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FRIDAY, JAN. 18, 1884.

LOCAL LACONICS.

—The youngsters have enjoyed vacation.

—P. H. Hoiland came over from Anita Tuesday.

—Wheat is coming in pretty lively now-a-days.

—J. C. Woodward, of Jamestown, registered at the Palace last Friday.

—H. J. Curtiss, of Sanborn, was with us Monday while the engine turned.

—“The weather is simply charming,” is the word one hears on every hand.

—R. C. Cooper returned Friday last from a week's business trip to St. Paul.

—Prof. Z. A. Clough and wife returned from a week's sojourn at Sanborn, Monday.

—John Holliday came up from Sanborn Monday and returned on to-day's train.

—The Courier reaches its first anniversary to-day. Is it not a vigorous “yearling?”

—A car load of first-class feed oats now in bin and for sale at Davis & Pickett's.

—A series of prayer meetings are being held at the residence of Mr. Geo. W. Barnard.

—Geo. A. Luce, of Hope, smiled on his numerous Cooperstown friends the first of the week.

—I. B. Howard, of Red Willow, is in town and reflects the good nature and prosperity of his section.

—The “Pioneers,” Odegard & Thompson have a new adv. this week, to which your attention is directed.

—School opened again Tuesday with quite a large attendance, several new pupils from the country being present.

—The attention of our readers is called to the change of card of the Northern Pacific railroad, which appears on page 8.

—Knud Thompson was a passenger over the Cooperstown branch last Friday, bound for Fargo; also was Judge Byron Andrus.

—Col. H. C. Fitch, the genial landlord of the Palace, returned Monday from a trip to Jamestown. He reports the walking as very bad.

—Go to the old Pinkerton & Shue stand on Burrell Ave. and “fill up”—with a load of our first car of feed. Davis & Pickett's.

—Our old friend, Mr. C. C. Phillippee, who is spending the winter in Indiana, writes that he will return soon, and that some twenty enterprising Hoosiers will accompany him.

—While the citizens of Griggs county are enjoying the warm, bright sunshine of fair Dakota, the publisher of the Courier is shivering in Southern Michigan.

—Monday the train was stuck in the snow on the Carrington branch, and had it not been for our proverbially clear track we should have had no train, but as it was, Supt. Graham put on a special for us.

—The clay taken from just east of town by a Fargo brickmaker has been tested and found to contain all the necessary properties for first-class brick. A brick yard for Cooperstown is now assured.

—Take your teams to the old Pinkerton & Shue building and give them a “smile” of our “straight”—feed. Davis & Pickett's.

—Notwithstanding the fact that the main line was blocked by snow, the train on the Cooperstown branch had no difficulty in pulling into town on time last Friday with several cars of freight and an unusual large number of passengers.

—That Cooperstown is the commercial centre of Griggs was evinced Monday of this week, when faces from every town in the county could be seen on our streets. It was estimated that over one hundred teams were in town that day.

—Sanborn Enterprise: Brother Stair, of the Cooperstown Courier, treated the readers of his excellent paper last week with a twelve-page boom edition setting forth the advantages of Dakota, Griggs county, and especially Cooperstown. It made a good showing.

—Enterprising people are beginning to learn the value of advertising the year round. The persistency of those who are not intimidated by the cry of “dull times,” but keep their names ever before the public, will surely place them on the right side in the end.

—Steele Herald: The bright and sprightly Courier, of Cooperstown, outdid itself in its twelve-page boom edition. The Courier is a valuable exchange, and shows the git-up-and-git enterprise so manifest in its efforts for Griggs county. May success always attend it.

—Hope Pioneer: The Cooperstown Courier's holiday boom edition is about the neatest, mechanically, of any gotten out by our territorial exchanges, and its local layout is meaty. Ed. displays good judgement in employing the proper ingredients for good press work.

—“Oats make a boss laff,” says Josh Billings. “Laughter makes fatness,” says the proverb, and we say that any horse in Griggs county will giggle 200 pounds of meat onto his frame over a load of our oats. Davis & Pickett's.

—An exchange truthfully remarks that “the atmosphere of Dakota seems to be infected with the malaria of enthusiasm.” No matter how impressive or prosperous a country a man may leave, he finds something in Dakota which he has never seen nor ever expected to see this side of paradise.

—Evidently Cooperstown is getting the “go by” this year in the blizzard line, and not a single tenderfoot in town but that is praying for one. Last Thursday night, the 10th, another severe storm visited the Sanborn vicinity, blocking three trains on the sidings of that place, while here it was comparatively quiet.

—Parties who are spending their first winter in North Dakota begin to think the old stories about blizzards is due to the influence of imagination for which old settlers in all countries are noted. They want to see a genuine blizzard if there is such a thing, but we think their anxiety is not likely to be relieved this winter.

—The genial face of our old friend and neighbor, A. N. Adams, is once more beaming on the streets of Cooperstown. He has been sojourning with his family for the past two months in the “Hub” —Boston. On returning he says Dakota is the land of his choice, notwithstanding the many delightful features of old “Mass.” His family will return in the spring.

—Attention is called to the advertisement of the Iowan Farmer Co. This is one of the best and most practicable farm and stock journals in Iowa, and with the view to doubling or tripling their present large circulation they make the extraordinary liberal offer in their advertisement. Read the same and send the Company \$1 to Cedar Rapids, Iowa, at once.

—A local correspondent to a Michigan paper pertinently portrays the condition of affairs among producers in that flourishing and highly civilized state thusly: “Myself and family are as well as usual, and are getting along the best we can these hard times; for these are the worst times I ever saw to do business. About half of our farmers have to buy all their grain for their stock, and have nothing to sell. We have no money in the country, with which to do business.”

—The Courier press treated itself to a serious break down last Thursday, when the week's edition was about two-thirds printed. But for the extraordinary skill of our village blacksmiths, Messrs Moore & Sansburn, we would have been compelled to take our forms to Sanborn or Hope until the part broken could reach us from New York. As it is their fine workmanship saves us much inconvenience, and we more than ever appreciate the presence of such good mechanics in our midst.

—Dr. Newell says that his experience in Dakota since last spring fully convinces him that there is no place in the Northwest where so pure an atmosphere, healthy climate and fertile soil can be found as here. While our friends in Illinois, Wisconsin and the western states are suffering with an immense quantity of snow, drifted roads and terrible cold weather, we are enjoying fine clear winter weather, good sleighing—with about eight inches of snow, no drifts, and everybody is happy and contented.

Better than Boston.

Spain once held both sides of the Mediterranean at the Straits of Gibraltar. So highly did she value her possessions that she stamped on her coin the two pillars of Hercules (as the promontory of rocks were called) and on a scroll thrown over these were the words: “Ne plus ultra”—no more beyond. But one day a bold spirit sailed far beyond these pillars, and found a new world of beauty and excellence. When Spain, wisely convinced of her ignorance, struck the word “ne” from the coin and left “plus ultra”—more beyond. Boston and her suburbs, and all the territory east of the Alleghenies had at one time inscribed over their fair possessions Spain's “ne plus ultra”—no more beyond. When some enterprising sons and daughters pushed out to the western part of New York state and fair Ohio, she felt for a time that they had gone out of the world into the bushes. But a little time had elapsed when the Hub and hubbies pulled down the “ne” and left the “plus ultra”—more beyond. The old idea of the “ne” still exists to some extent in the States, when Dakota and her fair world is spoken of, and the wise men who speculate for the people, and transcribe their vision with printer's ink, have not lost their conceit for the old world of things among which they have moved so long that they have become fossilized. The “more beyond” must triumph, and our western land and its new world of wonders shall yet be the admiration of all our far-eastern brethren. These broad fields have yet a noble mission before them. They are to redeem from the ban “bad lands” all this west territory, and to stamp another name—the best—upon all these acres by sending back to Boston the superfluous cereals, and by giving her surplus population a chance for good homes and a competency. QUILL.

Proceedings County Commissioners.

JAN. 7, 1884, at 9 A. M.
Met in accordance with adjournment.
Present Rollin C. Cooper and N. C. Rukke.
Adjourned till 2 p. m.
Met at 2 p. m.
Present—N. C. Rukke and Ole Halverson (commissioner from first district).
On motion by Ole Halverson N. C. Rukke was elected temporary chairman.
On motion by N. C. Rukke Rollin C. Cooper was elected chairman of the board for the ensuing year.
On motion the following bills were allowed as per certificate from clerk of the court of Barnes county:
Wm. Glase, per diem and mileage while before grand jury, case Ter. vs. P. S. McKay and et al. 10 00
H. P. Smart, per diem and mileage while before grand jury, case Ter. vs. P. S. McKay and et al. 10 00
John Houghton, per diem and mileage while before grand jury, case Ter. vs. P. S. McKay and et al. 7 00
E. D. Stair, per diem and mileage while before grand jury, case Ter. vs. P. S. McKay and et al. 7 00
Allen Pinkerton, per diem and mileage while before grand jury, case Ter. vs. P. S. McKay and et al. 7 00
Her Jacobson, per diem and mileage while before grand jury, case Claus Jackson. 10 00
FOLLOWING BILLS ALLOWED:
Lenham E. & L. Co., lumber for bridge \$ 7 16
Davis & Pickett, drayage on coal. 5 32
H. P. Smart, 3 mos. rent, register of deeds office. 69 00
H. P. Smart, 4th qr. salary as Co. clerk. 125 00
Odegard & Thompson, indise. 25 37
Report of Wm. Glass, justice of peace for 4th qr. approved and justice fees allowed. 1 25
On motion board adjourned till Jan. 8th, at 9 a. m. N. C. RUKKE, Temp. Chairman.

HERBERT P. SMART, County Clerk, by Wm. Glass, Dep.

JAN. 8, 1884, 9 A. M.
Met in accordance with adjournment.
Present—Messrs Rukke and Halverson.
On motion ordered that liquor licenses be issued the ensuing year at the following rates:
License issued bet Jan. 1st, to March 31st, 1884, inclusive. \$ 500 00
License issued between April 1st and June 30th, 1884, inclusive. 375 00
License issued between July 1st, and Oct. 31st, 1884, inclusive. 250 00
License issued between Nov. 1st, and Dec. 31st, 1884, inclusive. 195 00
And all licenses shall continue from the date of their issue until Dec. 31st, 1884, at which date they shall expire.
On motion liquor license bonds of Gillespie & Blow, Jackson & Knudson and H. C. Fitch are approved and licenses issued.

FOLLOWING BILLS APPROVED:

T. F. Kerr, for medical attendance, poor \$ 25 00
T. F. Kerr, for 4th qr. 1884, salary of Supt. of Schools (Co. Gen. tuition fund) 75 00
O. J. Skrien, discount on bill allowed for damage in locating road through sec. 25-146-59. 7 05
A. A. Flato, for same. 14 10
Bill of Byron Andrus, coal, taken from table and allowed at \$17.45.
Bill of Andrew Johnson, office rent, \$120.00, taken from the table and allowed at the rate of \$5 per month for the past year—\$60.
Bill of John N. Jorgensen, office rent, \$69.00, laid on the table.
Ordered that regular order No. 1324 be drawn to F. B. Edwards to duplicate No. 60 which is destroyed—\$13.80.
Ordered that an order be drawn upon the general fund in favor of the County General Tuition Fund in payment of County Supt. salary for 4th qr., 1883, for \$75.00.
On motion ordered that the clerk be instructed to adjourn the meeting from day to day until a quorum is present.
Adjourned. N. C. RUKKE, Tem. Chairman.

HERBERT P. SMART, County Clerk, by Wm. Glass, Dep.

Not a Bad Country, at All.

The following letter, which appeared in the Lake Geneva (Wis.) Herald, issue of Dec. 28, may prove of interest to many of our eastern readers who imagine Dakota a cold, barren tract:
Ipswich, D. T., Dec. 16, 1883.

I have noticed in your columns at different times letters from parties traveling through Dakota, and as I have been in this part of the Territory for the greater part of two years, I feel safe in passing my opinion of this as a farming country, for although last season the crop was almost a failure compared with the crop of two years ago, it was equally as good if not better than could have been raised in southern Wisconsin or northern Illinois under similar circumstances. Where the grain was sowed on the wild prairie and plowed under the crop was light. But where the practical farmer put in his crop he realized a good round profit. For illustration, an eastern farmer bought 160 acres last spring, for which he paid three thousand dollars, the land being all broken and ready for crop. He sowed it to wheat and oats hiring the work all done from seedling to marketing the grain; the proceeds being sufficient to bear all expenses and pay for the farm, and as there is but one objection make to this as a farming country, that being the light fall of rain, those among the Indians on the different reservations known as the Medicine Men claim the past season to have been the driest in the past twenty years, so there is no great reason to fear on that account. As to the climate it could not be better. Parties come from all countries without undergoing a change of becoming acclimated, which is universal in all other countries; the weather holds good to the extreme, as it barely freezes nights and is warm and clear every day; farmers continued plowing up to the seventh of December, which is remarkable in any country. Among the settlers of Edmunds county, during the past eight months there are upwards of fifty from Walworth county. Although they came from the garden of Wisconsin, they all claim to be enjoying the best of health and making money, the two principal features of a man's life. About the time of the equinoctial storm there were several of the opinion that winter out here was too much of a good thing. But as they arrived at their destination all the way from Iowa to the hills of New Hampshire, they found it was natural enough that a general disagreeable time was expected, and for the past six weeks they continue to return perfectly contented, with the unanimous impression that times were too dull back east.
Yours Respectfully,
F. A. STANFORD.

Good, True Words for Dakota.

[Chicago Iner-Ocean.]
There is in progress on this soil at the present time one of the grandest marches of civilization the world has ever seen. The spectacle presented furnishes an interesting study. The movement going forward here has for its impelling agents the strongest individual forces we have in our society and government. Dakota is not richer in soil than the character and capacity of her citizenship. The best blood in American veins and the best stock of the world are contributed to the unparalleled growth and unexampled development. Dakota is being enriched by an emigration from the Eastern, Middle and Western states of a kind and extent without a parallel in the history of this country. It is much a matter of surprise, and much more a matter of significance, that the great majority of those who are daily swelling the ranks of the Dakotians are of American birth, and parentage. In the central portions of the Territory, more particularly, is this the case. It is safe to say that from ninety to ninety-five per cent. of the emigration pouring into the proposed State of Dakota is composed of American brain and brawn. A majority of these Americans, who are merely changing their residence from one part of the country to another, are young men. The truth is that Dakota is to be the most prosperous of the states of the Northwest, and is to lead in the development of the great wheat basin or belt, toward which the eyes of Europe as well as America are turned.

Coming to Dakota.

[Campbell Courier.]
Dakota is still getting to the front in the eyes of our eastern friends. Communications are being received from all parts of the east by the residents of our territory, which show that the emigrations of past seasons was but a forerunner of what we are going to get the coming spring. It is hoped that the states will not be depopulated, but we have hosts of room in Dakota. Let the people come. L. Green, of this place, has received a letter from a friend in Michigan who writes that the coming season will witness the greatest rush from that section that has ever been known. The writer states that over one hundred people from that one town, alone, are preparing to move to Dakota.

An Excellent Number.

Peterson's Magazine for February opens with one of the most charming steel-engravings we have ever seen, called: “Two Little Customers.” Besides this, however, are several other beautiful embellishments, among them a splendid colored pattern. There is also another engraving—“Homeless and Blind”—illustrating a pathetic little story. The double-sized colored fashion-plate—a specialty of this magazine—is even more beautiful than usual. As for the stories, though always good, they are this month unusually so. Mrs. Ann S. Stevens continues “Her Season in Washington,” a novelet that promises to be the best she has ever written. There is also a powerful story called “Jule.” Altogether this is a very superior number. We do not see how any lady can get along without “Peterson.” The terms are but two dollars a year. Great deductions are made for clubs, and elegant premiums given for getting up clubs. Now is the time to get up clubs for 1884. Specimens are sent gratis, if written for, to persons wishing to subscribe or get up clubs. Address: Peterson's Magazine, 306 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, Pa.

A Fargo man is writing a book entitled “The Tortures of Hell.” It is said to be the result of six years' experience in Chicago.—Republican.

Nelson & Langlie are closing out their line of winter goods at bottom prices.

Will pay 90 cts. in trade for Griggs county orders. Odegard & Thompson.

One car load of Diamond-Tooth Harrows received at Odegard & Thompson's. Call and see them soon.

Every farmer in Griggs county wants to visit our new feed store. Davis & Pickett's.

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

Old newspapers for sale of 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-out.

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.

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.”

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 voke of oxen, sheep, hogs, etc.? We will always give you goods for them. Odegard & Thompson.

Prices that compete with Fargo. Lenham Elevator & Lumber Co.

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

Anything in the line of Farm Machinery at Buchheit Bros.

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

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

We can sell you a team of mules or horses, a voke 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.

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.

THEO. F. KERR, M. D.

Physician and Surgeon!

Cooperstown, Dakota.

Office in Newell's Drug Store.

JULIUS STEVENS,
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Office in the Hardware Store.