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### LOCAL LAÇONICS.

—Anniversary of Washington's birthday.  
—Only five more weeks in the present term of school.  
—Ash Wednesday comes next week on the 27th, and Easter is April 13th.  
—Efforts toward the organization of a masonic chapter in this place are on foot.  
—Invitations this year are correct only when they read "yourself and gentleman."  
—Every farmer in Griggs county wants to visit our new feed store. Davis & Pickett.  
—C. H. Johnson, Red Willow's genial general dealer, spent last Sabbath in Cooperstown.  
—The telephone line between the depot and the Palace Hotel is now up and in working order.  
—The storm of Monday night was quite a rustler and merged into what is commonly called a blizzard.  
—There are golden opportunities in Griggs county for farmers with limited means. First here, first served.  
—Attorney Jacobson departed for a professional trip to Valley City on Monday, going via Davis & Pickett's sure express.  
—Final proof business begins to "look up" a little, and the prospects for a good season's campaign is encouraging to our land attorneys.  
—C. H. Mosley, one of southwestern Griggs' intelligent yeomen, came up to the county capital Monday and stayed a day at the Palace.  
—Local news and girls are distressingly scarce in Cooperstown just at present. However, there is a good time coming, for winter is on its last legs.  
—Won't some person be kind enough to raise a racket; matters and things are decidedly too peaceful for the happiness of the local newspaper fiend.  
—So far this week the train has not entered Cooperstown, but one is expected up to-day. This irregularity is a trifle worse than no train at all.  
—Half of Massachusetts's 80,000 surplus females should emigrate to North Dakota, and the balance would do well to petition for an extension of leap year.  
—Mr. J. N. Brown, of Meadow Brook Farm and at present sojourning in Colorado, will return in April bringing along some blooded stock he has there.  
—The Courier has five publication days this month, an occurrence that probably won't be repeated in February again under four or five hundred years.  
—According to all accounts Valley City has a malpracticing physician who needs a strong dose of law, a necktie surprise social, or a little common sense.  
—Seventy-seven was the lucky number at last Saturday evening's raffle, and Elmer Fitch being the holder of that ticket now sports a team of fly-away roadsters.  
—A lovely meteorological phenomena was witnessed in the skies last Wednesday, when bright spots and beautiful circles were plainly discernible to the naked eye.  
—There is nothing so good for the soul of ordinary mortals as financial success, and Cooperstown is the place where this remedy is given out in allopathic doses. Come on, ye afflicted.  
—J. W. Christie has a very nice corner for which he feels no need, and will therefore raffle it off at the Palace billiard room to-morrow evening. Who'll be the lucky chap?  
—Griggs county has 211,285 acres of taxable land (the title to all other lands still being vested in the government and consequently untaxable) and her population is not far from 3,000 to 3,500.  
—An English servant girl who had returned from the United States to visit her friends at home, was told that she "looked really aristocratic." To which she responded: "Yes, in America all of us domestics belong to the hire class."

—Quite a number of Cooperstownites were caught out on the prairie in Monday's blizzard, but they all succeeded in finding comfortable shelter and thus defrauding this paper of a possible startling item.  
—Those who would secure government land in Griggs county or town lots in Cooperstown will have to be on hand early this spring. Both commodities promise to go off like hot ginger-bread at a Fourth-of-July blow-out.  
—Somebody says that "the devil only came into the world after woman was placed there." If there had been only men in the world, the devil would not have come into the crowd. He would have found better company at home.  
—Traveling men say that Cooperstown is the best trading point along the N. P. line in Dakota, and that they usually see more farmers on our streets in an hour than at any of the other places in the day. This is a "straw," and a pretty good one, too.  
—And now comes the report that Hannah Thune, a very popular whilom dining room girl at the Palace, has honored a Minnesota man by the name of Olson with her heart and hand in wedlock. The aforesaid Mr. Olson has captured a prize.  
—The Hillsboro Banner is on the threshold of its fifth year, and promises to make things lively over that way. Editor Barker knows his business to a dot, slings a fearless quill, talks direct from the shoulder and furnishes his patrons a neat, newsy journal.  
—The people of Cooperstown having tired of depending on Uncle Sam and the railroad for carrying the mail regularly have made a special contract with Messrs. Davis & Pickett, who will make two trips a week between this place and Sanborn or split a tug in the effort.  
—The sweet serenity that has possessed our worthy Judge Melgard the past few weeks is accounted for by the fact that Mrs. Melgard has arrived from Lanesboro, Minnesota, and will soon be distilling home bliss for "his honor." Housekeeping is a happy pastime in this country—we guess.  
—A special correspondence brings intelligence of a sensation at Valley City. James Allen, Alf. Morris, Sam Fletcher and James Orr were arrested for body snatching, but it appears evidence sufficient to commit them was not obtainable and the ghouls, if such they are, will not languish behind bars.  
—The series of revival meetings that has been in progress in Cooperstown the past six weeks is making a marked change on the moral atmosphere of the place. Mr. Rockwell is an earnest worker and through untiring zeal in presenting the gospel accomplishes much for his Master. The meetings are held every evening at various places.  
—And now floats a pleasant rumor from St. Clair, Michigan, to the effect that Andrew Husel, a prosperous young Griggs county farmer, has up and committed the great transaction of life called matrimony. We hope it's so, for that house in 147-59 needs a mistress as well as a master, and then besides, Andrew was not made to live alone.  
—The Courier foreman has received information to the effect that some twenty-seven cars have been chartered by parties at Portland (Mich.) to transport a large colony and their household goods to Dakota. Seven of the cars will be coaches loaded with humanity and the remaining twenty with freight. Daily the evidence of a big spring rush for Dakota accumulates.  
—If the Northern Pacific railroad company intend to run a train to Cooperstown only semi-occasionally they can confer a favor upon the people by making the fact public, for then means for regular communication with the main line can and will be provided. No train at all would be far more preferable than the present come-when-it-happens to one, for then we would all know what to expect and could provide against the almost intolerable inconvenience of going a week without mail.  
—To the mechanic, to the manufacturer, to the tradesman, to the investor, or the person in search of a healthy, congenial place to reside, Cooperstown offers better inducements than any town in North Dakota. The terminus of a railway, the centre of a marvelously rich agricultural region, the seat of justice for a garden county, and populated by a wide-awake, intelligent people as she is, can it be wondered at that a person only knows our little city to be fascinated with it. The future of Cooperstown is indeed surrounded by a flattering halo of brightness.

—An observing gentleman, and one who has evidently had experience rises to remark: "No single institution plays a more prominent part in settling up a country or building a town than the much abused, often ridiculed, seldom complimented and never fully appreciated country newspaper—that little insignificant, fly-specked, patent bowled, gossipy, no-account country newspaper, which nobody reads (?) but everybody takes (or borrows of his neighbor) and a great many never pay for it even after having ordered it."  
—Commissioner McFarland, of the United States Land Office at Washington says that proofs which have been completed before clerks of courts in counties where no court is held, as well as orders for proofs now out, are all right, and entries will be allowed as usual; but thereafter no more testimony must be taken before such clerks until the decision of Secretary Teller in regard to the matter has been ordered. That clearly establishes the fact that all settlers who prove up in accordance with the law as previously interpreted, will not be disturbed in their rights, whatever construction may now be put upon the law.  
—The profits to be derived from Dakota soil as an investment were well illustrated by the sale mentioned last week as being made by Messrs. Cooper Bros. The land they sold for \$15 per acre cost them just \$1.65 per acre three years ago. A profit of \$13.35 per acre, or a snug margin of \$76,362.00 on an investment of \$9,488.00. The land improved will pay for the cost of the work and a handsome profit besides by the crop this season, which Cooper Bros. get, so that the above are actual figures on the deal. The land has been purchased dirt cheap and will return a rich reward to the buyer, yet the sellers can pocket a neat margin of about 800 per cent. What country can compare with Dakota for sound and glittering investments?  
**Our Resources.**  
One crop? The following facts show whether North Dakota is "a one crop country" or not. Wheat, of course, is the staple, because it produces great crops, is easily looked after, and is most profitable with little labor; but potatoes yield from 150 to 400 bushels to the acre; are large, uniformly sound, and mealy. Onions yield from 400 to 800 bushels to the acre and are large and firm. Turnips, peas, beets, parsnips, carrots, squash, cabbage, cauliflower, egg-plant, lettuce, radishes, melons, and, in fact, all vegetables common to the northern states are easily raised, yield heavily, grow to great size, and are a certain crop. Buckwheat, hops, flax, clover, timothy, orchard grass, Hungarian millet, and native grasses of nutritious character—all yield bountiful and profitable crops. For cattle and sheep raising and dairying, the nutritious grasses on immense grazing ranges, abundance of water, ready markets and plentiful supply of hay, which can be had for the cutting, furnish conditions altogether favorable.—Washburn Times.  
**Dakota Toasted.**  
"Blizzards, tempests, floods, earthquakes, tornadoes, hurricanes, and rascally political breezes come to this modern Eden only as dimly understood wailings of distant religions and peoples, who do not know enough to find their way to the sole remaining quarter section of paradise in all the western world. Here no wave of trouble ever rolls across the peaceful breast, and the prosperous people who raise infallibly from twenty to forty bushels of "No. 1 Hard" to the acre of land that costs them nothing, and get eighty cents to a dollar a bushel for it, can calmly smile at Satan's rage, and face a frowning, because less fortunate world. This is the glorious Dakotaland that holds out her arms to the needy ones, the sorrowing ones, the unfortunate ones—even the old maids and old bachelors, even the ship-wrecked statesman—of every land and clime, and bids them come and be prosperous and happy, where there are no storms, no floods, no clouds, no sorrow and no fears; where the garden spot of the earth is to be had at a bit an acre, and where one long, perpetual, blissful spring time and harvest time lasts all the year."—Pat Donan at a banquet.  
—We are receiving lumber of every description daily. Lenham Elevator & Lumber Co.  
—Stop playing "freeze out" and buy a pair of blankets at Whidden Bros.' 100 pair just received to select from.  
—Farmers look here! We have now received one car load of Buckeye Force feed Seeders—the best seeder on wheels. Call and see us and we can do you some good. Odegard & Thompson.

**Wheat Raising in India.**  
Robert Grant, an Englishman who has been in India for many years connected with railroads, is revisiting this country with a view of examining into our railroad system. Speaking of the remarkable increase of the growth of wheat in India, he says that the most primitive means were used in the culture of the staple. Wheat is trodden into the ground by oxen, as it was a thousand years ago, and the English government has not approved of the introduction of improved implements of farming, though steps had begun which might lead to it. The objection had been the effect it might have on a very large part of the population of the country. Mr. Grant stated the wheat raised in India was of a very inferior kind, and could never compete with the fine quality raised here. The Indian grains exported to England is mixed with American wheat and an inferior quality of flour is made from it. In its natural state the Indian wheat makes very black bread, but it is quite nutritious. No European nation would use it without a mixture with better grades. Mr. Grant thought it would be a long time before the product of India would dangerously affect the American wheat trade.

**Godey's Lady's Book**  
For March is a number upon which it would be hard to make any unfavorable comment. For some time past we have been watching with interest and pleasure the liberal policy which has been pursued by the present proprietors of this progressive magazine, and, from evidences before us, we are now prepared to say that the editors of Godey's are bent upon placing the future record of the magazine on a higher plane than it has ever stood before—which is saying a great deal when one recalls the past pre-eminence of this venerable publication. The March number contains a fine steel engraving, the usual number of fashion plates, admirable in design, color, and execution, another portrait of the Presidential series, special patterns for fancy work, etc., a charming little chanson from the "Princess Toto," and a rich plate embodying the ideas of well known art firms of Philadelphia on interior decoration. Then follows the usual complete installment of poetry, sketches, short stories, etc., etc.

Seven-eighths of the females landing at Castle Garden are said to be young girls in search of recreant lovers.  
The three indictments of Gallatin county, Missouri, against Frank James for train robbing, have been dismissed.  
The songs of the telegraph wires are full of sadness, on account of the great flood in the valley of the Ohio.  
A report comes from Washington that some propose in case of division to name the north half of the territory Pembina.  
In Carrollton, Ga., there has been a five years reign of prohibition. This term of service renders the instance a good one from which to judge of the beneficence of the measure. It does not speak ill for it certainly, to say that the amount of legitimate trade has increased in five years from \$200,000, to \$400,000, and that there is not one tradesman in thirty who would vote for a reinstatement of the license system.

**A \$20 Bible Prize.**  
The publishers of Rutledge's Monthly offer twelve valuable rewards in their Monthly for March, among which is the following:  
We will give \$20.00 to the person telling us which is the middle verse of the Gospel of St. Matthew, as recorded in the New Testament Scriptures (not the New Revision) by March 10th, 1884. Should two or more correct answers be received, the reward will be divided. The money will be forwarded to the winner March 15th, 1884. Persons trying for the reward must send 20 cents in silver (no postage stamps taken) with their answer for which they will receive the April Monthly, in which the name and address of the winner of the reward and the correct answer will be published, and in which several more valuable rewards will be offered. Address RUTLEDGE PUBLISHING CO., Easton, Pa.

—Will pay 90 cts. in trade for Griggs county orders. 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.

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."

**For Sale.**  
A house of three rooms, hall, cellar and woodhouse. A bargain. Inquire of Z. A. CLOUGH.

**Beware!**  
Of buying second-hand, shop-worn goods sent up here to close out an eastern stock when you can buy good, fresh, "all-wool-and-a-yard-wide" goods for less money at Whidden Bros.

Chairman Cobb, of the house public lands committee, says that though there may be some delay, the committee will report in favor of a forfeiture of all the Northern Pacific land grant, except the 746,390 acres already patented.

A new religious sect in Boston holds that disease is caused by the absence of God from the body, and that it can be cured by the passage of the divine affluence from the well to the sick as they sit with their spines in contact. It is said to number among its votaries people of influence and prominence, and some whose names are as familiar as household words.

John Muir having resigned the position of Superintendent of Traffic and accepted that of General Manager of the Oregon Improvement Company, the following appointments are announced by Vice-President and General Manager T. F. Oakes: J. M. Hannaford, General Freight Agent in charge of main line and branch office at St. Paul; Charles S. Fee, General Passenger Agent in charge of both passenger and ticket departments of the main line and branch office at St. Paul; H. C. Davis, Assistant General Passenger Agent at St. Paul, and A. D. Charlton, General Western Passenger Agent, with office at Portland, Oregon. The official designation of A. L. Stokes, will be in the future Assistant General Freight Agent, with office at Portland, Oregon. The appointments will take effect March 1st, 1884.

—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.  
—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.  
—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.  
—One car load of Diamond-Tooth Harrows received at Odegard & Thompson's. Call and see them soon.  
—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 fitness," 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.  
—We have just received a car load of that genuine Fargo Toller Mill Flour and it will be sold cheaper than ever. Odegard & Thompson.  
—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.  
—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.  
—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.  
—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.  
—Wm. Glass loans money for final proof, and on titled land. 50¢.  
—Anything in the line of Farm Machinery at Buchheit Bros.  
—Call and see the celebrated Household Sewing Machines at Buchheit Bros.  
—A good time to oil your horse harnesses at Odegard & Thompson's. They have harness oil to sell by pint or quart.

**Take Notice.**  
Anyone and everyone indebted to Nelson & Langlie, having sold out their business, must call and settle their accounts within 30 days from date, as all accounts not settled then will be put into court. Parties can settle with John Oie at Odegard & Thompson's until further notice.  
NELSON & LANGLIE.