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### LOCAL LACONICS.

—Miss Hannah Thompson is visiting friends in the scorched city of Jamestown.

—A meeting of school patrons is to be held this afternoon at the school house to consider the management of our school for the ensuing year.

—Manly Davis and Harry Pickett went to Sanborn on Sunday last with a four-horse team to take down the accumulated mail and a few passengers.

—The sundogs, so unusually distinct sometimes of late are proven by some of the weather-wise indicative of cold snaps, while others think they denote simply heliocentricity.

—Sanborn Enterprise: The assignees have completed the work of inventory on the stock of William Holliday with this result: Liabilities, \$10,885.76; assets \$13,215.90. A good showing.

—The Chicago Weekly News is all meat, no wind or gush. It is content to state facts, leaving to others the monopoly of verbose writing and tiresome platitudes. This excellent paper and the Courier for \$2.50.

—A big fire at Jamestown last week "licked up" the Dakota House and all the property in that block facing the railroad track. It was a very tough fire for the city as many of the best buildings were included in the blaze.

—Messrs. Iver Jacobson, Ole Serungard and Julius Stevens joined issues and bought the quarter section formerly owned by Engbret Gunderson, on section 6, 148, 58, for a consideration of \$1,200. The farm is one of the best in the Sheyenne valley and is heavily timbered.

—Portland Inter-Ocean: The Hope Pioneer is up on its righteous indignation at the Courier and I. O. The Pioneer man is adverse to everything that echoes the sentiments of the masses and sits on his little Steele county fraud. Go in Warner, you cannot bulldoze an intelligent public.

—Geo. McCormick is still suffering greatly from the severe cut he sustained while at work in the Courier "wood lot" nearly two months since. The wound at one time was thought to be almost healed, but George is again compelled to remain in bed in order to give it another chance. He has the sympathy of the community in his severe sufferings.

—The capacity or demands of a true Dakota town can never be gauged. Last week we issued three times our usual number of papers and thought we would have plenty left at this time next year, as only about 1,600 extras had been spoken for in advance. But we are disappointed, for not a single copy of the Holiday Courier can now be had, and we could sell a couple hundred more as easy as snuff.

—We always maintained that that invincible expounder of farm machinery gospel and embodiment of genuine good nature, commonly known to us as F. H. Buchheit, was more of a boomer than he let on. Here's a pointer from the Mishawaka (Ind.) Enterprise: "Fred Buchheit has come back from Dakota to spend the winter. He is very enthusiastic about his new western home and will return early in the spring."

—Cooperstown got left on its train due last Friday, it being unable to get to Jintown from Carrington owing to snow drifts. However, it pulled in on Monday in fine style and with two engines. It is now an established fact that the Cooperstown branch will not be blockaded, as the run on Monday was made without any stops from drifts, and no more unfavorable storms than we had last week will be liable to occur again this winter.

—From nearly every point in Dakota long and loud wails have been going up about wheat grading. Here in Cooperstown the first murmur of complaint in that respect is yet to be heard. The Lenham E. & L. Company have not only been paying an average of one cent higher than Northern Pacific prices, but have always given farmers the best possible grade for their cereals. We are certainly fortunate in having this company operate at our place.

—As we have before intimated, the gold "finds" are getting most too near Cooperstown for comfort. This from the Fargo Argus: "While but little is being said outside about the gold fields near Lisbon, the capitalists demonstrate their confidence in finding gold in paying quantities, by heavy investments in the latest improved machinery. Good specimens of superior quality have been found on the Sheyenne river, north of Valley City, and still another ledge of gold bearing quartz crops out near Steele, Kidder county. Experienced miners express the opinion that the Sheyenne river valley is worth prospecting."

—Reader, did you ever reflect upon the seriousness of the great journey we all enter upon at the commencement of each new year? When you do thus reflect isn't it strange how railroad trains, steamboats, dashing private turn-outs, showy livery rigs and all other modes of conveyance sink into insignificance and abject littleness? We refer to the ride we take in Mother Earth's chariot. Each of the daily revolutions of the globe carry us flashing along over the respectable distance of 24,000, which multiplied by the number of days in a year gives each and every one a free ride in one direction of 8,780,000 miles. The distance accomplished in the run around the sun is 563,500,000 miles, which added to the daily trip gives us a magnificent annual ride. Who wants to go faster?

—The lovely weather on New Year's day prompted nearly everybody to "sail" out and make annual greetings. It must have been a previously arranged plan, for it was noticeable that the great majority of callers—and many of the receivers—were headed for G. W. Barnard's spacious farm residence about dusk. Mrs. Barnard and her lady friends were equal to the emergency, however, and the 75 or 100 pleasure bent people who thus assembled were promptly fed in grand style on oyster stew and other seasonable delicacies. After supper each person "turned in" for a good time and if ever we looked upon a joyous scene it was there. The parlors of the house were literally alive with merry, mirthful faces, and each countenance seemed to reflect the happy thought: "Oh, how glorious it is to be a resident of grateful Dakota."

—When the telegraphic news came last Wednesday that President Villard had made an assignment and cut loose from the Northern Pacific our heart went out in sympathy to him and his poor family. For the past few weeks the fallen financier has been catching Hall Columbia from all sides, and many contemptible allusions have proceeded from the very papers that a few weeks since fed him the most fulsome flattery, as he passed over the great line he had completed accompanied by a gorgeous display of the world's notables. Then he was praised as a deliverer of the great Northwest; now he is termed a vicious, selfish fraud and a charlatan. Oh, how bitter must be his cup of grief, to thus lose the public good will and all of his money. When we heard the news we thought of several free rides taken over his road and were saddened, but knew not how to relieve the poor fellow's sufferings. Ah, a thought struck us; he was an old-time printer and reporter, and a position to him would be a God-send. We at once telegraphed that he could have a "sit" on the Courier at \$7 a week with a promise of advancement as rapidly as merited. No response has yet arrived and a faint thought that he might possibly have saved a few dollars from the crash to temporarily abridge his needs presents itself.

—Saturday night, December 22nd, will be remembered as a very dark, cold and stormy one, well calculated to induce cautious people to remain indoors, and especially was it a night that would hardly invite one out on the trackless prairie. However, not a few of Griggs county's citizens ventured out, and the worst of it is they nearly all went for pleasure. Three citizens of Cooperstown, out on a call, had to sleep on the prairie that night—two of them being ladies—and several persons in the country shared a like ordeal, but the saddest case of all was probably that of Nels Larson, a young single man of Red Willow. He had been visiting at a neighbor's and started home—only about 80 rods distant—at 5 o'clock, but the poor fellow has not reached home yet. His friends began search next morning and succeeded in tracking him for two miles west of where he started into what are known as the Willow Hills. Here all traces vanished and he is given up as lost. The mercury was 4° to 6° below zero that night, and as a severe wind was blowing it is quite probable he

perished, as he was not clad warm enough to battle such a night. With the terrible experience of those who passed that night without shelter, and with the awful fate of Nels Larson staring them in the face will not our people be more careful? Why venture abroad in the very face of a storm and a dark night? Let this sorrowful admonition prove a timely reminder to all that the elements stay not their rigor for man and that it is extremely dangerous to face their fury.

### Wily William's Wall.

Local events being a little scarce this week we find space for a couple reproductions from the powerful brain that guides the destiny of the Hope Pioneer. With his accustomed brazen Wily Willie says:

"The Pioneer does not care to substitute a personal warfare for the wheat question, by any means; but the Courier has endeavored to add injury to insult, by making scurrilous remarks on several occasions."

Then in another place he shows quite plainly the thought that he has barked up the wrong tree:

"We have tried to treat the editor of the Courier as a gentleman, but our efforts were not appreciated by him, and 'silent contempt' is painted on our banner. Adieu, vade in pace."

It is not necessary for the Courier to mention the standard upon which Wily Willie gauges his gentlemanly treatment. The principle of the whole infamous lot of Hope's hapless sycophants is already too well known for the credit of North Dakota. In the case above mentioned Willie in his softest manner branded a Courier statement in regard to the relative wheat markets of Cooperstown and Hope as a lie. When indisputable evidence was brought to bear he then continued his "gentlemanly treatment" by dropping the wheat question and substituting "Eddie's brain." When Willie found he had falsely accused the Courier of lying why didn't he own up like the gentleman he alleges himself to be instead of coming the dog in a manger act? Simply because he hadn't the requisite manhood, and then it wouldn't be in accordance with the code of ethics adopted by the Hope mob who own Willie and his paper—body, soul and breeches. In his hampered position Willie is forced to say and do much that goes against his grain, and in this respect he is deserving of great sympathy, but notwithstanding his enthrallment he cannot be justified in malicious lying. Be cautious, Willie, as you have above promised, and all may be well.

### Proceedings County Commissioners.

Met Dec. 20, 1883, at 9 a. m. in accordance with previous adjournment.  
Present—Rollin C. Cooper.  
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Met Dec. 24, 1883, at 9 a. m.  
Present—Rollin C. Cooper and N. C. Rukke.  
Rollin C. Cooper in the chair.

FOLLOWING BILLS ALLOWED:	
St. Paul Foundry Co., iron for Sheyenne bridge	465 60
Fernald & Bradard, building Sheyenne bridge and approaches	1 756 48
F. B. Edwards, superintending building and material for Sheyenne bridge	381 86
O. J. Skrien, Damages sustained by highway running through his land in 20-148-58	40 00
A. A. Flute, damages sustained by highway running through his land in 20-148-58	80 00
Cooper Bros. services and material for Sheyenne bridge	219 27
E. D. Stair, printing	41 00
Lenham E. & L. Co., coal	128 02
" " lumber for Sheyenne bridge	63 08
Lenham E. & L. Co., lumber for Sheyenne bridge	28 40
Stevens & Enger, hardware for Sheyenne bridge	21 82
Kend Thompson & Co., grading turnpike to Sheyenne bridge	161 64
Following bills laid on the table for further consideration:	
Byron Andrus, coal	16 01
Following bills laid on table to await transcript from the court records of Barnes county.	11 00
H. P. Smart	11 00
William Glass	11 00
Allen Pinkerton	8 00
John Houghton	11 00
Iver Jacobson	11 00
Andrew Johnson	35 60

Bond of Allen Pinkerton, constable approved.  
Application of school town of Pleasant View for reduction of tax levy returned. Reduction not being authorized by law. Ordered that the chairman be given full power and authority to negotiate the court house and jail bonds with Preston, Kean & Co., of Chicago, and to issue them with the assistance of the clerk and treasurer to the amount of thirty thousand dollars under date of January 7th, 1884.

Adjourned till January 7th, 1884, at 9 a. m.  
ROLLIN C. COOPER, Chairman.  
HERBERT P. SMART, Clerk.

Wm. Glass loans money for final proof, and on titled land. 50ft.

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.

### PRACTICAL POINTERS

As Compiled by the Tyndall Tribune Editor.

The breaking season extends from about May 15 to July 15.

Three horses or mules, each weighing from 1,200 upward, constitute a good breaking team for a sulky or walking plow.

Sowing grain commences as soon as the frost is out of the ground to the depth of a few inches. The work is generally begun on April 1, and completed in ten or fifteen days. Some years the grain can be put in as early as March 15.

Good farm horses can be bought for \$100 to \$175, according to size.

Cows are worth from \$25 to \$35 each, and working oxen from \$80 to \$175 per yoke.

Standard makes of farm wagons cost \$75.

Breaking up usually costs \$3 per acre and backsetting \$1.50 to \$1.75.

The settler opening a new farm can always find plenty of work among his neighbors, after he has done his breaking and backsetting and cut his hay. He can raise an abundance of vegetables from the soil the first year. From twenty-five to forty bushels of oats per acre can be raised the first year.

Good common lumber ranges from \$18 to \$25 per thousand along the line of the railroad.

Carload lots, for settlers, are carried by the railroads at the same rates given to dealers.

A good house can be built for from \$550 to \$700.

Liberal provision is made by law for schools, and in the towns and county settlements schoolhouses and churches of the several denominations abound. The people who come to this country believe in these institutions.

Good water abounds in Dakota.

There is a combination of soil and climate in this new kingdom which makes it the most reliable and productive wheat region in the world.

There is always a market at good prices, as the spring wheat raised here is acknowledged to be the best in the country, and direct, short and cheap transportation to the great central markets of the world is afforded.

In no other section of the United States have there been so many consecutive years of such bountiful crops. It is as healthy a country as there is in the world.

There are openings in this new and rapidly developing country for carpenters, blacksmiths, shoemakers, harness makers and workers at other trades.

The opportunities to secure good land at low prices, near the railroad and villages, are unequalled in any other country on the continent.

The following property is free from execution for debt; Homesteads, one acre if within a town plat, and 160 if not, with house and appurtenances, unimproved in value. Exemption is absolute except as taxes, mechanics' lien for work on the homestead, and debt created for the purchase thereof. Personal property exempt, \$1,500, besides wearing apparel, books to \$100, provisions for one year, family pictures, etc. Real estate or personal property is liable for its purchase money; otherwise the exemptions are as above stated.

Married women retain their own real and personal property, and may make contracts, sue and be sued, as if single. Neither husband or wife has any interest in the property of the other. Dower and courtesy are abolished.

### The Magazines.

The Century for January is a feast to the eye, the illustrations to the paper on Edinburgh surpassing, if possible, former efforts of the Century. The paper on The Forty Immortals gives portraits of the more noted inhabitants of Olympus—among others of Sardan. The Bread Winners closes tragically, and, except that the heavy villain escapes the gallows, acceptably. So far as remembered, Anthony Trollope is the only novelist with courage sufficient to use the gallows as part of his machinery, and he uses it (in the Maedermotts of Ballycloran) to hang the wrong man.

St. Nicholas for January makes its New Year's call with a bright table of contents and a brilliant list of contributors. Louisa M. Alcott begins her promised series of "Spinning-wheel Stories" with a sketch of the "good old times" of seventy years ago, showing how (grandmother's wheel spun a tale of fun, war, love, and wolves, to suit the tastes of all her hearers. The frontispiece is by Mary Hallock Foote, and H. H. opens the number with a complete and timely story of Colorado mining life, entitled "Christmas in the Pink life-boarding-house." It is a double number and must be hugely appreciated by its thousands of warm friends. Century Co., New York.

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

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

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

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

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.

Old newspapers for sale at the Courier office.

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

The blizzards may blow; the train may stop, but Whidden Bros. have in stock and to arrive 5 cars flour, 1 car pork, two cars groceries, and everything needed for a month's shut-up.

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.

For mens' fur goods go to Nelson & Langlie's.

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.

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.

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