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FRIDAY, MARCH 7, 1884.

LOCAL LAONICS.

—Big rush for tree claims in the townships just arrived in market.

—The total amount of taxes paid into the county treasury up to date is \$16,592.50.

—The train will be here next Wednesday, the elements permitting, telegraphs Supt. Graham.

—Three hundred thousand is the number of new residents some predict Dakota will gain this year.

—Nathan Sifton, who wields the willow and makes young America toe the mark at Ottawa, Sundayed in the metropolis.

—Snow blindness is now quite prevalent among our citizens, judging from the blue goggles that have made their appearance.

—It is hoped, and the oldest settlers sustain the hope with their predictions, that winter will not linger fondly in the lap of spring this year.

—Mr. Allen Breed, Hope's bonanza farmer and one of Griggs county's original commissioners, greeted his friends in this place Wednesday.

—We warrant our No. 1 Feed to put a clearer and stronger tone into a Griggs county mule's bazo than any other feed on earth. Davis & Pickett.

—Our city druggist, Dr. Newell, has taken a new departure in his business, which those desirous to become posted can learn of by consulting his adv. on another page.

—An effort to boom Aneta, some twenty miles north of this place, will be made this spring, and a newspaper is among the things talked of by the enterprising enterprisers of that vicinity.

—Sanborn is encouraged into thinking that the Lake Traverse, Sanborn & Carrington R. R. will be built the coming summer, in which event that place is to be made the distributing point.

—Edwin Bradley, the barber, exhorted on religion last Monday evening at the Adams building, and will hold services again next Monday evening at the same place.

—Byron Andrus and Maynard Crane started for Fargo last Saturday afternoon. They were after tree-claims and pre-emptions in the town west of here, which was placed on the market last Monday.

—We assure the uninformed that our No. 2 Feed will put the most tender and juicy steak on a 20-year-old breaking ox that ye honest farmer may want him to enter a second childhood. Davis & Pickett.

—Land Attorneys Wm. Glass and Ole Serumgard started for Fargo Sunday at midnight in order to be there on Monday, when town 146, range 60 and 61 was expected in the market. They carried down a good grist of filings.

—The plans for Griggs county's proposed court house have arrived and reflect credit on the architect, F. B. Edwards. They will probably be accepted and the commissioners will at once move in the matter of erecting the edifice.

—C. A. Moore recently received a paper from some fair friend with an article entitled, "How Married Women Sleep." Addy thinks it dumb strange that anyone should mistrust that he has an interest in the nocturnal customs of women.

—P. L. Holland, the stirring machine man, says they are all bound to have the Monitor seeder. He delivered 16 last Saturday, and still there are more to follow, and all those who want a Monitor will have to come soon as he has only a few left.

—It takes, according to a scientific journal, four thousand bumblebees to weigh a pound; but you stop a bumblebee sometime when he is right busy, and pick him up and lift him, and you will raise your hand to heaven and swear that he weighs a ton.

—Maynard Crane and Byron Andrus spent Sunday night at the Fargo land office and walked away next morning, each with a tree claim filing receipt in his pocket. They smile.

—Observers state that almost daily wild geese are flying over the city on their way north. They may be geese for going at present, but their northern aspirations are only another indication of an early spring, a pleasant summer and a bountiful harvest.—Fargo Argus.

—It is not what people eat, but what they digest, that make them strong. It is not what they gain, but what they save, that makes them rich. It is not what they read, but what they remember, that makes them learned. It is not what they profess, but what they practice, that makes them righteous.

—Rev. F. M. Rockwell, of Cooperstown, assisted Rev. Spoor in revival services the fore part of this week, on Sunday preaching two powerful sermons. The gentleman left for Crookston Wednesday, where he will labor for a time, and upon his return will remain a few days in Sanborn.—Enterprise.

—Mr. Knud Thompson returned from Fargo Saturday night, in the blizzard blizzard. He reports necessary arrangements complete for the establishment of a brick yard at this place, and says two machines will be shipped at once. Mr. Swenson, the proprietor, will be here next week to make arrangements for its location, etc.

—Farmer S. J. Ouren informs us that he has not been bothered to any extent this winter by severe weather, having worked his team every day but two. When a man can put in 98 days work at teaming out of 100 it does not look as though these "awful" Dakota winters they talk so much about back east are so fearful terrible after all.

—March is upon us! winter's neck is broken! Don't delay getting your feed for the spring's work, or you will break your neck in making a break through the April mud to get it. Or you will make a bad break by breaking in upon your breaking season in a way that will break the back of your summer's job. Come now to the feed store. Davis & Pickett.

—The train failing to make an effort to reach Cooperstown last week, Messrs. Davis & Pickett started a freight and two passenger teams for Sanborn on Monday. Railroad or no railroad, Cooperstown proposes to keep up communication with the wicked outside world, and our enterprising liverymen are deserving of no little public gratitude for the part they perform in keeping mails on the move.

—A petition has been circulated in this county by Mr. Cooper, praying that congress allow the school lands of Dakota to be leased. The proposition is rational, and will undoubtedly pass for it is being almost unanimously signed in every part of the territory. A good additional revenue to the territorial school fund would result and the land would be the more valuable for having been improved when the time comes for selling.

—Some thoughtless or careless individual who evidently nurses spite for a certain well-to-do farmer just over the Shyenne has placed a notice, printed on a board alongside the road which crosses section 15 at the river. The notice is addressed to a well known and respectable farmer, and reads thusly: "Mr. ———, you are requested to stay at home; the coffin is made and the bullet moulded." The sign is embellished with the pictures of a skeleton and a coffin, and is signed by "Mr. Devil." It is a dirty piece of business and the man who placed the sign where it was found had better keep his identity unknown, for he can gain the respect of no one by disclosing it.

—Spring, gay, gladsome spring, will ere long have sprung. Soon the metallic cheek of the travelling man will glisten promiscuously on our streets; soon the festive tenderfeet will be abroad on our prairie and land agents will grow sleek and fat; soon the merchant and his clerks will be receiving fashionable new goods; soon the robin will twitter his little twit; soon the yellow dog will mournfully eye the tin can as it thaweth from out the snow; soon the bonanza farmer will begin to earn his daily bread by the sweat of his hired man's brow; soon Cooperstown will be flooded with investors eager to place their cash safely in town lots or farm lands; soon will we again welcome daily mails, and soon the small boy will want to go barefoot, and the printer will—well, keep right on printing and catching an occasional new subscription, and feel thankful for every thrashing he misses through technicality. Spring is a great, very great, season.

AN ADDENDUM

To the Courier's Bachelor Catalogue of Last Week.

Since last week's Courier appeared more than one unmarried man in Cooperstown has congratulated himself that the sin he commits in stubbornly refusing to seek nuptial relations was not made public. They cackled too soon, for this paper had no idea of letting them remain unmolested in their transgression against the familiar bible injunction, "increase and multiply." In holding the cream of its celebrities until the last the Courier feels it has performed a favor upon those it mentioned before, who, desirable as they are, are not quite up to this "batch" in some respects. This time we will begin the list with the name of

ROBERT MOORE.—A sunny-tempered and first-class mechanic; light complexion; stout form, inclined to embonpoint; in business for himself and making plenty of lucre; girls, approach him carefully, for he is as shy as he is kind, but is just the man to make you happy when you once get him into the fold.

JNO. N. GLASS.—An industrious, dark eyed brute; medium in stature; bright in intellect; steady as an old maid in habits; think he can be easily coaxed into having a marriage certificate issued this year. Try him on.

JOHN OIE.—One of Odegard & Thompson's most faithful clerks; well built and good looking; weighs about 160 pounds and when he tells a girl he loves her he means it; has a good farm and money besides; there is sentiment in his soul and a flame could be readily kindled.

NATHAN SIFTON.—Tall, stately blond; heavy mustache and languishing eyes; very tasty in dress; fond of female society, but hard to please; well informed and of exemplary habits; coy but companionable; probably thinks he is invulnerable from Cupid's darts, but could be caught by careful angling.

CLAUS JACKSON.—A dapper brute with a lovely mustache; quiet in demeanor but fond of occasional frolic; making money and has no business to remain single; he is shy and might prove a hard one to capture, but is worth the trying.

JOHN W. HOUGHTON.—Foreman and master mechanic on the Cooper farm; fair in complexion; noble in stature; is plenty old enough to marry, and is the kind of a man to make home a paradise; a real diadem in the bachelor realm; supposed to lack courage when it comes to proposing; splendid catch for some blooming bud of a damsel.

EDWIN BRADLEY.—Auburn hair; rosy countenance; mild disposition; zealous in religion; capable of supporting two, and is really in sore need of a house-keeper. He anxiously awaits a proposal—we guess.

NELSE A. IVERSON.—Of Stevens & Enger's hardware emporium; a pretty blond of the petite type; even tempered; well informed; very sociable; fond of good cigars and handsome women; doesn't seem anxious, but all the same he could be induced to take chances against broom-sticks and potato mashers with some fair feminine.

SAMUEL SANBURN.—Dashing strawberry-blond of splendid physique; uptop-mechanic, doing a good business; devoted to money making, but has room in his big heart for a good, sensible, matter-of-fact girl. Ladies, "ask and ye shall receive."

JAMES WALKER.—Brown hair and beard to match; energetic; a son of Erin by birth but a true American by adoption; a perfect Sankey at revivals; a firm friend and a fellow without the vices that characterize young men of our day. We entreat someone to save him from a bachelor's fate at once.

But space forbids further enumeration this week, though we could continue singling out tempting targets for the arrows of love of eastern young ladies until the 40 columns of the Courier were filled, and then the half would hardly be told. All that we have mentioned thus far are heartily commended to the tender consideration of our fair readers. These young men—perhaps they ought not to be classed as bachelors—are of the kind too ambitious, too energetic, to drag out their lives as servants to eastern capital, and seeing the star of prosperity in the west they can't here that it might shed its lustre upon them. Any of them would be a capital prize in the lottery of life for a young woman to draw, and the beauty of it is they are not averse to being drawn. Earnest, true, kind and loving young women are urged to make a selection from either list presented at an early date. They are not fastidious as to beauty, but all insist upon a superior article of girl; they want girls of good common sense, who will admire them for their manly worth. These lace-so-tight-they-can't-breathe, or spend-three-hours-to-bang-their-hair girls are not in demand.

We have presented noble material that should not long beg to be lifted from the tow path of single misery to preside over happy homes, and we trust that not one of us have named will be permitted to die and have placed over his grave this sad epitaph:

At three score winters' end I died,
A cheerless being, sore and sad;
The nuptial knot I never tied,
And wish my father never had.

Glance at the Future.

The wonder is that Dakota hasn't a million people already instead of half that number. And why you people will stay in the east when such advantages are offered here, is one of the queries which we have never yet been able to solve. The emigration to Dakota last year reached about 150,000, but had there not been so much skepticism in the east the emigration would have swelled to a half million. But as people begin to learn of the true merits of Dakota, the immigration will largely increase, and even this year it is confidently expected that the new settlers will reach over 300,000 by the beginning of 1885. It will continue to increase at that rapid rate, and in 1890 we can throw the curtain aside and show to the world the grandest scene of the age. We will exhibit over 96,000,000 acres, with one-half under the plow; two millions of people will content themselves within her borders; hundreds of thousands who came here this year will be independent; the most perfect system of railroads in the world will be in our state; flourishing cities representing every known branch of commerce and manufacture, will be here, and the greatest wheat fields of the world will bend in the Dakota breezes!—Exchange.

—Odegard & Thompson announce their new arrangement this week in their big space on page eight, while Davis & Pickett sing out their readiness to do all in the livery business that may be piled upon them.

—Hope has been without railroad communication for four weeks and Carrington has given up hopes of any more trains until spring traffic forces an opening of the road. Verily, Cooperstown has reason to congratulate herself that she is just a trifle better off than her neighbors, as two weeks is the longest we have been without a train.

—Mr. C. C. Phillippee, one of Cooperstown's staunchest citizens, writes from his winter quarters at Bicknell, Indiana, that he will soon be home to the land of living, as he is getting enough of being hedged in by mud and rain, with a snow storm occasionally thrown in by way of variety. The man who leaves Dakota to spend a winter pleasantly always gets left.

—Old newspapers for sale of the Courier office.

—This point made by The Lisbon Clipper, which applies to Griggs county and is an important one to those looking for homes: There are forty-eight sections of school land in this county, which will be sold for school purposes as soon as north Dakota becomes a state. Figuring this land at only five dollars per acre, the schools of this county are worth \$53,000, or sufficient wealth to place a school house within one mile of every settler in the county. The educational prospects of this county are certainly bright.

—Commenting on the big sale recently made by the Messrs. Cooper, as recorded in the Courier, the Carrington News says: "From a very pleasant acquaintance with Mr. Rollin C. Cooper, the managing partner of the company, we know that the Cooper Brothers rank with the foremost in the development of Dakota's magnificent resources, and we congratulate them upon the completion of this extensive and important transaction. There is still another fortune to be made out of the purchase by Mr. Oviatt, and even then the lemon will not be squeezed dry by any means."

—An exchange interviewed a leading business man as to the causes of his prosperity when others of greater capital failed, and his reply was that he was indebted to continuous advertising. He said: "Standing advertisements in a paper command confidence. The man who for a year resides in a community and leads a reputable life, even though he be of moderate ability, will grow in the confidence and esteem of his fellows. On the same principle a newspaper advertisement becomes familiar in the eyes of the reader. It may seldom be read, still its name and business of a man familiar and its presence in the columns of the paper inspires confidence in the stability of the advertiser."

House and Lot

For sale at a bargain. I will sell my house and lot in Cooperstown at very reasonable figures. A. MARQUARDT.

Dr. McCutchins,

Dental Surgeon, respectfully announces that he will be in Cooperstown on Wednesday, March 12, and will remain about one week. Those needing dentistry of any kind will be faithfully served. Enquire at the Palace Hotel.

Rev. and Mrs. S. H. Young, of Dakota have recently left to carry on missionary work in Alaska. They took with them means to purchase a farm of sixteen hundred acres and stock it; also a sawmill, forge, tools for a shoe shop, and a printing office, etc. Dakota will soon be able to supply first-class missionaries for any part of the country.

—We are now ready to deliver to the Griggs county farmers a fresh carload of the best Minneapolis feed.

—We have a few teams of work horses, mules and oxen for sale; also four harnesses. We can accommodate you at most all times. You see we buy most anything and sell everything except soft soap. Odegard & Thompson.

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

—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.

—Order a Kalamazoo Spring-Tooth Harrow from Buchheit Bros.

—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.

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

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