

TERRITORIAL NEWS AND GOSSIP.

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DAKOTA GOVERNORSHIP.

Ordway Not to be Reappointed.

It is very generally conceded that Gov. Ordway of Dakota will not be reappointed on the expiration of his term, the latter part of May. Mr. Ordway does not seem to be pressing his case very vigorously, and it is said that the president has intimated that his mind has already been made up to appoint some one else. He informed the committee, consisting of Judges Edmunds and Moody and one or two other Dakota gentlemen, who waited on him last Saturday with a protest against Ordway's reappointment, that he has made up his mind what he intended to do, and by his manner they interpreted this remark to mean that Dakota was to be relieved of Ordway's administration. The successorship is now a matter of comment among Dakota people here. Among the stories circulated are that Pat Donan of Fargo is one of the candidates. It is said that if he could produce sufficient strength in Dakota to justify it, he would receive the support of at least one state delegation. Mr. Donan's candidacy, therefore, will depend upon the amount of strength he can develop in the territory. The anti-Ordway people are trying to boom J. H. Teller, the brother of the Secretary of the interior, and the present secretary of the territory, but his candidacy will present such complications and embarrassments that it is very likely that it will not be pressed. Other candidates will be developed as the time for the change approaches.

The bill introduced in the senate by Mr. Harrison of Dakota as a state provides for the separation of the present territory and the erection of the northern part into a separate territory, to be known as the territory of North Dakota, with the capital at the city of Bismarck. It recites the action of the people of the southern part of the present territory in forming a constitution and state government, and declares that portion of the territory is sufficient in population, area, and resources to assure a permanent and stable state government. It provides that this constitution be submitted to a vote of the persons qualified as voters under its provisions at a general election, and that upon proof submitted to the president of the United States that a majority of all the votes cast at such election have been cast for the said constitution he shall announce the same by proclamation, and that thereupon, and without further proceedings by congress, the admission of the state into the Union shall be complete, and the senators and representatives from that state shall be entitled to take their seats without further delay. The state so admitted of all the indebtedness of the present Territory of Dakota, incurred for public buildings which are built or provided by law to be built within the limits of said proposed state, and for the assumption by the Territory of North Dakota, when so organized, of all the indebtedness incurred for such public buildings located or to be located within the limits of said proposed territory. It also provides for the setting apart of lands for agricultural college, common school and public building purposes in the proposed state; for the continuation of the present laws of the territory in the Territory of North Dakota, and the continuation in office in that territory of the governor, secretary, chief and associate justices, United States marshals and the district attorney of the present territory.

The Worst Blizzard.

A despatch from La Moure, Dak., of the 19th says: One of the worst blizzards ever known burst upon Dakota yesterday afternoon lasting throughout the night. Four stages were due here at 5 o'clock, but only one arrived. As the weather was fine up to the middle of the afternoon, citizens became alarmed for the safety of the passengers and drivers who were caught out in the sudden storm. It was impossible to do anything for relief last night, but this morning several search parties were organized. The Ellendale stage was found turned bottom upward in a snow drift, half way between here and Yorktown, this afternoon. Mail bags and buffalo robes were lying near by. The searchers then went to a settler's residence, about two miles west, and found A. W. Sutley, the driver, who was suffering from frozen face and hands. He related that the storm came on so fiercely when he was five miles from La Moure that he could not drive his horses in any direction. He was alone, and concluded his only way to save his life was to dig into a snow drift and remain all night. He unhitched, and started the horses away, and they have not been seen since. The plucky fellow then made a bed with the sleigh and robes, and remained there until daylight, sleeping part of the time. His suffering was intense, despite his wrapping, but he will probably fully recover. He was brought to the hotel here this evening.

M. J. Sanderson, a lively man of this town, started for Ellendale about the same time as the stage, and had a lady passenger. When the storm came up

Sutley could see them two miles behind him. Since then there is no trace of the pair, although men are scouring the country in all directions.

Reports from all parts of the territory show that Monday's blizzard was the work of the whole winter, but the casualties thus far reported, are very light.

Plans have been made for a city building at Grafton, Walsh county, to cost \$10,000.

At Valley City, Dak., ex-sluggo James Allen was jailed on charge of body snatching.

The United States marshal at Deadwood has caused the arrest of J. B. Pruden of Miles City, Mont., on a telegram charging him with stealing horses and stock on the Indian reservation.

Charles Riggs of Altona, has been held for the grand jury in \$500 for selling whisky without a license.

Ira Davenport of New York state, who holds a mortgage for \$250 against each of the twenty-six Cameron tracts in Beadle county, has commenced action to foreclose the same.

It is believed that there are more old soldiers in Dakota than any other new section. They come to take advantage of their homestead privilege.

A robbery of an overcoat and gloves from Mr. Steele of East Grand Forks was committed by a man named Gilbert, formerly of Cleveland, Ohio.

T. J. Goodman of Des Moines is in Yankton with a proposition for the organization of a stock company, with a capital of \$10,000, to start a pork packery.

D. T. Bramble, head of the firm of Bramble, Miner & Co., wholesale grocers of Yankton, says that the firm had turned over all its property to the First National Bank of Yankton until something could be known about the standing of the firm.

William E. Finch, postmaster at Ellendale, has been taken to Fargo to answer the charge of robbing the mails of registered letters while in charge of the postoffice at Ellendale. The case against him is reported conclusive.

The Episcopal mission at Santee agency was entirely destroyed by fire. The loss included church, schools and residence of W. M. Fowler.

Tower City has raised the necessary bonds, and Baptist university board of locating have formally located the North Dakota university at that point. The building will be commenced in the spring.

C. R. Cook of Miner county has been lodged in the Mitchell jail on the charge of having two living wives. The charge will be investigated. He is a meek-looking man, and nearly sixty years old.

A stock company has been formed to run a pony express from Deadwood to Belfield, Billings county, on the Northern Pacific.

Diment brothers of Columbia have made an assignment. Liabilities, \$2,700; assets, \$5,000.

Beamer, the Norton, wheat thief, who skipped his bail with a team belonging to his bondsmen, was captured in Minnesota and is now in custody.

A company has recently been organized in Bismarck, to be known as the Bismarck Loan and Trust company, and it will commence business within a few weeks. The officers are Frank B. Allen president; Marquis de Mores, vice-president; R. B. Mellon, treasurer, and Frank LaWall, secretary. Capital, \$100,000.

T. P. Allison, who keeps a cigar and peanut stand at Fargo, was robbed on the night of the 25th. He was on his way home about 11 o'clock, when two thugs attacked him, threw him down, and relieved him of \$25.

R. J. Valentine of Valley Springs was lodged in the county jail on the 18th inst., under \$1,000 bonds, for the shooting with the intent to kill Henry Harvey of that place.

"Doc" McCumber, who was in Wahpeton some months ago, has been arrested and returned to that city, charged with bigamy, it being claimed that he has three wives in that vicinity.

The new church at Milbank was first opened for religious service this month. Rev. I. L. Granger, of Bunker Hill, is the new pastor.

Joe Keenan of Casselton is a fugitive from justice, being wanted to assume paternity of the child of a thirteen-year-old girl whom he is charged with seducing.

The receipts of Minnehaha county last year were \$93,505.83; expenditures, \$55,427.36; leaving a net surplus of \$38,078.47.

Work on the insane asylum at Jamestown will be commenced early this spring. It will cost \$50,000.

Sheriff Allertown has just returned to Mitchell, from Iowa, having in charge C. H. Ernst, who was indicted at Mitchell for felony, but jumped his bond, leaving O. H. Perry, his bondsman, in default. The prisoner brought plenty of money with him to secure bonds.

Frank Beamer, who was found guilty before Judge Lavayea at Grand Forks, on a charge of stealing seventy-five bushels of wheat, and was bound over in the sum of \$300 bail, has skipped the country.

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

GOOD SCHOOLS AND SPLENDID SOCIETY.

The rapidly growing embryonic city of Cooperstown is surrounded on all sides by the very richest lands in North Dakota. Cooperstown, situated as it is in the very heart of a new and fertile region, must boom to keep pace with the

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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