a dollar to your town and people at all times and under all circumstances. This is the way to make things lively and prosperous.

—Fresh Groceries received this week at Whidden Bros.

—The glee club met at Mrs. Whidden's last evening, transacted some important business, initiated a few new members, had a good time and adjourned to meet at Mrs. H. G. Pickett's next Thursday evening. A full attendance is desired.

—Davis & Pickett (Manly and Harry) are successors to Davis & Co. and Pinkerton & Shue in the livery business, and the manner in which they take hold of the consolidated concern indicates that they propose to rush business, and on the broad gauge plan, too. Success to the new firm.

—The Hope Pioneer wiggles around and endeavors to attribute the cause of higher prices for wheat in Cooperstown to inexperienced buyers, and holds young Mr. Jacobson (the Hope buyer) as a very skilled man in the business. It's all bosh, Willie, for you to set your Jacobson, who never handled wheat previous to last season, up as a great sage in the business. Mr. Davis, superintendent of the Lenham elevators, has been in the wheat business as long as Jacobson has lived, and for several years was assistant inspector at Duluth, while Mr. Brophy has handled wheat for years before coming to Cooperstown. It may satisfy you, Willie, to force yourself into thinking superior judgement is the cause of lower prices in Hope, but you will find it hard to induce farmers into paying for said alleged wisdom at the rate of one to two cents per bushel on what wheat they have for sale.

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

Temperance Meeting.

Next Sunday evening the Christian Temperance Union will hold their monthly meeting in the School Hall. The program as given below will constitute a part of the exercises of the evening:

Nellie Newberry, recitation, "The Helper."
Olie Langford, "There's Work to be Done."
Edie Brown, recitation, "Nobody's Boy."
Sankey Newberry, recitation, "Where There's a Will, There's a Way."
Miss Rankin, recitation, "Origin of the Liquor Dealer."
Mrs. Will Carlton, recitation, "Dirge of the Winds."
James Walker, recitation, "Out of the Depths."
Mrs. W. R. Whidden, "The Two Ships."

Other features of interest will be introduced which will give variety and spice to the meeting. If each one of the friends of temperance will come and bring another, the house will be filled, and the good work will move on another stride. We cannot do too much to make these general meetings reflect the interest we feel in the temperance work. Public gatherings of this nature are the motive power to the development of moral and social life, and the large attendance of these meetings; in the past in Cooperstown show most clearly that the heart of our community beats warmly in the great and good work.

Social Shadows.

The tree frog acquires the color of whatever it adheres to for a short time. If it be found on an oak it is a brown color; on the sycamore or cedar it is of their color, but when found on the growing corn it is sure to be green. So a man is sure to be influenced by those with whom he associates. Saadi says: "One day I was in a bath when a friend put into my hand a piece of scented clay. I took it in my hand, and said to it: 'Art thou musk or ambergris, for I am charmed by thy perfume?'" It answered, I was a despicable piece of clay; but I was some time in the company of the rose, and the quality of my sweet companion was communicated to me; otherwise I should only be a piece of clay as I appear to be." We may be sure to hear with us each day, and everywhere we go the shadow of the social influences which are about us. We can no more deceive those among whom we move in reference to our social status, than can we reject the influences of things which are about us. If we breathe the influence of generous souls we shall be more generous. If we choose the house of the miser we shall be miserly. If we seek the company of the social we shall be more social. If we take our abode with the hermit we shall carry the dismal gloom of his cave. If we mingle with the spirits of the pure we shall love purity. If we go out in our hearts for the impure we shall carry the impress of the impure. So let us choose that the shadow which we cast shall be generous, and social, and pure, giving blessings and no curse.

We have a social gathering next week at Mrs. H. G. Pickett's, where one may feel the influence of that which shall stimulate to the good and best. Let all who will, come. QUILLS.

AS A WHEAT MARKET

Cooperstown Takes the Lead, Testifies a Disinterested Farmer.

MARDELL, Dec. 4.

EDITOR COURIER:—An article in the Hope Pioneer of last week headed "Wheat Buying" has attracted my attention, and as I am a Shyanne farmer and from experience knowing to the true inwardness of both Hope and Cooperstown markets. With a view that justice be done where honor is due I am constrained to take a hand in the controversy. Not dwelling upon the fact that my white sife wheat as well as that grown by my neighbors has uniformly been and still continues to be graded "Regular" by the Cooperstown buyer (thus proving part of the Pioneer's article to be without a bottom to its churn.) I wish to mention a few facts that strike me very forcibly regarding the management of the Hope Elevator. In the first place Cooperstown prices have led those of Hope one or two cents almost continually all the fall, to myself, however, and in fact to all living between the two places and easily accessible to both, when we have hauled to Hope a concession has been offered us in the price making it a cent above that paid at Cooperstown. This has been done evidently to draw the trade of this section to Hope, and we have often wondered why the company controlling the Hope Elevator have so great an interest in the mercantile trade there that they throw off on their patrons living isolated from competition and give one or two cents extra per bushel for the wheat of farmers living within the reach of competing points, it would seem, to draw trade to Hope merchants. But perhaps they have some money invested in the dry goods and grocery business there; we don't know. At any rate it is a little scheme that even if we did not know that we gained nothing by taking advantage of the concession in price, the falling off in weight fully offsetting it, we could but abhor, and how must Hope farmers, deprived of the advantages of other markets, feel?

So far as the Lenham Elevator Co. and their Cooperstown buyer is concerned, so far as I know general satisfaction is felt by farmers hereabouts at the treatment they have received at their hands. The company have always held prices jolly equal to those paid on the main line; indeed for weeks at a time have paid more than they have at Sanborn, while their grades, though held too rigidly, are I believe as liberal as can be given and avoid chance of loss to the concern. Contrasting the two buyers I am satisfied that Mr. Jacobson could learn many things pertaining to the business at the hands of the Cooperstown buyer that he never thought of. Among others a lesson of honorable treatment of patrons. "Justice to whom honor is due." The Lenham E. & L. Co. and Mr. Brophy are standing by us, I for one will stand by them.

SHYENNE.

Pre-emption and Timber Culture.

In his annual report Secretary of Interior Teller strongly recommends a repeal of the pre-emption laws. He says: "In my last annual report I renewed the recommendation, frequently made by my predecessors, that the pre-emption law be repealed. Continued experience demonstrates the advisability and necessity of such repeal. The objection that much good has heretofore resulted from the pre-emption system, and that it should not be discontinued because abused, appears to me to be without a good foundation, under the changed conditions created by the homestead law. Before the homestead system was adopted, the only method by which unoffered public lands could be obtained by settlers was by pre-emption. All the advantages can be enjoyed, upon the same conditions and proofs and the payment of the same price, under the homestead law as under the pre-emption law. We have simply a double system for the same purpose, employing two sets of machinery, two agencies of adjustment, and a duplication of records, where only one is required. The administration of the law would be simplified and labor and expense lessened by a discontinuance of the now unnecessary system of pre-emption."

He is just as hearty in his antagonism of timber culture, and claims that a majority of entries under the timber culture act are made for speculative purposes, and not for the cultivation of timber. Compliance with law in these cases is a mere pretense, and does not result in

the production of timber. On the contrary as one entry in a section exhausts the timber culture right in that section, it follows that every fraudulent entry prevents a bona fide one on any portion of the section within which the fraudulent entry is made.

Prepare for Next Spring.

Now that winter, the Dakota period of rest for most farmers has set in, every one should carefully and clearly plan next year's work. If unaccustomed to look ahead that far, now is good time to begin. Only the fore-sighted make a complete success of their business. For the coming spring let the best and purest seed be secured. Take no risks, and when spring opens, see that it is thoroughly put in the ground and everything left in as good shape as possible. If the ground was not plowed last fall it will pay big to plow it in the spring—just as early and as deep as possible. Let the past year's experience suffice for all slipshod farming. If you have more ground than you can handle, rent a part or let it go fallow, and farm well what is attempted. It will pay.—Larimore Pioneer.

—Farmers, clean your seed wheat. The Lenham E. & L. Co. will sell you a machine for \$25.00 that will take out all foul seed.

Xmas is coming, and Whidden Bros. having anticipated the desire of a happy and prosperous people in making their friends and relations still happier, at this festive season have opened and still to arrive a large and varied assortment of Xmas presents. Call early and make your selections from a full stock.

We have too many knit underwear and will give you some cheap if you call soon. Odegard & Thompson.

Call at Whidden Bros. for horse blankets, bed spreads, comforts and quilts. Marked low.

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

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

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

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

—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.

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.

—Old newspapers for sale of the Courier office.

—Wm. Glass loans money for final proof, and on titled land. 3811.

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

—We are receiving lumber of every description daily. Lenham Elevator & Lumber Co.

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.

—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.

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.

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.

JULIUS STEVENS,
Money Loaned on Chattel Security
AT LOW RATES.
Office in the Hardware Store.

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.