

LOCAL LACONICS.

New resolutions are now to be the rage for at least a few days.

Christmas was not a very pleasant day, meteorologically speaking.

Square accounts with your grocer and begin fresh with the New Year.

Cooperstown gets to the front with a fine list of receivers on New Year's day.

Miss Lina Barnard came up from Sanborn on Monday to spend the Holidays.

N. L. Lenham was up from Sanborn last Friday, but only stopped a few hours.

Judge Byron Andrus returned on Monday from a week's business trip to St. Paul and Minneapolis.

A. B. Kent is in town for a few weeks. He and G. H. Gray are contracting at La Moure and he reports business as fair.

Allen Breed, one of Griggs county's most esteemed east-end citizens was over from Hope Saturday and Sunday.

Xmas is past, the New Year is here, and the mob still continues at Whidden Bros. where goods are sold to ALL at the SAME price.

A. M. Pease has sold his harness shop at this place to a Mr. McDermott, of Valley City. The new man has taken possession, and Geo. Proctor, the journeyman formerly in charge, has gone to Sanborn.

Jas. W. Christie, the artistic manipulator of the compass and square, is spending the Holidays with friends at Fargo, while his accomplished partner, Mr. Jas. Muir, is visiting his home at Tower City.

Civil Engineer F. B. Edwards having wound up his operations in Griggs county for the year departed, on Sunday, for a more southern latitude, but will probably never find a parallel to Dakota for life and energy.

Mr. T. Spademan, an enterprising young business man of Marine City, Mich., and who has had interests in Cooperstown from its start, is in the city spending the Holidays and attending to business matters.

The glee club entertainment given last week resulted in a very pleasant evening for all present as the program was an excellent one. The sum netted not being quite sufficient to satisfy the ladies another entertainment will be announced for the near future. Watch and wait.

His numerous well-wishers will be glad to learn that George Clark, who was compelled to go to Detroit, Michigan, last fall for the treatment of an ugly abscess is now on the highway of recovery. He has had a long and hard pull, but will soon be able to return and prosper with Griggs county.

His many friends in this vicinity will regret to learn that Wm. Holliday, the machinery dealer of Sanborn, has been pressed to a consent through the obstinacy of a creditor. The Enterprise understands that the resources will meet all the liabilities, and that Mr. Holliday will come out with a reputation untarnished.

The Sheyenne bridge is at last a reality, having been completed last week. It is said to be a fine structure, creditable alike to the engineer, the contractors and the county. Farmers over the river are rejoicing to think they can come to Cooperstown for their supplies without climbing steep banks and fording an ugly stream, while our merchants are happy over this consummation of their ardent desire.

Ever on the "grow" Cooperstown has this week added another industry to her already nice list of enterprising institutions, as will be noticed by a ringing announcement on another page. This time it is a flour and feed store, the proprietors being those up-in-the-morning, rattle-tee-bang rustlers, Davis & Pickett. They propose, as their "ad" will inform you, to keep a big stock of "horse feed, ox feed, mule feed, pig feed, hen feed and feed for any and all of Dakota's useful and beautiful beasts and birds," which they will aim to transpire into cash at a lively rate.

An important preparation for a happy New Year is the adjustment of accounts. A man in debt cannot well be happy, if he be conscientious, without making some effort to meet his obligations. A man should be just before he is generous; he has no right to use the money that belongs to another. Accounts should at least be adjusted, and as far as possible all debts liquidated this, the last week of the dying year. Carry as few unbalanced obligations into another year as possible and you as well as your creditor will have a far happier New Year. "Balance all" should be the cry these days, and to this end the Courier requests every person with a claim against this paper to present it without delay. Those owing this office will find their statements in readiness.

Christmas, the brightest gem in childhood's crown of pleasure has come and gone. Christmas with its well-filled stockings and its Santa Claus was just the same this year as last year and all the years before. In Cooperstown the kind-hearted ladies joined together to make glad the heart of every child in the vicinity between the ages of 2 and 30 years, to which end a heavily laden Christmas tree was held at Institute Hall. Kris Kringle had generously remembered everyone, but owing to a very severe storm only those living in town could attend. It was a noble effort and why old Boreas insisted on being so obstreperous that night as to keep the rural children away is unexplainable. However, a merry time was enjoyed by those present and the gifts of those absent probably came just as graciously next day.

Now is the Time. Parties contemplating investing in real estate, must not delay if they wish to improve present low prices. It is prophesied that next year will finish the vacant land now available, and then the prices are bound to rise rapidly. Land that will produce from thirty to forty bushels of wheat per acre will not go a begging.

Next year there will be an enormous increase in the acreage of all kinds of cereals, and the production of grain will more than anything else advertise the soil, and its value will be augmented in proportion. Don't fail to write to land agents and secure all the rare bargains now offered. Town lots are equally desirable investments, and the phenomenal growth of our new cities will continue yet for a long period. If a reaction must come in this section it certainly would not be next year, and a complete failure in crops (which is next to an impossibility) alone will bring such a calamity the year following. It is an undoubted fact that siezing the right moment is the great feature in land speculation. Just consider, for an instant, the great mass of evidence existing to prove this the right time, and you will be as well able to act wisely as ever a successful investor did. Men who have made fortunes in lands never saw the happy moment when bargains were forced upon them. People don't force bargains, but swindles. In fact, these happy chances are being improved by a few, while hundreds throughout the east should have them; and would if they but felt the required confidence. Winter months are preeminently the best season in which to purchase if quick returns or a rapid rise in value is a desideratum.

The continued wonderful crops of cereals and vegetables that have been produced since the ground was first cultivated; the growing scarcity of government lands; the natural increase in prices the rapid sales of spring will cause; the fact that our delightful climate is becoming established the world over; the now recognized truth of our probable perpetual prosperity, and the great army of home seekers that are preparing in all parts of the globe to invade Dakota next spring form unanswerable arguments that now is the time to buy. Those who price Griggs county land now and then try to buy the same tracts four months hence will have practical illustrations of this assertion.

The Cooper Farm. The history of the Cooper Farm is the record of Griggs county, for previous to the inception of this magnificent plantation of No. 1 Hard the county was unknown. As we view the many broad acres of plowed land, the numerous granaries, the comfortable homes, the barns and outbuildings of this vicinity it hardly seems possible that the first stroke of work toward this consummation was only performed in May, 1881—but 20 months ago. Such is the fact, however, for it was then the Cooper forces set to work on an expansive prairie wilderness. The opening of the farm brought many settlers with it, and to-day we have a finely populated community.

It has taken money as well as indomitable push and pluck to accomplish what T. J. and R. C. Cooper have. The first wheat crop they raised was harvested last year—1882—and the second one the season just passed. The yield has proven magnificent, but their gigantic enterprise has required piles of money to develop. They own 23,620 acres of land of which they have improved 7,140. Aside from the capital invested in land and expense of improving it they have \$75,000 in buildings, stock and implements with which to cultivate the farm. Add to the investment in land and paraphernalia the sum required to operate the place from the time it was started until a crop was garnered and you have a handsome sum. In summer 135 to 140 men are employed and 175 head of stock have to be fed, to carry on their immense enterprise.

Mr. T. J. Cooper, the senior member of the firm is a resident of Chicago, and his faith in Dakota, and particularly in Griggs county, seems unlimited and his only regret is that he didn't buy more land when he had an opportunity to do so at low prices. The resident partner and manager, R. C. Cooper, is a man in the prime of life, and appears in the very zenith of manhood's energy and public-spiritedness. They have both been of untold value in the development of Griggs county and are almost as indispensable as our very resources.

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

ONE YEAR'S GROWTH.

Cooperstown Strides to the Front with \$100,000.00 Worth of Substantial Structures, and Has Over \$45,000.00 More Positively Announced for Early Spring.

It is a trifle less than one year ago since the first case of merchandise arrived in the now flourishing little city of Cooperstown. After battling blizzards for days the indomitable Knud Thompson, of Odegard & Thompson, landed a few loads of merchandise at his present place of business on the 2th day of January, 1883. This can be said to be the beginning of Cooperstown. In the scant twelve months that have elapsed since that time the hammer and saw of the artisan have made the prairies resound with the melody of their merry and incessant music. Considering that the place had its inception in the midst of a winter recorded as the severest in Dakota's history, that all material on the start had to be hauled by team for forty miles, and the numberless disadvantages that must be suffered by a place so remote from outside connection, the growth of Cooperstown is as phenomenal as it is substantial.

From time to time the Courier has mentioned these improvements. The list comprises simply buildings that have been completed this year, and not any projected ones. The estimates of cost are furnished generally either by the contractors or owners, and are actual values of the buildings, not including the real estate:

Table listing various buildings and their costs, including Cooper Townsite Company, Frank Hann, Byron Andrus, H. P. Smart, Gates & Stair, R. C. Cooper, Buchheit Bros., Holliday Bros., E. D. Stair, R. C. Brophy, Cooper Townsite Company, Lenham Elevator & Lumber Co., Same company, lime house, Same company, lumber sheds and office, Greendale school township, Z. A. Clough, Muir & Christie, Davis & Pickett, Bank of Cooperstown, Andrew Johnson, H. H. Retzlaff, Whidden Bros., Gillespie & Blow, Dr. T. F. Kerr, Davis & Pickett, H. P. Merrill, A. M. Pease, Joseph Allen, A. N. Adams, Jackson & Knudson, Knud Thompson, Odegard & Thompson, Mrs. Esten Johnson, Dr. G. F. Newell, A. Marquett, Joseph Hoggarth, W. G. Glenn, Fred Thompson, Wm. Hetherington, Nelson & Langlie, Stevens & Enger, Henry Hougren, Moore & Sanburn, H. Gillespie, S. C. & T. M. R'y, S. C. & T. M. R'y, S. C. & T. M. R'y.

Total, \$90,390. Aside from the above list, which does not include numerous "slack" houses, sheds, barns, etc., there is already over \$45,000 in improvements announced for early spring. Cooperstown refers with profound pride to her first year's growth, and starts off on the second with every prospect for more than doubling the record, flattering as it is.

New Years Reception.

The following ladies will receive as designated on New Years day: Mrs. G. F. Newell with Mrs. R. C. Cooper. Mrs. Rockwell, Mrs. Zimmerman and Miss Henry with Mrs. J. N. Brown. Mrs. H. G. Pickett, and Misses Cora Hagarty and Belle Rice with Mrs. Geo. W. Barnard. Mrs. G. W. Bathey with Mrs. F. M. Washburn. Mrs. Z. A. Clough, at home. Mrs. R. C. Brophy, at home. Mrs. Syverson with Mrs. K. Thompson. Misses Maria Rankin and Hannah Thompson with Mrs. J. H. Montgomery. Mrs. W. H. Carleton and Miss Anna Glass with Mrs. W. R. Whidden. Miss Edith Brown with Mrs. B. B. Brown.

HAD BEEN TO COOPERSTOWN

The Courier Man while from Mardell Howard Bound, is Tackled by a Farmer who has True Lyric Sound.

[SCENE ON THE NEW SHEYENNE BRIDGE.] "Hello, you been to Cooperstown? If not you'd better start to-day— A place of uncommon renown; I think a journey there would pay." "Why," we ask, "have you such high conceit Of such a small and young prairie village?" "Well, first, I think it's quite a treat To see, all round, such handsome tillage. Don't find great thousand acre farms Backed up against every village limit, All tilled by men of mighty arms, Who plow the soil, but do not skim it. It's hard to find so good and great an Elevator Where honest weight and grade can be had, No matter where from or who's the seller— And where every farmer's heart's made glad. Don't often meet such Merchant-men, To traffic with you as you will; Who sell you goods on trust, and then Take anything to pay the bill. Don't often go where pure enterprise Is piling up great stacks of stamps, And where the newshoy never "cries," And where they breed no worthless tramps. Don't often find so young a place Where work is catching like the itch, And business blossoms in your face, Thus keeping you "tuned to concert pitch." Don't find such Bankers every day To cash your checks politely, sir, Or "draft" your cash without delay— And do it square and sprightly, sir. Don't see such dealers everywhere— (As round the world you circulate)— Who'll sell you dainties rich and rare, And put them at the lowest rate. Law me, but in the Farm Machinery line, That place does honestly take the cake, For you can fix your terms and time If you want to buy a plow, a binder or a rake. Don't meet such lively business stands As greet you at each corner's turn; Such Hardware stores as trade demands, Where you can buy a stove or churn; Where you can get an axe or plane, A bit, a brace, a bolt, a screw, A pump, a plow, a spade, a chain, And things unmentioned, not a few. Don't find such barber shops, I ween, In every place you have seen, Where they shave so fine and thin Leaving you nothing but the skin. You'll never see a Blacksmith shop, my friend, Where they can weld, or make, or mend, In better shape than they can here; At least all say so, from far and near. Nowhere can be found Lumber men, Who on hand so large a stock do keep, And who are always ready, now or then, To load you up at prices that are cheap. And if it's coal you most need, The same men have every kind, And you can rest assured, indeed, That on prices they do not grind. The builders there have good style, For they can erect a house to stand— (At figures within your "pile,")— A sight that doth adorn the land. And Painters who can wield the brush And give your walls a rosy flush, Or make them like snow-banks white, Leaving them wholesome, clean and bright. But hold! I had almost forgot, The Land Attorneys are an honest lot; They'll do your business with great care And charge you no more than is fair. Then there is C. A. Moore, the Printer, Who can execute a card so nice,— (Be it in mid-summer or mid-winter)— That you will feel like calling twice. And Druggists, too, who sell cures for pain— For bunion, boil and bruise and sprain— Or, for head-ache, side-ache, tooth-ache, too; For chronic pains and ailments new. Don't often find such butchers who sell steak As tender—(most)—as jelly cake, And men who make a Harness so very well, That it will always do to sell. But time fails me now to tell, And do it adequately well. The fame of those learned M. D.'s,— (Who are none too busy themselves to please); Of Teachers, Preachers, Landlords, too; Of all who public business do— Who make our Deeds and make them sound Be it for real estate or solid ground; Who keep the county records straight, And kindly on the people wait; Who superintend the public schools And wisely watch the teaching rules; Who attend the mails of Uncle Sam, And frequently your letter boxes cram— Where can you go and find all this? Beware how you such chances miss! But, sir, I must really say good day, Trusting to Cooperstown you'll find the way."

The Court House and Jail.

Much anxiety has been felt concerning the seeming slow progress made toward the completion of a court house and jail in Cooperstown, for which the people of Griggs county last summer voted bonds to the amount of \$30,000. The commissioners have not been idle in the matter, but on the other hand have been closely considering and arranging to push things early next month. As careful, conservative business men they have deemed it prudent to go slow in disposing of the bonds, in order that they might obtain the highest possible price therefor, and thought it not best to proceed until the cash was on hand, as the present dollar in such matters will go much farther than the prospective one. The Courierite is informed by Chairman Cooper that arrangements are now nearly complete in preliminary details, and that plans and specifications for the structure are in preparation. The contract will soon be let and by another fall the county will have the stability and prestige always gained by good and safe county buildings in which to transact the county's business.

A few articles still on hand at Whidden Bros.' suitable for New Year gifts.

Nelson & Langlie have the largest stock of confectionery in the city. 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. Prices that compete with Fargo. Lenham Elevator & Lumber Co.

Our immense and growing trade satisfies us that the people appreciate our efforts in dispensing the best goods at lowest possible figures. Nelson & Langlie. We have now the largest stock of winter Boots and Shoes ever brought to Griggs county. Come and see for yourselves. Odegard & Thompson.

The Bank of Cooperstown is offering some No. 1 Land in the immediate vicinity of Cooperstown at big bargains. Why are some of the farmers hauling those heavy loads so happy? Because they bought one of those fine Bob Sleds of Odegard & Thompson.

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

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.

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.

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