

### Dakota Territorial News.

L. E. Stern and Charles W. Shauer played their second game of billiards at Mitchell, for \$200 and the championship of Dakota. Shauer finally, after a long contest, won the purse and championship, making his 500 points to Stern's 498 points.

Information has been received at Bradstreet's St. Paul office that N. C. McConnell, retail clothing dealer at Grand Forks, has made an assignment. No particulars were given regarding assets and liabilities, but it is not probable that the figures are very large.

Fifty head of horses belonging to a half breed outfit at or near O'Fallon creek have been run off, as it is claimed by white men.

Maj McGillicuddy, agent of the Red Cloud Indians, has written a long letter to the secretary of the interior with reference to the charges that have been made about the methods by which the assent of the Indians was secured to the Sioux treaty. He denies point blank that the Indians, either collectively or individually, were bulldozed into signing the treaty.

The business of the Huron Land office for the past year consisted of taking up of 3,000,000 acres of government land, and Col. Lowry, the receiver, has turned into Uncle Sam's treasury the sum of \$1,200,000.

Bickham W. Lair, one of the parties indicted for the murder of the Ward brothers, has been released from the county jail at Grand Forks, where he has been confined for the past few months, his friends having furnished the requisite bonds.

The annual meeting of the Cass County Medical association was held in Fargo, Dr. H. Galloway in the chair. After admitting several members, a committee was appointed to attend to organizing the North Dakota Medical association, to embrace all that part of Dakota north of the forty-sixth parallel. The following officers were elected for the coming year: H. G. Fish, Wheatland, president; J. J. Buckley, Fargo, vice president; H. Capehart, secretary; W. C. Shurlock, treasurer; Drs. Stepeburn of Grandin and Wear of Fargo, censors for the year.

A short time since a barber living in Sioux City, named Joseph Bucknan, ran away from that city with a young woman, Mary Vansickle, and came to Mitchell, where the guilty pair lived together as husband and wife. Bucknan got employment in a stylish barber shop on lower Main street, and soon made himself quite popular with his customers. The Sioux City authorities, learning that Bucknan was in Mitchell, procured transportation and sent his wife and five small children on there, as they were quite destitute and about to become a charge to that city. She marched up to the barber shop with their five offspring, and found the husband and father. The meeting was a stormy one.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Thomas were found at their residence at Valley City, in a state of asphyxiation from coal gas. Although under the influence of the gaseous inhalation for ten hours, they will recover.

G. W. Bainbridge was arrested at Sioux Falls, charged with committing a rape upon Margaret Frazier, wife of William Frazier, and Fred Baker was also arrested, charged with aiding and abetting the crime. Bainbridge is an old settler, being over sixty years of age, and has always borne a fair reputation. The victim is a young woman of less than twenty years, and her physician reports that she bears no marks of injury.

Joseph C. Fairfield, judge of the probate court of Douglas county, has been arrested on a charge of wilful and corrupt perjury alleged to have been committed before United States Commissioner Kongabe in the contest of a homestead claim. He will be tried before the United States courts at Yankton. He has given bond. The arrest creates a sensation, as Judge Fairfield is widely known.

At Mitchell a jeweler named J. C. Welch, employed in N. G. Gale's store, attempted to murder his wife at their rooms in the Commercial house at a late hour. The case was jealously stimulated by whisky. His wife was lately a teacher of music in the Baptist college at Sioux Falls. She will seek relief in the courts. The case creates a great sensation.

There is much excitement at Grand Forks over the wheat question. A meeting of the commissioners of Walsh, Grand Forks and Pembina counties has been called to devise means for facilitating, by public aid, the construction of a direct railway line from there to Duluth; or in default of that, a branch to the Northern Pacific, running from Grand Forks to Detroit or Lake Park. A mass meeting is also called to discuss the allied topics of railroad charges, elevators, wheat grades and usury.

The territorial judges hold that under the United States laws they have a right to appoint the clerks of the district courts for a term during good behaviour. At the last session of the territorial assembly an act was passed making the office elective. Chief Justice Ed. Lorton holds that the act under which the clerks were appointed is paramount and that the appointed clerks hold over. On the other hand the people will elect parties to the clerkships and it is now warmly contended by some of the ablest attorneys that the election of all ministerial territorial officers, including clerks of the district courts, is reserved to the people by the organic act creating the territory.

Clarke & Co., dealers in general hardware at Jamestown assigned to J. A. Frye for the benefit of their creditors. No statement of assets and liabilities

has been made, as the law allows twenty days for the filing of the same. There are no preferred creditors.

Griswold and party have abandoned all further mining enterprises at Lisbon until spring.

The house of Henry Wear, in Shearfish, burned. Loss, \$2,000; insurance, \$1,000.

Huron claims to have erected \$440,870 worth of buildings last year.

The assignees have completed the work of inventory on the stock of William Holliday, of Sanborn, with this result: Liabilities, \$10,895,76; assets, \$13,215.90. A good showing.

Nels Larsen, of Cooperstown, started for home, about eighty rods distant, on the night of Dec. 22, and has not been seen since. It is believed he wandered off and perished.

In the Deadwood mining district are 1,725 stamps distributed as follows: 1,395 in Lawrence county, 220 in Pennington county and 110 in Custer county.

Williams & Co., hardware merchants of Pierre, have assigned. No particulars were known at Bradstreet's.

The body of an unknown man was found near Sims, on the 4th inst., apparently having frozen to death.

Dakota wants a successor to Judge Kidder appointed.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank of Mandan, L. E. Reed of the Capitol bank of St. Paul was elected president in place of James Bellows, resigned. The semi-annual dividend of 5 per cent. was paid to the stockholders.

H. Bowles, in Dickinson, was found dead in a hole near the railway track, having jumped from a train and broken his skull.

Lieut. Col. O. H. Moore, Seventeenth infantry, has been relieved from duty at Fort A. Lincoln and ordered to proceed to Fort Yates, Dak., and report to the commanding officer of that fort for duty.

A syndicate has purchased the town-site of Minor for \$20,000.

The Leech farm, near Fargo, has recently been sold for \$32,000.

The stockholders of the Bank of Brookings have elected the following officers: W. H. Morehouse, president, R. H. Williams, vice president; George Morehouse, cashier.

Charley Miller and wife a newly married couple, were lost on the prairie in Lake Stay, and did not find shelter until 10 o'clock at night.

A meeting of the Mitchell bar and of the bar of the second district has been called at Mitchell, to secure the election of at least six associate district judges for the territory to be paid by the territory, and to consider other necessary legislation to unload the crowded dockets of the Dakota courts.

Mitchell claims during the past year twenty-five new business blocks and 200 residences have been built, costing \$400,000.

The question with the Republican senators is, who is to put the bell on the cat? They are afraid to elect Senator Anthony president pro tempore and thus place him next in the presidential succession after President Arthur. The trouble is that no one feels like telling him the real difficulty that weighs on their minds. At the opening of the session, after caucusing two or three times, they put the bugbear aside till after the holiday recess. Mr. Edmunds does not like to appear to be holding on to the matter in the hands of a committee, which is expected to perform the delicate duty of creating a doubt in the mind of Mr. Anthony himself as to his physical ability to attend to the duties of presiding officer.

A Milwaukee dispatch says: The spiritual retreat for men, being conducted by Bishop Ireland of St. Paul, at St. John's Cathedral during the present week, attracted another large attendance this evening. Bishop Ireland urged all Catholics to insist upon better legislation to remedy the evil of divorce, etc., and then to see that such laws are enforced.

The names of the Youngers are omitted from the prisoner's directory at the penitentiary. This was rendered necessary owing to the large number of requests made by visitors to be shown to their cells.

In the impeachment trial of the ministers of state for Norway, counsel for the defense opened pleadings on the second count in the indictment, which charges the ministers with refusing to sanction a bill for arming the people.

The Inman Steamers, the City of Paris and the City of New York were offered at auction at Liverpool recently. The City of Paris was withdrawn without a bid. The City of New York was also withdrawn after a bid of £26,000.

Freeborn county offers a bounty of \$4 for wolf scalps in addition to the \$5 state bounty.

At the annual meeting of the Blue Earth County Agricultural society the report of the secretary showed a balance on hand after paying all expenses, of \$331. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, John Diamond, Mankato; vice presidents, Quincy Lusk, Iron, D. Back, E. A. Woodward, E. F. Champion, B. L. Monk; secretary, Hon. L. G. M. Fletcher; corresponding secretary, E. W. Parker; treasurer, D. W. Evans; marshal, Chas. B. Fryer. President Diamond and Secretary Fletcher, were elected delegates to the state agricultural society.

Unrequited love caused Miss Johanna Offt to shoot herself at Erie, Pa., on the night of the 9th inst. She was found insensible, and says she wants to die because her love for Max Delier is not returned. The girl is an actress of considerable ability. She recently came from Saxony. Her recovery is doubtful.

The sale of Plymouth church pews amounted to \$22,011 premiums, falling off of \$3,337 from last year. H. B. Clavin paid the highest premium, \$575.

# Truth is Mighty and Must Prevail

Is a good old maxim, but no more reliable than the oft repeated verdict of visitors that

## COOPERSTOWN, DAKOTA,

is the Queen City of a magnificent county and the most beautifully located of the many new and prosperous places of North Dakota. It is the

Permanent County Seat of Griggs County, and, though only a few months old, already has a representation in nearly every branch of business and each man enjoying a profitable trade. Plenty of room for more business houses, mechanics or professional men. Cooperstown is not only the

TERMINUS OF THE S. C. & T. M. R. R., but is also Headquarters thereof. In short, the place is, by virtue of its situation

The Central City of the Central County of North Dakota.

THE GEOGRAPHICAL CENTER! THE COMMERCIAL CENTER!  
THE FINANCIAL CENTER! THE RAILROAD CENTER!

and the outfitting point of settlers for fifty miles to the North and West. The energetic spirit of Cooperstown's citizens, who in most cases have not yet reached the meridian of life, the singleness of purpose and unity of action in pushing her interests, have resulted in giving her an envious reputation for business thrift even this early in her history.

## GRIGGS COUNTY

is the acknowledged Eden for settlers and home-seekers. Its soil is unsurpassed; its drainage the very best; its climate salubrious, and its railway advantages par-excellent. Public land in the county is becoming scarcer every day, yet there are still thousands of opportunities for the landless to get homes.

## GREAT STRIDES

toward Metropolitan comforts have been made in Cooperstown and the wandering head of the weary traveler can here find rest and entertainment at an

BEAUTIFUL AND ELEGANTLY APPOINTED HOTEL,

erected at a cost of \$21,000. The man who becomes a citizen of Griggs county's thrifty capital can have, without price or waiting, the advantages of

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## UNPARALLELED RAPID DEVELOPMENT

of the surrounding country. When you stop and consider the facts you will realize the advantages this new town enjoys. It being the terminus of a railroad, the entire country makes it a

UNIVERSAL TRADING POINT,

a fact demonstrated by the merchants already established and enjoying big trades. Cooperstown is not an experiment but is built on the solid rock of commercial industry. Sound investments can be made in Cooperstown city property or Griggs county farm lands by applying to the

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