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### LOCAL LACONICS.

A bachelor's "vow" is a sweet, soft sound,  
And it makes his wooer's heart rebound  
With joy at its cadence low;  
But sad is she who shakes her boots,  
And out in the darkness softly scots,  
At the sound of the bachelor's "No."

—Beautiful and bright—the weather.  
—Manly Davis drove to Sanborn again yesterday.

—No train to-day, and yet a finer day never was.

No. 1 sorghum for sale at Whidden's. Leave your orders early for it runs slow.

—Geo. McCormick, who is being cared for at the home of Mrs. R. C. Cooper, is at last recovering from his wounded knee.

—Mrs. G. F. Newell is visiting relatives and friends in Crookston, Minn., and the doctor appears to be having a fit of the sulks.

—The assiduous Beecher Cox is "king bee" at Whidden's store during the proprietor's absence. Beecher is a rustler and will make things buzz.

—A small gang of bridge makers are at work repairing and strengthening the structure which spans Bald Hill creek, preparatory to a spring freshet.

—A Jamestown couple made the most economical bridal tour on record. After bidding their friends an affectionate good-bye they went up stairs and went to bed.

—A big raffle occurs at the Palace Hotel to-morrow evening, at which some lucky snoozer will get a team, buggy and harness for one dozen magnificent shillings.

—Advance guards for colonies of settlers are already appearing in the territory. Three weeks more and the flood or emigrants to North Dakota's broad acres will have fairly begun.

—The Dakotians now in Washington represent two factions—one favoring division and the other admission of the territory as a state. Neither are likely to accomplish anything with the present congress.

—A Minneapolis merchant who lives(?) on a fine Griggs county quarter section came up from that bright young city on Wednesday. We presume he will prove up soon and then the county will lose his alleged citizenship.

—Our enterprising farm machinery dealers are already preparing for the inevitable big spring trade by getting in their supply of seeders, harrows, etc. Odegard & Thompson have several car loads on hand now and more on the road.

—1 of our young men has declared his intention to retire from single life. He says he will 10derly receive some maiden's & take her in2 his fond M—, whose I's R bright as the shining \*,\* & who has not a || in this § of the country.—Exchange.

—Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Whidden departed for an eastern trip last Monday. Mr. Whidden goes to New York and Nova Scotia on business, while his better half is bent on pleasure, and will remain in the continent's metropolis until April, visiting her mother and other relatives.

—While sorry to unjustly censure anyone the Courier is pleased to know that it was mistaken in blaming the Sanborn operator for the non-arrival of our package of papers last week. Investigation proves him entirely blameless in the matter, and our amend honorable is gladly tendered.

—Real estate is looking up and Griggs county comes to the front with the best big sale on record. When one of the foremost capitalists of the east plants nearly \$36,000 in our dirt at \$15 per acre it would hardly seem that public confidence is shaken in Dakota's resources and ultimate prosperity.

—Early though it is, immigration is already starting for Dakota, as the publisher personally noted on his way from Chicago. The class coming now are principally those who investigated the country and selected their land last fall. Within the past ten days travel westward bound from St. Paul on the Northern Pacific is said to have increased 50 per cent.

—County taxes have been paid just fairly prompt, about one-half of the total assessment now being in the hands of County Treasurer Enger. The back taxes are principally that portion due from Hope and Steele county, which will probably not be paid until collected by the annual tax sale next September.

—The plans and specifications for Griggs county's new court house and jail are expected here within a few days, word having been received to that effect from F. B. Edwards, who has been engaged for some time on two sets of drafts. If either plan proves acceptable the commissioners will at once proceed to let the contract for construction.

—Yesterday was St. Valentine's Day, but one would hardly suspect it from any demonstration in Cooperstown. We have yet to hear of the first person who either sent or received a valentine this year, and not a single one of these delicate or ludicrous missives have our shop keepers offered for sale. Cooperstown claims a record on the valentine score.

—People along the main line of the Northern Pacific wonder and ponder why land in Griggs county sells more readily and for better prices than they can get. If they would spend the time to look upon our gently undulating and incomparatively fertile fields their curiosity in the matter would be entirely satisfied, as the soil once seen explains the county's unequalled prosperity.

—Jamestown Alert: Parties who are well informed state that the Cooperstown branch has given the company no trouble so far this season and that the principal cause is attributed to the fact that the road is somewhat crooked. The Carrington branch, which is nearly straight but running in the same direction and through the same kind of country, has given the company much trouble and expense on account of snow.

—To one up a tree it begins to look as though Campbell & Sabin do not intend to retrieve the deep wrong they perpetrated upon their patrons in Griggs county. Campbell "jumped" the country and his bills in December, and it has now been over five weeks since the Cooperstown branch of the institution departed "for a couple day's business trip to Fargo." Creditors and victimized patrons are the leading mourners.

—The Cooperstown accommodation concluded to accommodate itself by remaining in Jamestown last Monday on account of severe weather, so Davis & Pickett started their four-horse express for Sanborn at 1 p. m. with a load of passengers and the mail, reaching there in early evening. It is strange the train could not breast a trifling storm through which six men, a lady and two small children rode forty miles in an open conveyance.

—Here is a straw for our farmers. They should raise more hens. From the study of the reports of articles imported to the United States, it strikes the ordinary observer that "eggs is eggs," for the number imported in the year recently ended amount to nearly 200,000,000. What can the matter be with the hens of this country when we have to pay to the feathered representatives of the effete dynasties of the old world over two million dollars a year for eggs? Diversify your farming operations, by all means.

—Clerk of Court J. N. Jorgensen left for Fargo Monday to learn full particulars regarding the recent action of Commissioner McFarland in revoking the power of district clerks to take final affidavits in homestead and pre-emption proofs. Should Mr. McFarland enforce his opinion that clerks of counties where court is not held have no authority to take final testimony an incalculable wrong and unnecessary expense would be inflicted on three-fourths of the settlers that propose to prove up. It is probable that the Secretary of Interior will set aside this unjust ruling as influence will be brought to bear.

—An important bargain was consummated this morning, which gives Odegard & Thompson possession of the mercantile institution formerly owned and operated by Nelson & Langlie. The new proprietors have taken possession, and will run the business in connection with their store, which joins the newly acquired property. This deal will give our indefatigable Mr. Thompson greatly increased "elbow room" and we may now look for the biggest general store in North Dakota. We regret very much that Mr. Nelson deemed it for his best interests to close out here, and it is with reluctance that the place will part with his citizenship. After settling up matters he will return to Lanesboro, where his firm carry on a large trade.

—After a month's vacation, spent principally in Michigan's cloudy climate, the Courier conductor is once more at home, and right good does it seem to get back to a bright, clear, life-inspiring atmosphere. One can more fully appreciate the destiny that casts his lot in Dakota by spending a few days in Michigan, Indiana or Ohio, where the greatest business stagnation for 20 years holds good grip. What a change from Dakota, where everyone seems happy, prosperous and expectant, it is to visit that land of long faces and hard times. There every man is croaking; here all unite in pushing onward. There people are discontented, disheartened; here the people are a perfect antithesis of their discouraged eastern countrymen. There poverty and life long toil stares the average citizen boldly in the face; here fortune and future prospects smile sweetly on every brave and energetic person. Yes, it is a joy to again be anchored in Dakota's great harbor of health, happiness, prosperity and solid progress.

### A Big Deal in Dirt.

A deal just recorded by Register Smart shows up a very satisfactory sale of soil, considering the season is not fairly opened. The deal in question was made by Messrs. Cooper Bros. to Mr. Howard Oviatt, of New York City, and comprises the transfer of 5,720 acres of land for a consideration of \$15 per acre, the whole aggregating \$85,800. The land purchased by Mr. Oviatt lays within one to five miles of Cooperstown, and comprises some 3,000 acres of improved soil, the balance being wild. Cooper Bros. in addition to the \$85,800 have the use of the improved land this year, which would in reality bring the consideration to over \$95,000.

The purchaser is a prominent eastern capitalist, and his action in securely placing such a vast sum of cash in Dakota land may be reasonably looked upon as a decidedly encouraging omen. By him we are lead to believe that the very men who two months ago withdrew their money from Dakota are again inclined to invest in Northwestern securities and realty, their confidence being fully restored. With the restoration of an unlimited money market, it requires no prophetic wisdom or extraordinary acumen to recognize the fact that the approaching season will witness an unprecedented influx of settlers to North Dakota, and Griggs county with her manifold and unparalleled attractions must catch her share of the same. It is beyond all doubt that Griggs county's shores will continue to be washed by the tidal wave of prosperity.

### A Comparison.

"The Cooperstown Courier, which is always so neat and attractive that it is a pleasure to read it, justly complains at the fact that the place has been an entire week without a railroad train while the track is not obstructed. It is a novelty to see a railroad line run trains, especially through a country so well settled as Griggs county, except as the commercial man said he got married—that is, occasionally."—Fargo Argus.

Yes, Mr. Argus, the Courier justly complains, and in doing so but feebly reflects the indignation of a public that is being unreasonably inconvenienced and injured by this indifferent management. More than one-half the passenger traffic to and from this place is compelled to drive between Sanborn and here. There is such an uncertainty connected with the running of trains on the Cooperstown branch that commercial men and land seekers either give up visiting the place or look for other methods of transportation. It is ardently hoped that the N. P. folks will abandon the present fitful arrangement now that spring emigration is about to open, or half our natural influx will be driven elsewhere.

### Paymasters Played Out.

Our station agent, R. M. Cowen, has received a circular from Treasurer Belknap, of the Northern Pacific railway, setting forth a new system for paying the employes of the line.

It states substantially that commencing with February, 1884, checks will be issued by the local treasurer in favor of the superintendent, or assistant superintendent of the division or branch on which each man is employed. The superintendent or assistant superintendent will go over his division to pay off the men with these checks. The drafts intended for each man shall be delivered to him, endorsed by the superintendent or assistant, in blank, and his receipt taken therefor on the pay roll. The attention of the public is called by the company to this change of drawing pay checks.

### Linked for Life.

In the Presbyterian Church, Lanesboro, Tuesday morning, Feb. 5th, 1884, by Rev. Kristofer Janson, of Minneapolis, Minn., Mr. Antone Enger, of Cooperstown, Dakota, to Miss Anna Bertina, daughter of Mr. O. Iverson, proprietor of the Winona House, Lanesboro, Minn.

This was in every respect a brilliant wedding—attractive in respect to the number of guests, valuable presents, and prolonged festivities. The wedding gifts were costly and must have cost over \$200. The church was filled with invited guests—the appearance of the bride and bridegroom with their attending bridesmaids and groomsmen drew forth many complimentary remarks, and the marriage service by Rev. K. Janson, and the music furnished by a select choir, were equal in excellence and impressiveness to marriages in high life in metropolitan cities. A wedding feast at the Winona House and a grand ball at Curley's Hall were the great features of the evening, and afforded a grand finale to this magnificent wedding. The Journal wish the newly married couple long life and happiness as they meander down the pathway of life.—Lanesboro (Minn.) Journal.

The above notice and comment explains all. Our esteemed county treasurer has left his fellow bachelors in the lurch and joined the ranks of happy benedicts. Perhaps not a man in Griggs county is better qualified to make a home happy than Mr. Enger, and his many friends are pleased to learn that he has done well and wisely. The consort of his life is a sister to Mrs. J. Stevens, of this place, and is said to be an amiable lady, loved by all who know her. To their Griggs county home will Mr. and Mrs. Enger receive a most hearty welcome.

### Of Such are Dakota Girls.

Dr. A. F. Groves, of Sanborn, was in Valley City yesterday as a witness in a proving-up case before Clerk of Court McConnell. The applicant for title to 160 acres of rich Dakota soil is Miss Jessi Quick, who has a valuable claim a few miles from Sanborn. Miss Quick is described as a charming young lady, full of pluck, and she is said to have broken and backset, unaided, sixty acres on her claim with a pair of oxen. Such an example of energy and perseverance shows what a girl or woman can do in Dakota—the land of great possibilities.—Times.

### Correctly Couched.

If there is anything at all in the "signs of the times" the coming season will be the immigration boom of North Dakota. With railroad rates that will equal in liberality those of the roads running into South Dakota we have no fears of the competition for settlers, and we have every assurance from the new management of the Northern Pacific railroad that such rates will begin. We neither ask nor desire that all immigration shall head for North Dakota, for the southern portion of the territory is a good country and it is no disparagement to that part to say that this part is the best, as we believe it is. North Dakota has made Dakota famous. The southern part has been settled for over twenty years but the territory was comparatively unknown until North Dakota wheat began to pour into market, realizing fortunes to its producers, and the enterprising people began to sow advertising literature broadcast all over the world. Then when the tide started the railroads running into the southern portion of the territory caught the larger portion of it by their liberal rates of freight and passage to emigrants. But the long looked and labored for era is now beginning to dawn. North Dakota is this year to be the beacon light to which the countless thousands of home seekers will set out without the disappointment of being turned aside in their course by railroad rates.—Jamestown Alert.

"Can you tell me what sort of weather we may expect next month?" wrote a farmer to the editor of his county paper, and the editor replied: "It is my belief, and the weather next month will be very like your subscription bill." The farmer wondered for an hour what the editor was driving at, when he happened to think of the word "unsettled." He sent a postal note post haste.

The paper report that the farmers about Carrington and that region have been going down to Jamestown for all their work in the harness line, while the recent discovery has been made by accident that there has been a harness maker at Carrington for six months past. The man had no advertisement in the local papers, and evidently supposed that the remarkable clearness of the Dakota atmosphere would make him visible all over the country and he could beat the papers. The man was probably from Posey county, Indiana, where they do all their advertising upon tombstones.—Fargo Argus.

An inoffensive citizen of Aberdeen named William Austin, shot and killed a desperado named William Bell the other day. Bell attacked Austin first with a shotgun, which missed fire, and then flew at him with a butcher knife, when Austin drew a self-cocking revolver and punctured his assailant.

Stop playing "freeze out" and buy a pair of blankets at Whidden Bros.' 100 pair just received to select from.

A fresh lot of Groceries at Whidden Bros.' this week.

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

Before leaving Whidden gave us to understand that unless we sold \$10,000 worth of goods before he returned that we would all get the "G. B.," so ye citizens of Griggs look out for bargains. "WE CLERKS."

We have now a full line of Farm Machinery for spring trade. Come and look us over; we can do you some good in that line. Odegard & Thompson.

We want every farmer to try one of our "Boss" Harrows one day and if they do not give perfect satisfaction return it to us. A trial costs nothing. Buchheit Bros.

Farmers look here! We have now received one car load of Buckeye Four-feed Seeders—the best seeder on wheels. Call and see us and we can do you some good. Odegard & Thompson.

Call at Whidden Bros. and buy new prints, new gingham, new flannels, new blankets, new overalls and jumpers and new everything, and save enough discount to pay 20 per cent discount on your notes.

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.

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

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.

Order a Kalamazoo Spring-Tooth Harrow from Buchheit Bros.

The "Fountain City" is the best seeder in the market "and don't you forget it!" Buchheit Bros. are sole agents for Griggs county.

The "Boss" Harrow will in six days do as much work and do it better than an ordinary drag will in ten days. For sale by Buchheit Bros.

"Oats make a boss luff," says Josh Billings. "Laughter makes fatness," says the proverb, and we say that any horse in Griggs county will giggle 200 pounds of meat into his frame over a load of our oats. Davis & Pickett.

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

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.

A hundred weight of "New Deal" caramels just opened at Whidden Bros.

We have too many knit underwear and will give you some cheap if you call soon. Odegard & Thompson.

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

A car load of No. 1 Feed received direct from Minneapolis by last train. Call and see it. Davis & Pickett.

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

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

Pieces 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.

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.

A good time to oil your horse harnesses at Odegard & Thompson's. They have harness oil to sell by pint or quart.