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LOCAL LACONICS.

—Christmas sermon next Sunday morning.

—Miss Florence Frazier has been a guest of Mrs. J. N. Jorgensen this week.

—Bro. Skinner says the restaurant business don't pay and so has closed up shop.

—The Courier begins to feel the importance and responsibility of age, being nearly a year old.

—Maynard Crane spent Sunday in Sanborn and seemed terribly tickled to get back Monday morning.

—Call at Nelson & Langlie's and examine their immense stock of watches and jewelry for Christmas gifts.

—The Courier goes to press on Thursday evening this week in order to clear the track for the Holiday edition.

—Only one Sunday more for you boys who are not members of the Sabbath school to join and thus elect yourself for a Christmas present.

—J. F. Bronson, Sanborn's popular jeweler and fancy goods dealer, had quite a brisk trade in Cooperstown last Saturday and Monday.

—Everybody interested should remember that trains leave Sanborn at 8:30 a. m. Mondays and Fridays at Cooperstown, returning at 11:50.

—Miss Anna Thune, a very obliging dining room girl at the Palace, leaves to-day for a Christmas visit to the home of relatives in Minnesota.

—It has been a trifle cooler "around the edges" this week, but it has nevertheless been decidedly fine weather, the sun shining out brightly every day.

—The Courier crew will keep open house New Year's day—it's leap year, you know. No refreshments stronger than hickory nuts and water served.

—The Cooperstown branch is now run on standard time, which is 27 minutes faster than old time. The train is now due here at 11:10 and departs at 11:50.

—F. C. Holmes announces that he has rented an office in Sanborn, and that henceforth his professional shingle will swing to the breezes of the main line.

—Frank Cornell, the Tower City booming publisher, has issued from the Herald office a very well arranged pamphlet of reliable data concerning Tower City in particular and Dakota in general.

—Remember the Christmas tree at Institute Hall next Tuesday evening. You are invited to be present and see the presents even though you may not expect a present from anyone present.

—The North Dakota Farmer is the title of a bright new four-column quarto monthly published at Oriska by Stone Bros. Long may it waver to espouse the interests of the class it takes its name from.

—The Sanborn Enterprise has just passed its second mile post at a vigorous gait and enters upon its third year with a vim and patronage which clearly indicates a long life of usefulness and prosperity.

—The project of a new railroad bearing northwest and southeast from Sanborn seems to be assuming shape. N. L. Lenham is one of the directors of the company recently organized to push the enterprise.

—Pinkerton & Shue had a rousing "house-warming" at their stock ranch on the Sheyenne Tuesday night. A large delegation from town attended the dedicatory exercises and they report a lively time.

—The same conductor has not run the train to this place twice in the past two weeks. Evidently the N. P. folks intend to let every man they have on the line get a glance at Cooperstown, the trump city of the swelling prairie.

—Why are some of the farmers hauling those heavy loads so happy? Because they bought one of those fine Bob Sleds of Odegard & Thompson.

—A. S. Burrows, a representative of the A. T. Andreas publishing house, of Chicago, has spent a few days since our last issue in collecting Griggs county data, which is to be prepared for the new Dakota atlas this firm proposes to publish.

—The weather begins to act a little more wintry, and we have been indulged in a short but sharp nip. The mercury may go down a little but it is noticeable that coal instead of weakening in price maintains full strength with an upward tendency.

—Farmer Rankin and family boarded Monday's train with tickets for St. Clair, Michigan. The visit they intend to make will probably consume the entire winter, but when the birds begin to sing "Jim" will be on hand to put in a hundred and odd acres of No. 1 Hard.

—Conductor McClorian has resigned his position preferring to be without a job rather than sign the iron-clad guarantee, etc., which the Northern Pacific folks require of all passenger conductors. Lew Vincent, an old-time N. P. conductor, now runs the train on this branch.

—Miss Mercury is not as lofty minded in her associations this week as has been her custom during the season. She has several times in the past few days descended to register at points even lower in their standing as resorts than is the stopping place of wicked Zero.

—Mrs. J. B. Whidden writes from Chicago that she is already longing for spring and the date of her departure for Cooperstown. Mrs. Whidden did not like Dakota when she first landed last summer, but now she is like all matter-of-fact women, who know our fair land only to love it.

—Moses Carleton, accompanied by his wife and daughter, departed for their St. Clair, Michigan, home Monday. Mr. Carleton is well satisfied with his trial trip to Dakota, and will return next spring to make this his permanent abiding place if it is possible for him to dispose of his interests in St. Clair county.

—Roadmaster McNally, of the S. C. & T. M., was over the line last Monday during the "zephyr" and reports that he anticipates little or no trouble in keeping the road open this winter, as there is only one or two cuts and both of these being north and south ones are little apt to fill.

—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.

—The mashing editor of the Hope Pioneer in his baby attempt to evade the wheat market issue proves the maxim that "a man who talks of what he knows nothing needs great wit to escape making an ass of himself." Willy William lacked the wit and so accepted the alternative.

—Stevens & Enger, the energetic and prosperous hardware men, are already preparing for a big spring trade, having received several car lots of nails, building paper, seeders and the like, this week. Their commodious store hasn't capacity enough for the business they propose to transact the coming year and the result is that Messrs. Muir & Christie have orders to slam up a 20x40 warehouse, quicker if not sooner.

—As evidence to our eastern readers of our mild climate we might cite an instance of outdoor carpenter work performed by Messrs. Muir & Christie. It took them just six days of last week to erect, on Pinkerton & Shue's stock farm, a 16x24, two-story house, which they double-boarded, sided, double-floored, cased, ceiled and finished for occupancy. They worked without gloves and with their coats off, which is something that cannot be done at this season of the year in New England, the central states or any other section north of Mason and Dixon's line.

—Ere another issue of the Courier greets its readers the old-time congratulatory "Wish-a-merry-Christmas" will have passed the lips of nearly every one. Christmas comes to the palace and to the hovel, to the young and to the old, but it comes not alike to all. The thoughts of the middle-aged and the old it sends roaming sadly among the tombs and wrecks of the past—back to that "Schoolboy spot,"

We ne'er forget, though there we are forgot—
—back to the joyous Christmas morn of their youth. To others this is the great day of the year for the exchange of tokens, for family reunion, for merry-making and for the renewal of friendships. But the orphan on Christmas feels lonelier, the stranger more homesick and the poor more mindful of their poverty. In our efforts to make the coming one a complete Merry Christmas let us be mindful of these various conditions that exist everywhere.

—Old newspapers for sale at the Courier office.

—To-day is the last day of school for this year. Prof. Clough reports a large percentage of the scholars as making fine progress, and says twelve new names have been enrolled during the term, which has been a short one.

—The Hopeless Pioneer virtually owns the corn that Cooperstown is by all odds the best wheat market in this portion of Dakota by its three-sticks-full of personal abuse. It must be hard for this masher-of-married-women little William to eat crow, but how can he help it. It is hard to understand the gist of his little article entitled "Lie Down, Croppy," from the fact of its disjointed make-up and its incorporation of words that common lexicographers like Webster never dreamed of. Lead out wily William, if it is your ardent desire to substitute a personal warfare for the wheat question. We happen to have a point or two and may be able to accommodate you.

Freight Rates at Last.

At last Cooperstown has an established freight tariff that enables her to compete with any town in North Dakota. The Northern Pacific has issued a circular establishing rates as follows: Between St. Paul, Minneapolis, East Minneapolis, Minnesota Transfer, Duluth or Superior and Cooperstown, merchandise per 100 pounds, \$124; second class, \$105; third class, 80c; fourth class, 75c. Special carload lots No. 1 per 100 pounds, 27c; No. 2, per barrel 54c; No. 3 per barrel 81c; No. 4 lumber per 100 pounds, 28c; No. 5, live stock per car \$77; No. 6 per 100 pounds, 50c; No. 7 per 100 pounds, 34c. The rate on emigrant movables from eastern terminals to all points on the S. C. & T. M. branch is \$40 per car load, or 60 cents per 100 pounds for less than car loads.

Judicial Division.

In advocating the imperative demands for more judicial advantages in North Dakota the Fargo Republican correctly says:

Common justice demands that Ransom, LaMoire, Dickey, Ramsey, Foster, Steele, Griggs, Kidder and Walsh counties should have court facilities, and each of these counties will be glad to participate in the movement if given an opportunity. The bar associations of those counties already having court facilities will doubtless participate, also, for many of their members feel the embarrassment of transacting business before an overcrowded court, and their clients' business must suffer more or less in consequence. Several ideas have been advanced in the discussion of this matter, and it would therefore seem wise to hold a convention to be made up of delegates from local bar associations, in order that the movement be given the impetus of unanimous action. In other words crystallize the popular sentiment of 200,000 people and throw it into congress for all that it is worth, and reform will follow, especially if the democrats are given an opportunity to father the bill in the house.

The new \$25,000 hotel at Carrington was recently burned down, after having been open only three weeks.

There have been a great number of applications recently for patents on clock and watch dials for devices to present the twenty-four hours in convenient form. It appears that in 1557 a watch was made upon the dial of which appeared the hours from one to twenty-four arranged in two concentric circles.

Sanborn Enterprise: Picking wild flowers in December, growing in their native beauty on the open prairie, is a luxury enjoyed by few beyond the confines of the tropics, and yet this pleasure is reserved for the inhabitants of North Dakota this season. Incredible as it may seem, Mr. Michael Gillis plucked a neat little bouquet of blooming beauties from the Prindle farm Wednesday afternoon. They are a dark red flower, and grow on the prairie in abundance through the summer season. The inflorescence of those shown us was perfect, and the freshness and verdure of the stems conclusively proved them to be of recent growth.

Notice.

The Bank of Cooperstown will be closed on Dec. 25th and January 1st, these days being legal Holidays. All notes due on above day are due and collectable the preceding day. H. G. PICKETT, Cashier.

—If you want a Bob Sled you must come soon or they will all be sold. They are selling like hot cakes. Odegard & Thompson.

—We can just discount our competitors every time, both as to quality of goods and price. Fifteen years' experience in purchasing goods in eastern markets. "That's what knocks." Nelson & Langlie.

Good Publications.

Ballou's Magazine for January is a splendid number, and contains more good reading than any other serial in the country. There is a capital illustrated article on Mexico and its people, and the commencement of Mr. William H. Thome's new yarn, "On Land and Sea, or California in the years 1843, '44, and '45," which will prove very interesting to the pioneers of that state, and all who have visited that country. It is a biography that will please old and young, giving as it does the habits, customs, and accounts of the noted people of California before gold was discovered there. No one should fail to read it. Besides "On Land and Sea," there is a spirited illustrated poem by the popular poet and humorist, Earl Marble, and some twenty or more stories, sketches, and poems, by well-known writers. No one who reads Ballou's Magazine can fail to be interested in it. It is cheap and it is good, its price being only \$1.50 per annum, or 15 cents a single copy. Just send 10 cents for a sample copy, and see what a nice machine it really is. You will always find something in it that can't be found elsewhere. For sale everywhere. Published by Thome & Talbot, 23 Hawley Street, Boston.

Godey's Lady's Book for January is truly a holiday number opened with a decidedly original title page with little cupids crowning the magazine as Queen. Its two steel engravings, entitled respectively "The First Call in the City," "The First Call in the Country," will undoubtedly gain many a smile. The fashion illustrations are fully up to the standard of the late productions of this magazine, and the new feature this month of a colored illustration of household furnishing, if continued as proposed will certainly find an appreciation with all the readers of the book. The literature in this number is exceptionally good, there being three interesting short serials, entitled "Tom." Take it altogether, this is an excellent number, and the magazine bids fair to regain its old popularity.

—We sell the "Acorn" cigar, the best in the Cooperstown market, all arguments to the contrary notwithstanding. Nelson & Langlie.

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

—Nelson & Langlie have the largest stock of confectionery in the city.

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

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

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

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

—Our immense and growing trade satisfies us that the people appreciate our efforts in dispensing the best goods at the lowest possible figures. Nelson & Langlie.

—We sell pure sugar goods, not glucose. Nelson & Langlie.

—For men's fur goods go to Nelson & Langlie's.

—We can sell you a team of mules or horses, a yoke of oxen, a cow, hogs, chickens, etc. You see we buy anything and sell everything—soft soap excepted. Odegard & Thompson.

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

—Nelson & Langlie "only" keep the celebrated "Acorn."

—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 hear it in mind all day. Odegard & Thompson.

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

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

—Our goods will bear inspection with any stock in this market, and all we ask is a call to convince you that by buying goods of us it is money in your pocket. Nelson & Langlie.

—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.

—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.

—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 will make you all happy to buy a few pounds. It is sweet. Odegard & Thompson.

—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.

—Call and see the celebrated Household Sewing Machines at Buchheit Bros.

—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.

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

—Anything in the line of Farm Machinery at Buchheit Bros.

—Stoneware until you can't rest at Odegard & Thompson's.

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.

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Can be found at all hours with sharp razors, hair scissors and clean towels at the Union House, Cooperstown, where he solicits the public to call.

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For the Land Seeker.

Fast Horses and easy Conveyance

For the man who wants to show his friend the country.

QUIET HORSES

And cosy buggies and cutters for the lovers.

FLY HORSES

For the youth going to see his girl.

STRONG HORSES and WAGONS

For the man who moves and builds shanties; and last but not least a 20-year-old ring-boned, spavined beast and a 30-year-old breakdown-every-rod buggy for the eternal and ever-lasting kicker that flourishes everywhere.

—We are prepared to take—

Contracts for Draying

Grading, moving buildings and all kinds of work in our line.

OUR LARGE STABLES

Are now being fitted with box stalls to meet the requirements of the first-class boarding stable that we are now keeping.

Robes, foot muffs, etc. in abundance.

DAVIS & PICKETT.

NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF.—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., December 19, 1883. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim and secure final entry therefor on the 25th day of Jan 1884, viz: Peter A. Nelson D. S. No. 14888 for the n w 1/4 of section 32, township 147 n, range 68 w, and names the following as his witnesses, viz: Lewis T. Soland, Benjamin B. Brown, John O. and Henry Hogen, all of Cooperstown, Griggs county, D. T. The testimony to be taken before John N. Jorgensen, clerk of district court, at Cooperstown, Griggs county, D. T., on the 23d day of January, A. D. 1884 at his office.