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### LOCAL LACONICS.

**APOLOGETIC.**—Patrons of the Courier are solicited to forbear for being compelled to take their paper on the "half-shell" this week as it is unavoidable. The three-days' storm just ended precluded the receipt of our paper this week on time.

—It has cleared up beautifully.

—Sanborn wants incorporation and will probably get it.

—The winter of our discontent will soon be made glorious.

—One of Mr. M. Zimmerman's little daughters has been very ill for a couple weeks.

—Davis & Pickett, the liverymen, are having another well bored on their premises.

—It is said that Seth Mills, a Valley City attorney, contemplates opening a branch office in Cooperstown.

—Frank Smith arrived from Sanborn last Saturday evening, and announces his intention to open up a barber shop in the city.

—E. C. Booth, deputy sheriff of Barnes county, spent the first of the week in the Capital of Griggs, with headquarters at the Palace.

—Geo. B. Custer leaves to-day for Manitoba, where he goes to introduce Williams' Patent Rail Splice to Canadian Pacific officials.

—A big general store is among the new things on tapis for Cooperstown. Nothing definite yet, but will probably assume shape for announcement soon.

—Mr. M. Sutherland returned from a trip to Chicago and the suburbs last Saturday evening. Cook county will send a full quota of settlers to this region in a few weeks.

—The most tedious storm of the season was that which arrived last Monday and remained with us until Wednesday. It was a "snorter" and got its work in pretty effectually, occasioning a complete stagnation of business for two days.

—According to the decision of the secretary of interior John N. Jorgensen, Clerk of District Court, is again ready to take testimony in final proof as before and will serve his customers with his usual care.

—Sanborn has a live literary club and said club has decreed "That the press has done more for civilization than the sword." It is pleasant to at last have this much mooted question settled in favor of the heretofore unappreciated dispensers of information.

—It is not good sense to boast of your intention during the ensuing year. If you are honest in your purpose to do something, just go about it quietly, and your efforts will be crowned with as much success as if you told your neighbors what you intended to do.—Ex.

—Blizzards may howl; storms may blow; trains may stop, but Whidden Bros. have no notion of letting you starve as they received the other day via Davis & Pickett's sure freight line a load of goods suitable to the immediate wants of all with keen Dakota appetites.

—This from the Fargo Republican is a horse on our adept manipulator of lath and lumber: "Maynard Crane, a Cooperstown attorney, is stopping at the Continental." Maynard may be first-class in certain lines of "pleading," but that hardly entitles him to the title of a lawyer.

—The secretary of the interior has decided that under the acts of March 30, 1877 and June 9, 1880, the clerks of district courts in Dakota may take final proofs of homestead entries, without regard to the counties in which court has held session. This is a reversal of the land office decision on the same point.

—Valley City Times: Attorney Jacobson, of Cooperstown, was in the city yesterday on business with Clerk of Court McConnell in the matter of issuing warrants of attachments. Mr. Jacobson says the recent decision of Commissioner McFarland, effecting county clerks, causes no little trouble and expense to the citizens of Griggs county.

—Citizens of Hope went two weeks without receiving a single mail last month. They must have lots of patience over there, or else lack the necessary funds to hire a man to get their mail. When Uncle Sam and the railroad fails to perform promptly their obligations to Cooperstown our aggressive citizens take matters in hand themselves.

—The sentiments of the Courier are concisely reflected thusly by the Jamestown Capital: "Since the new passenger management has taken control of affairs on the Northern Pacific, nothing but good words are spoken concerning that department. Chas. S. Fee, the genial general passenger agent, has won for himself golden opinions and a host of friends, and his acts of kindly courtesy, bestowed without favor or partiality are certain to be powerful aids in winning many and fast friends for the 'Old Pioneer Line.'"

—The Spring, that season of sprouting shoots and shooting sprouts, is likewise mother of divers schemes of men who promise to give something for nothing, but whose purpose it is to get something for nothing. However, this class of oleaginous peripatetics are not to be feared in an as intelligent a community as Cooperstown claims to be. Men with new and deceptive devices for bleeding the public are hereby admonished that it will be to their advantage to steer clear of Griggs county's capital. Verdants are scarce in these parts and schemes won't work.

—Mr. Hermon Lenham, brother of L. S. Lenham, and wife, of Bradford, Pa., are making their home in Sanborn for a time.

—G. Sheldon is removing his family and furniture to his claim north of Cooperstown, where he intends to follow them as soon as spring opens.

—W. L. Patterson drove in from Dazey last Tuesday morning. Mr. Patterson has commenced the erection of a fine hotel at Dazey, which will be in readiness for the spring boom.

—Miss Lina Barnard bade farewell to the Sanborn postoffice last week, and will make her home for a time at Cooperstown. Miss Lulu Lenham takes the place vacated by Miss Barnard.

—Wm. Holliday makes an announcement this week interesting to farmers. He has weathered the storm of imposition and is again prepared to furnish anything in the agricultural implement line. Read his new advertisement.

### Our Time of Tribulation.

This is the season of the year that surely and sorely tries the soul of a western editor or local scribe in his sorrowful search for news to quiet the hungry cravings of a host of subscribers, who expect to find the local paper full from margin to margin and from head-line to foot-slug with interesting local matter, remarks a contemporary; and if they fail to find it the editor is a blockhead and does not fulfill his mission to the people—so they think. The scarcity of legitimate local matter is the editor's path to perdition. He feels a responsibility resting upon his shoulders heavier than two loads of basswood, cut sled length, and in his efforts to do his duty to the poor people he departs from the path of truth and rectitude and enters the broad road that leads to ruin, and robs him of his veracity. Necessity is the mother of invention and the local editor is the father of the child. If the sweet angel of fortune smiles on him and makes his heart glad by the announcement of a birth, an elopement, a marriage, a runaway team and a mutilated wagon, he clutches at it with all the eagerness of a brown cow in a cabbage patch. But the angel fails to smile frequently, and the poor editor, like a penniless beggar, knows not where the next local meal is to come from. His imaginations must furnish all deficiencies in the weekly calendar of events until he sinks to the common level of a congressman, and is pointed out as a banner liar of a whole county. Verily, an editor's life is of many days and full of trouble, and he longs to drop the quill and rise to the proud dignity of a Durham calf at a county fair.

### A Gracious Gift.

The famous statue to be erected in New York harbor would be very quickly in place if all contributions to it were as munificent as that of the Travelers Insurance Company, no less than \$1,700 given outright, besides paying for the distribution of a special press edition of a large picture of the statue to the entire press of the United States. We have received a copy of it, and it is worthy the character of the company, which is the highest praise that could be given.

### Passed Away.

A recent letter from Mr. W. R. Whidden bears the intelligence of a sad sorely sad, bereavement that has come upon Mrs. Whidden and himself. The letter, Dated at New York on March 1st, and addressed to Beecher Cox, tells the sorrowful tale so concisely that we have asked liberty to give the following extract:

"I got back here from Nova Scotia last night; left there suddenly last Wednesday, having received a telegram saying Victor had diphtheria, and now how shall I write or what shall I say for the dear friends in Cooperstown. Deep shadows have crossed our pathway and the road is rough and steep. The light has gone from our household and joy from our hearts, for to-day we laid our darling boy, our first born, our only man Victor, away in 'Woodlawn Cemetery,' and you dear boy, nor any of the loving friends in Cooperstown, can ever see him again except by God's grace you meet him among the redeemed through in Heaven. Oh, Beecher, the thoughts of going back without him makes my heart ache, and the house will be empty and our hearts will be sore as one after another of his little things turn up to sight and we are asking, 'Why, oh why, has God dealt with us thus?'"

Little Victor was three years old last December, and to be thus plucked from the tender care of his idolizing parents, just in the bloom of boyhood must indeed inflict an awful affliction upon them. They loved the "little man," as Victor was wont to call himself, with an earnest, noble, deep parental devotion, and their strong natures have received a shock that may seem blinding to them. To their host of friends here, many of whom had learned to love little Victor, their bereavement was indeed a sad piece of news. They know how deeply the father and mother must suffer; they realize what an awful trial it will be for them to return home without their beloved one; they know that their hearts are bleeding in this their severe trial, and sincerely share the bitter dregs of compassionate grief that has settled in their cup.

### Always Remember

To be polite.  
To pay your bills.  
To live and let live.  
To speak well of your town.

To be honest, even if it requires self-denial.

That, when another man's rights begin, yours end.

That a man who looks behind the door has been there himself.

That the best friend you have on earth is a better friend to himself than he is to you.

That editors are always "angels upon earth," no matter what they may say of you or of each other.

That as soon as you separate love from tee occupation of life, labor is transformed into drudgery.

That the man who is eternally speaking ill of your neighbors is also treating your name with the same disrespect when your back is upon him.

That four of a kind beats a full house ten times out of nine, though three deuces, a pair of trues and a revolver have been known to take a pot over four aces.

That if your opinion on any subject is not the same as that of your companion, as a general thing your opinion had best not be expressed, though considerable depends on the size of the other fellow.

And above all remember that Griggs county is one of the youngest, yet most promising counties of Dakota. And if you are seeking a home and want to get among good society and the richest fields for agricultural or mercantile interests Griggs county is where you want to locate.

### Have Waited and Will Come.

One month from the present time the pioneers in this great Northwest will be perfectly amazed at the unprecedented influx of emigration. The warm, gentle zephyrs of Dakota's ideal spring will not dissolve the immaculate shroud on our beautiful prairies, before every live town will be filled with throngs of ambitious home seekers. Although abundant, every means of transportation will be fairly glutted with living freight.

For the past two or three years, hundreds upon hundreds of discouraged easterners have awaited the results of friends' adventures in this new El Dorado. They have had every evidence necessary to convince them that Dakota is possessed of more merits than even the most sanguine ever dreamed of, and they are coming to this grand northwestern empire. They are coming with their families and herds, and in not a few instances, with considerable capital to occupy the fairest land that ever reflected back God's gracious smiles from its rich, productive bosom.—Dunbar Item.

### The Girl who Proves Up.

Coming out of the land office Monday, a Herald reporter passed a group of three young ladies who had just proved up after six months' residence on claims. One could not help noticing, as the writer has often observed without noting before, how little the sex unsexes itself, and how greatly its best charms are enhanced, in the person of these maidens, mostly from seventeen to twenty-five, who have gone through an ordeal of pioneer life on their own behalf, which would shame the luxury-loving and effeminate men of eastern cities. There is a conscious independence in the erect and sturdy figure, in the firm elastic step, in the evidence of Nature's masterpiece of beauty—perfect health, in the clear bright eye, the cheek garnished with roses fresh from the pure heart-blood of our young and blooming womanhood, and in the easy and graceful carriage in which there is nothing of the "girly-girl," but everything of the womanly woman. And with such a womanhood, Dakota may be sure that its coming generations will not shame the robust manhood of its pioneers.—Grand Forks Herald.

### Go Early in the Spring.

The following good advice is given by E. V. Smalley to readers of the N. Y. Northwest:

"Those of our readers who intend going to settle in the Northwest this season will do well to start early in April. If they intend to buy or homestead land, every week is valuable for farming work after the frost gets out of the ground. Breaking should be done in time to put in sod crops in May. Very fair yields of potatoes, oats and Indian corn can be raised on the sod. Besides, the plowing for the next season's wheat crop will occupy a good deal of time, and with the erection of buildings and the thousand and one things to do in starting a new farm, will keep the settler so busy that he will wish he could put about twice as many days in a week as the calendar allows.

If the emigrant is going to engage in business in a town he will find everybody stirring around and getting ready for the rush of the active season as early as the first of April. The best business openings for capital and enterprise are to be found in the spring, when new settlers are coming in and new undertakings are being set on foot.

All our advices from the Northwest indicate a remarkable prosperous season this year. The pressure of hard times now felt in the east will work for the advantage of the new regions lately opened to immigration, and thousands of men who never thought of going west as long as matters were running smoothly in their old homes are now discontented with low wages and the dullness of trade and want to try their fortunes in fresh fields. Thousands of young men just out of the schools are ready to take their places in the working world can find no room for their talents and energies. All occupations seem to them overcrowded. Then turn to the broad, hospitable, free West as to a Promised Land. Fortunately there is one section of the country, and an enormous one, too, where there is still room to spare for the brains and muscles of the new generation to find profitable occupation and to build up for themselves a secure future.

Some idea of Dakota's increase of population by incoming settlers last year can now be made from land office reports. The grand total of entries by homestead and pre-emption last year was 46,669, which multiplied by the modest figure of three gives a population of 140,007. Each entry represents a head of a family or a single person of age. The average Dakota settler has a good-sized family. A Farmer Feagle, near Menoken, in the Bismarck district, is told of, who has fifteen in his family, all at home on his quarter section. The settlement in the Deadwood district is unreported, and the Devil's Lake district has come but recently in the market; yet the settlement in each is numerous—certainly several thousand. To these add settlers on railroad lands and in the villages, and we can credit Dakota with 200,000 new population last year.—Pioneer Press.

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### Notice to Contractors.

Sealed proposals will be received until April 5th A. D. 1884 by the school board of the school township of Pleasant View, territory of Dakota and county of Griggs, for the erection of a school house. Specifications and plans can be seen at the office of the Cooperstown Courier. Bonds sufficient to guarantee faithful performance of contract required from successful bidders. The board reserves right to reject any and all bids.

Dated this 13th day of March, 1884.  
DAVID NICHOLS, Clerk.  
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