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LOCAL LAONICS.

"Sing a song of leap year,
Pockets full of cash;
That's the kind of bachelor
For merry maids to 'dash.'"

—Fine day this, with the mercury 25° above zero.

—Tuesday was a very stormy day, but was not severely cold.

—Monday was the warmest day of the present winter, the mercury at one time being 59° above zero.

—When heard from last W. R. Whidden was shivering and shaking in the gulf breezes at Truro, N. S.

—F. N. Brown has purchased the interest in the threshing machine they operated together last fall.

—Mr. F. M. Rockwell has been absent the past week, doing revival work at Crookston, Minn., and other places.

—Anyone wanting a first-class piano can get one at a bargain of B. B. Brown. Would take a good farm team in exchange.

—Miss Lina Barnard was a passenger from Sanborn on Davis & Pickett's express Wednesday. She comes to make Cooperstown her home.

—The railroad company announce that they will run a train to Cooperstown every Friday, sure pop, but cannot be depended upon any other day of the week.

—P. L. Holland, the booming machinery rustler, drove into the county capital from his Aneta farm Monday. He says the campaign in his line is about to open in dead earnest.

—Dr. J. B. Hall retires from the Fargo Republican and C. A. Jordan assumes the management. The paper already shows marked signs of improvement, especially in make-up.

—Mr. Knud Thompson has been in Fargo this week on very important business. He is a great schemer and we may look for some new project, beneficial to the place, when he returns.

—The Cooperstown accommodation started for Carrington last Monday, taking twenty men and two engines. If the train succeeded in getting through and back it will arrive here this afternoon.

—A brick yard will probably be started here the coming spring. Fargo parties have tested clay taken from near this place and pronounce it as possessing extraordinary good qualities for brick making purposes.

—As will be seen by their advertisement in this issue the officers of Wheatland school township propose to erect four edifices of learning. Contractors can see the plans and specifications by calling at the Courier office.

—Mark Twain, speaking of a new mosquito netting, writes: "The day is coming when we shall sit under our own nets in church and slumber peacefully, while the discomfited flies club together and take it out of the minister."

—The Courier seconds the motion of the Steele Herald, to the effect that the press of North Dakota organize an association to secure more effective action in political and business matters and in the way of securing immigration.

—Berg & Larson is the title of a new and enterprising firm in the farm machinery business, with headquarters at Cooperstown and a branch at Ottawa. They announce themselves through a concise "adv." which can be read by turning to page four of the Courier.

—While enroute from his farm residence to the village last Tuesday Mr. R. C. Cooper met with a very painful accident. In attempting to get his sleigh, which had run off the track and was stuck in the snow, to rights he strained himself severely in the spinal column. He is recovering rapidly, and the serious results at first threatened are no longer apprehended.

—After the present term of school expires Mr. Clough proposes to direct his attention to the raising of No. 1 Hard, and therefore offers a bang-up good bargain to anyone desirous of buying a neat little residence in Cooperstown. Mr. Clough's farm lies a few miles south of Dawson, whence he will move in about a month, much to the regret of his friends and neighbors here.

—The Hope Pioneer comes to the front with this bit of very good admonition: "Farmers should be very careful the coming season about getting in debt. Don't run in debt if there is a possibility of getting along without. It is a very easy matter to get in debt in this country, but the way out is not so clear. There are many who run in debt without proper consideration, simply because their credit is good, and there are as many more who would be far better off did they manage their affairs as though they had no credit. It is better to begin at the bottom rung of the ladder and work upward, than to commence at the top and work downward, as some do. Keep out of debt."

—St. Clair (Mich.) Republican: "The wedding of Andrew Husel and Miss Alma Chamberlain, occurring at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Worden on Tuesday evening, was one of the pleasant events of the week. A large number of friends attended the ceremony, leaving a handsome list of presents as testimonials of their esteem for Mr. and Mrs. Husel; and to the company was served an elegant wedding supper by the hostess. Rev. H. C. Northrup officiated, using the Episcopal form of service. The bride was charmingly attired in white satin. Miss Lillie Rankin officiated as bridesmaid and G. L. Cornell as groomsmen. J. P. Worden gave the bride away. Mr. and Mrs. Husel have gone for a few weeks' visit among friends in the Saginaw Valley. They will make their home in Dakota early in the summer."

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

What to Take.

Take the newspaper.
Take care of your health.
Take comfort when you can get it.
Take a hint when it's meant for you.
Take a quarter for the contribution box.
Take the girl of your choice before the other fellow gets her.
Take your lemonade without a stick in it, if you want to keep cool.
Take care of the pennies, and the dollars will take care of themselves.
Take heed that you do not take something that does not belong to you.
Take life easy if you can, so that you do not wrong yourself nor your neighbor.
Take care that your neighbors are not listening if you entertain your lover on the front porch.
Take your feet off the parlor table with a patchwork cover on, when you hear your wife coming.

Those Awful Stories.

In a recent issue of his valuable publication H. H. Windsor has the following: "If there is any one thing that makes a Dakota man sick at heart and ready to tear his hair, it is to take a trip east and hear the natives litanize the wretched condition of our glorious country. One gentleman, just back from New York, tells the stories current there regarding Dakota, where the wind blows so hard that they have to put rocks in the tubs to keep them from blowing away when it rains. Of course cisterns are not to be mentioned. Where they have no fuel but hay, and live on corn meal." Where the "dreadful Indians roam supreme and scalp a man two or three times, and prefer his heart on toast to turkey with cranberry sauce." Where the "zero mark on thermometers is placed about twenty-five points below the regulation point, to give it a start, and the numbers extend so as to give the mercury a chance to touch seventy-five or eighty degrees below." Then wind up by asking how far it is from St. Paul to Dakota, and if there is a good wagon road out that far. No wonder the eyes of the staid Yankee stick out when for the first time he beholds the wonderful progress made in the rapidly developing and developed west. The novel accommodations, the mammoth farms of finest soil, stretching out mile after mile, the metropolitan cities with their churches, high schools, opera houses, and by no means least, the daily papers, for which Dakota and Montana are famous. The bustle and activity, the energy and force with which enterprises are conceived and executed, all tend to surprise and astonish, and the never-failing result of a personal examination of the west, is the victim pulling stakes in his eastern home and making all haste to cast his lot with those of this favored part."

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

BATCH OF BACHELORS

The Courier's Catalogue of Comely and Cheerful Celebrities willing to be Chosen Life Consorts, on whom

Merry Maidens May Make their Matches.

Actuated by motives of a lofty order the Courier heretofore subjoins a list and brief description of Cooperstown's most desirable and bashful bachelors, hoping that in doing so it may assist some eastern maid in the exercise of her leap year prerogative. We have been cautious to select only those liable to make good husbands, but who are, as a rule, too modest and devoid of gall to propose for themselves, and are therefore entirely dependent upon leap year custom for life consorts. They are fully as willing as was Barksis, but are the kind that become "smothery" when attempting to say "wilt thou," etc.

This list is given entirely for young women east of the Mississippi, and it is due them and the below bachelors to state that the only reason we are permitted to present such a splendid array of marriageable masculinity is because there is but one female to every ten males in this region; otherwise, perhaps not one of these desirable young fellows would be in the matrimonial market. Human nature craves love and sympathy, and it is our earnest desire to allay as much as possible the aching of these hearts for human salve. The happiest man on earth is the one honored by a good woman's love; the happiest woman is she who sways her scepter royally in "woman's kingdom," her husband's heart and a happy home.

The P. O. address of each of the following gentlemen is Cooperstown, Griggs County, North Dakota, and it may be well to add that it is not necessary for applicants to possess the face of Venus or form of Hebe, for the demand is so brisk they are apt to be accepted so long as they wear Mother Hubbard dresses and do their hair up on lead. To start the catalogue we will name:

JOSEPH BUCHHEIT.—Prosperous dealer in farm machinery; blonde, full features, well-knit frame; intelligent and deep thinker; genial and a hale fellow well met among men, but rather shy among women; considers himself matrimonial proof, but if some pretty, plump brunette, with ruby lips, dark eyes, rosy cheeks and a sweet disposition should formally propose we'll wager a year's subscription that he would gladly enunciate a sweet, soft "yes!" This is a good catch.

MAYNARD CRANE.—Local manager for Lenham E. & L. Co.; a moderate brune with a "too killing" mustache; soulful eyes; free and fascinating conversationalist with cosmopolitan manners; draws good salary and owns a Florida orange grove; is not shy, but well fitted for a "masher" if inclination led him in such a direction. We are not certain that he hasn't a romance of his own, but there can be no harm result from "trying him on."

BYRON ANDRUS.—Judge of probate and land attorney; dark complexion, but light enough for beauty; dignified in manners but fond of female society; good form; tasty in dress, and a man who has seen much of the universe, but is still possessed of susceptibility. It will not do to let him run until another leap year, for he is very apt to become ultra in his opinions on matrimony. Who'll lasso our judge?

FRANKLIN C. HOLMES.—English appearing blonde; amber hair with mustache to match; rotund in physique; lawyer by profession; well educated; accomplished; rich bass voice; fond of fun but could be domesticated; loving disposition with plenty of sentiment. A remarkable fine catch for a rich girl who needs a consort to help "care" for her wealth. Girls, "seek and ye shall find."

MANLY J. DAVIS.—Regular brune; fine soldierly physique; mustache and small burnisides; comely face; energetic and on prosperity's highway; open for conviction on matrimonial topics; does a big lively and feed store business; can support a woman in tip-top style, and can be had at a bargain if taken soon. Don't all speak at once.

PETER E. NELSON.—Bookkeeper at Odegard & Thompson's; medium in size and fair complexion; owns fine farm; assiduous in business; gentle in disposition; modest but worthy and amply able in a financial way. It would certainly be a shocking fate for so fine a man to always live single; ladies come forward and secure the capital prize.

WILLIAM GLASS.—Land attorney and justice of the peace; small in stature, but not diminutive in determination; dark hair and upright full beard; pleasant and prosperous; iron-clad in integrity, but considerably biased against matrimony. However, it is safe to say that a feminine argument weighing about 115 pounds, with intelligence, a sunny temper and domestic tastes would easily bring him into camp.

ELMER E. FITCH.—Rapturous blonde with sweet voice and confident manners; witty and companionable; a typical down-east Yankee; born of fine parents; drives a spanking team; has a good head and will be a wealthy man; thinks he don't want to get married, but would

change his mind if some cherry-lipped charmer, with plenty of cash and Langtry bangs, along with a taste for music should propose.

OLE SERUMGARD.—A leading land attorney; fair in size; medium in complexion; quiet, but a good companion; deeply engrossed in business and a good financier; he has never acted as though he cared much to commit matrimony, but he has a generous heart and will make some woman a devoted liege lord. His speculative turn of mind will make him a rich man, but girls, don't marry for wealth if you want to be happy—trust in love.

JAMES W. CHRISTIE.—A down-easter by birth; an architect and builder by profession; medium in size and complexion; smooth face; quick in movement; loves wholesome enjoyment; is an upright, exemplary young man and is about the right age; he can rush up a fine house while the lucky damsel he may deem it advisable to accept gets her wedding trolley ready for the ceremony, so there will be no delays about getting down to business. Drop your bait.

ROBERT M. COWEN.—Station agent at Cooperstown; olive complexion and hazel eyes; good figure; affectionate heart; exemplary in habits; shy, but a genial associate when once the ice is broken; an expert on snow shoes and a fellow well calculated to make home happy. He is supposed to be engaged, but his susceptibility and tender-heartedness would hardly permit him to resist an urgent appeal from beauty in distress.

HERBERT P. SMART.—County clerk and register of deeds; small in stature, but large in intellect; light complexion; full beard; thoughtful but jolly; competent and courteous. In his case, girls, don't do anything rash, for it is rumored he has been pierced by a dart from the bow of Cupid, the winged messenger of Love, and that when the wild flowers bloom again he will be a martyr in the married state. Keep your eye on him.

ALLAN PINKERTON.—County constable and farmer; auburn hair; red cheeks and a finely proportioned form, weighing about 175 lbs.; knows and admires a pretty girl when he sees her; splendid fellow with bright prospects, and just the hubby for some vivacious, dark-haired bunch of roses.

C. A. MOORE.—The well-posted young "boss" of the Courier she-bang; smiling brune; slim but built to stay; strictly temperate; rather busy but could find time to worship some dashing beauty with plenty of sense—and a fair stock of nonsense. He is young and won't spoil if not picked until another leap year.

BEECHER COX.—Chief-head-clerk at Whidden's; a dashing beauty of the voluptuous-blond variety; smooth face; medium figure; light blue eyes; good judge of dry goods; energetic and generous. (A trifle young yet, but that is no fault of his, for he is doing his best to overcome it.)

JAMES GIMBLETT.—Young, well-built and fair looking; smooth face and happy disposition. He is just about the right age for some fairy to successfully take in hand and teach him the way he should go. Apply at the Palace Hotel.

LAST AND LEAST.—The writer; a squint-eyed, club-footed, bandy-legged cross between a blonde and brune; ill-tempered and cynical; homely as a loped codfish, but open for conviction. Hump-back school marm and dizzy beauties with cold feet need not write.

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.

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.

March Magazines.

Von Moltke's portrait, which is a fine frontispiece, and the character portrait of Irving as Hamlet, lend a personal interest to the March Century. Each accompanies a striking article; Miss Helen Zimmerman tells the remarkable story of the life of "Count Von Moltke," with anecdotal interest, and J. Rankin Towse contributes a pointed estimate of Henry Irving's dramatic art. The paper on "The Next Presidency," by ex-Attorney General Wayne McVeagh is a powerful analysis of the political situation, and a cutting satire on the men who are responsible for abuses which await the reforming hand of the kind of President Mr. McVeagh delineates. Another important essay, by Mr. D. Metc. Means, discusses methods for "The Suppression of Pauperism." "Topics of the Time" and "Open Letters" contain their usual gist of information and opinion. The illustrated papers have entertaining and instructive powers, while the fiction and poems are up to the high standard that belongs to the Century.

Ballou's Monthly Magazine for March is an unusually lively number, containing as it does an illustrated paper on submarine diving by an expert, and the third installment of "On Land and Sea," or California in the Years 1843, '44 and '45," by William H. Thomas, the author of that popular novel of the day, "The Belle of Australia." "The Old Hunters of Australia," "Life in the East Indies," and other well-known works. In this chapter the vessel arrives at Monterey, and a vivid description of the town is given as it existed at the time with a glance at some noted persons, among them Mr. Thomas O. Larkin, afterward the American consul. This "On Land and Sea" grows more humorous and interesting as it progresses, and promises to be the author's best work. There is not a tedious line in the three parts that have appeared, and no doubt all will pan out as well. Old residents of California should read this story, as it is full of interest. Ballou's Magazine is only \$1.50 per annum, postpaid, or 15 cents a single copy. Send 10 cents for a sample copy. For sale everywhere; but, if your newsdealer does not keep it, ask him to order it. Published by Thomas & Talbot, 23 Hawley Street, Boston.

The St. Nicholas for March contains Louisa M. Alcott's third "Spinning-wheel Story," entitled "Eli's Education," a leading feature of the March number, and paints a true picture of the struggles of a country lad to obtain an education in the early years of the present century. The number as a whole is very instructive and decidedly entertaining for the young.

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.

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 onto 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.

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.

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.

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. 5011.

Anything in the line of Farm Machinery 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.