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LOCAL LAONICS.

Once more the egg will soon appear
In gayest colors plumed
The small boy's hungry hopes to cheer
When it he hath consumed:
For it is always on bright Easter
He proves a most egg-elegant feaster.

—Manly Davis spent last Sabbath in Sanborn.

—R. C. Cooper worshipped in Sanborn last Sunday.

—F. A. Root registered at the Palace Monday from Mandan.

—Northern Pacific carpenters are building a water tank at Bald Hill creek.

—Old residents and new settlers still continue to arrive in goodly numbers by every train.

—C. A. Radford, of Fargo, came up last Friday to look after his Griggs county possessions.

—The Misses Fanny and Lulu Lenham, of Sanborn, are guests of Mrs. H. S. Lenham, at the Palace.

—F. H. Adams, one of Valley City's prominent citizens, has spent a day in Cooperstown since our last issue.

—New comers in need of supplies of any description are advised to look over the Courier's advertising columns.

—V. Le Clair, a Griggs county claim holder, was in the capital last Saturday after having spent the winter in St. Paul.

—Banker J. M. Burrell spent Monday and Tuesday in the Hub looking after Townsite affairs and the banking business.

—William Glass has let the contract for the erection of his building to James Christie, who has the same well under way.

—The contract for building the court house will be let May 10th, as will be noticed by the advertisement for proposals.

—Next Sunday is Easter, but eggs are a trifle scarce for printers to contemplate very extensive demolition of such delectable "fruit."

—Peter Fiero, the bonanza farmer of Helena, was in the city last Monday. Mr. Fiero spent the winter at his old home in New York state.

—Mr. Al. Wanderlick has got back from his three-months' sojourn in Red Wing, Minn., fully of the mind that Dakota is good enough for him.

—H. G. Tiffany, formerly pressman on the Fargo Argus, has moved onto his claim some 12 miles west of this place and proposes to farm it in earnest.

—Some of the girls at the Palace "struck," presumably for the amusement there was in it, last Saturday. Their services were dispensed with.

—A young lady, who has probably had reason to doubt the general veracity of the male biped, says batches of lies are only equalled by the lies of baches.

—Miss Mary Bauer arrived from Red Wing, Minn., Wednesday, and will spend the summer in Cooperstown. Her friends are pleased to note her return.

—E. E. Smith, a sterling young man, arrived from Sugar Grove, Penn., last Friday, and is so well pleased that he has determined to make Griggs county his future home.

—County Treasurer Anton Enger and his bride, who is a sister of Mrs. J. Stevens, arrived at Cooperstown a few days since. The boys have all smoked to Mr. Enger's happiness.

—The train on its up trip bunted into a cow belonging to Mr. Nelson, four miles south of this place, last Saturday. The bovine came out second best in the collision and has gone to her long rest.

—J. N. Jorgensen returned from a business trip to Fargo, Tuesday evening, and Attorney Jacobson returned from his Wisconsin trip on the same train, but went to Fargo next day on important business.

—F. H. Buchheit, the gay and genial machine man, is back from his campaign at South Bend, Indiana, and comes with seventeen pounds of push to every square inch of his body. Fred's friends are glad to greet him.

—It is reported by railroaders that the Cooperstown branch has done more business per mile since going into operation than any other branch or the Northern Pacific system. Quite a straw for Griggs county and her capital.

—A healthy looking individual advertising himself as "Julien's Coliseum Aggregation; the Great Wizard Prestidigitateur and Professor of Legerdemain" held forth to a limited audience in this place Wednesday evening.

—Theo. Andrus, a statesman from the unhappy state of Ohio, has returned to his Griggs county home fully convinced that farming in Dakota during the summer is preferable to playing gentleman back in the states during the winter.

—A. B. Richardson arrived from Jackson county, Michigan, last Monday, accompanied by several carloads of stock and movables. He says he has come to stay for keeps this time, and in a few months he will have the nucleus of a fine county farm.

—We call attention of our readers to an advertisement to the Chicago Cottage Organ Company, in another column, and take pleasure in recommending to the general public, a company whose organs have attained a popular reputation for their superior musical qualities, artistic beauty and general excellence.

—We hope to see more attention paid to the highways of Griggs county this summer than ever before, for nothing pays better than good country roads. They are the arteries which connect city and country, along which the life current of business, prosperity, safety and solid comfort perpetually flow. In short, our civilization is measured by the condition of our roads and schools.

—Mr. W. R. Whidden received a telegram from Chicago last Saturday announcing the sad intelligence of Mrs. J. B. Whidden's death from lung difficulties. Mrs. Whidden had not been well since leaving here last fall, and for some weeks had been very low. Fate, it seems, has been pressing to the lips of this afflicted family its cup of most bitter dregs, and the fullest sympathy goes out to them in their new sorrow.

—A correspondent of the Fargo Republican is satisfied that if the wild grass and hay which is destroyed annually by fire, could be utilized and turned into milk, butter, beef, mutton and wool, that cost very little, and are plenty everywhere in North Dakota, it would be more valuable than our wheat crop. And instead of all the profits going to pay for the farm machinery, horses and working expenses, and sent out of the territory, if converted into stock, beef and dairy products, it would remain at home. Another thing, to raise stock, we have no plowing to do, no seed to furnish, and the labor to put up hay is not as expensive as harvesting and threshing.

Aphoristical.

Ambition has no rest.
Be faithful in all things.
A young angel, an old devil.
A fault confessed is half forgiven.
Defer not till to-morrow to be wise.
Empty casks make the most noise.
Represent every thing as it really is.
Even old foxes are caught in the snare.
Better not to be at all than not to be noble.

A babe in the house is a well-spring of pleasure.
There is a lack of gentlemen upon earth, else every boor would not want to be a squire.
A woman who looks much in the glass spins but little.

Wise men sue for offices, and block-heads get them.
The childhood shows a man as morning shows a day.
Fortunes and misfortunes are two buckets in a well.

After dinner stand awhile, or walk nearly half a mile.
Be graceful if you can, but if you can't be graceful be true.
A woman's tongue is her sword, and she does not let it rust.

He who takes the wrong road must make his journey again.
He who strives to do, does more than he who has the idle power.
All topers are not near sighted, but they all use their eye glasses.

He who will not take cheap advice, will have to buy dear repentance.
Who does the best his circumstances allows does well, acts nobly; angels could do no more.

It is better to believe that a man does possess good qualities than to assert that he does not.

Seed wheat for sale for cash or on time against good security.
JACOBSON & SERUMGARD.

Proceedings County Commissioners.

Quarterly meeting April 7, 1884, 2 p. m.
Present—Commissioners Rukke and Halverson.

On motion Commissioner Rukke was made temporary chairman.

Ordered that the following refunding orders be issued, viz:
Philinda S. Evans, error in tax on lot in Hope \$ 2 67
Cooper Bros., tax on n w 1/4 of n e 1/4 145 59
Henry Olson, road poll tax (over ago) 1 50
Thore Odegard, " " " " 1 50
W. C. Jameson, " " " " 1 50
C. G. Singstad, " " " " 1 50

Liquor license bond of Henry Retzlaff filed and on motion approved and license issued.

FOLLOWING BILLS APPROVED:

John Morris, assessor's outfit \$ 47 00
The Argus, town lot indices and court house and jail bonds 140 00

On motion adjourned till April 8th, 1884, at 9 o'clock a. m.
N. C. RUKKE,
HERBERT P. SMART, Temp. Chairman,
Clerk.

Met at 9 a. m. Apr. 8, 1884, in accordance with adjournment.
Present—Messrs. Cooper, Rukke and Halverson.
Commissioner Cooper in the chair.

FOLLOWING BILLS APPROVED:

Davis & Pickett, drayage on coal and livestock for county superintendent \$ 16 95
E. D. Stair, printing 29 30
Andrew Johnson, 6 mos. office rent, sheriff January to July 30 00
H. P. Smart, desk for register of deeds 30 00
T. F. Kerr, per diem and mileage, supt. county commissioners office, April to July 69 00
H. P. Smart, salary as county clerk, January to April 125 00

T. F. Kerr, services as commissioner of insolvency 18 50
T. F. Kerr, 1st quarter's salary county supt. (county gen. tuition fund) 75 00
T. F. Kerr, per diem and mileage, supt. schools 23 20

Bill of Lenham, E. & L. Co., coal, for Mrs. Yancy \$9.46, approved at \$4.73.

On motion by Commissioner Rukke, seconded by Commissioner Halverson, bill of Andrew Johnson, \$20.95, was approved at \$6.00.

On motion by Commissioner Rukke, seconded by Commissioner Halverson, Bill of Byron Andrus, 6 mos. rent judge of probate office, \$138.00, and services as commissioner of insanity, \$6.95, total \$144.95, was allowed as per former bill, viz: 6 mos. rent, judge of probate office, \$68.00, services as commissioner of insanity, \$6.95, total \$74.95.

On motion bill of T. F. Kerr, medical services to poor, \$30, was laid upon the table.

On motion ordered that an order be drawn upon the County General Fund in favor of the County General Tuition Fund for \$75.00 to replace order for like amount drawn upon County General Tuition Fund to pay 1st quarter's salary supt. schools.

Report of Harry Clark, road supervisor, dist. No. 4, and John H. Atchison, dist. No. 10, are approved.

On motion balance due John H. Atchison as per supervisors report, \$4.25, is allowed.

Report of Anton Enger, treasurer, is received and filed.

On motion ordered that the chairman be instructed to correspond with banks in Fargo and Chicago with reference to negotiating county orders at less discount than the present market price.

On motion adjourned till April 9th, 1884, at 10 o'clock a. m.
ROLLIN C. COOPER,
HERBERT P. SMART, Chairman,
Clerk.

Convened April 9th, at 10 a. m. in accordance with adjournment.
Present—Messrs. Cooper, Rukke, and Halverson.

Commissioner Cooper in the chair.
On motion by Commissioner Rukke seconded by Commissioner Halverson, ordered that Attorney Iyer Jacobson be employed as legal adviser of the board at the rate of \$300 per annum, to be paid quarterly.

Motion made by Commissioner Rukke to accept plans of court house and jail furnished by F. B. Edwards, not seconded.

On motion adjourned till 1:30 p. m.
Convened at 1:30 p. m.
Full board present.

Motion to accept plans furnished by F. B. Edwards, previously made by Commissioner Rukke was seconded by Commissioner Halverson, and said plans are accepted by the board.

On motion ordered that the chairman be authorized to secure the services of F. B. Edwards as superintendent to have charge of the construction of the court house and jail.

Moved and carried that the following resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, We find it to the interest of Griggs County, D. T., to advertise for bids for the construction and building of a Court House and Jail in said county, that the time be limited to 5 weeks. Now therefore,

Resolved, That said advertisements for bids for the construction and building of Court House and Jail in Griggs County, D. T., be limited to 5 weeks in the following public newspapers, viz: Cooperstown Courier, published at Cooperstown, D. T.; Valley City Weekly Times, published at Valley City, D. T.; Bismarck Weekly Tribune, published at Bismarck, D. T.; Jamestown Weekly Capital, published at Jamestown, D. T.; Sanborn Enterprise, published at Sanborn, D. T.; the Fargo Daily Argus, twice per week and Fargo Daily Republican twice per week, published at Fargo, D. T.; and the Saint Paul and Minneapolis Daily Pioneer Press, six times per week, published at Saint Paul Minnesota.

On motion adjourned till Friday, Apr. 11th 1884, at 10 o'clock, a. m.
ROLLIN C. COOPER,
HERBERT P. SMART, Chairman,
Clerk.

PIONEER BEAUTIES OF DAKOTA.

Driving the Sulky Plow, Perusing Literary Studies and Making Claims.

In the settlement and cultivation of the prairies of Dakota, man is not entitled to a monopoly of praise. Woman has been conspicuous among the pioneers, and, were all the female claim-holders in the territory summoned together on dress parade, they would make a creditable, if not a fascinating, show.

In travelling over the prairies one now and then comes across a lonely shack, which, with its surroundings, wears an aspect of neatness that distinguishes it from the average carelessly thrown together shanty that suffices to prove the claimant's right to the title of proprietor of the 160 acres surrounding. If of boards, the cracks are carefully battened with lath; if of logs, the crevices are closely plastered with mud; hardy morning glories cling around the doorway and creep along the humble eaves, white small plants, smiling with violets, larkspur, lovebell and honeysuckle, transplanted from the prairie, hover around the modest domicile, true indices to the female spirit that rules within.

The aesthetic belle, nurtured in the lap of eastern society may look down upon the representatives of her sex in the Northwest with scorn, but, among the women who are suffering the vicissitudes and braving the dangers of prairie life, there are many who possess accomplishments and a stock of common sense that would raise an eastern belle to the eminence of queen among her social associates did she possess them.

The novelty of their situation seems to charm them; their face and form are the embodiments of happiness and health; they as heartily enjoy a tramp over the prairie, in search of the boundary lines of their claim, as the society girl enjoys a trip in a dog cart or sail on the lake; they become adepts in the use of rifle and shotgun; they learn to handle the harvester as deftly as their masculine neighbors, and ride the sulky plow with as much grace as her refined sister would ornament a tricycle. The majority of the pioneers are schoolmistresses, who pursue their Greek, Latin, astronomy, botany or chemistry during their leisure moments in their prairie home during the summer and pursue their vocation in village or city school-room during the winter months. Thus they preserve their health, keep up their studies, and slowly but surely build up for themselves a home that they can point to with just pride as the fruit of their own labor.

The hardships and trials which these brave little pioneers undergo are enough to shake the courage of the sterner sex. Mrs. Ball, a young widow, came to the territory two years ago, built her claim shack, which was twice blown away by wind and once burned to the ground, but through her indomitable will she is still here, and she is bound to stay. Miss Nellie Ulme, daughter of Colonel Ulme, of Chicago, has her homestead near Devil's Lake, is a tireless pedestrian, a crack rifle shot, and possesses accomplishments that fit her for the leadership of any refined society in which she may move. Miss Hoover, the Misses Pringle, Miss Flynn, Miss Bruce, Miss Marks, Miss Olson, Miss Shottwell and the Misses Phelps, who, through their pluck, and perseverance, have gained a fine homestead, and built up a little fortune of \$10,000, are but a few of the great army of women who deserve the highest praise for their fortitude and determination.—Correspondent to Chicago Herald.

No possible show for an inundation of the Sheyenne flats this year.

Owing to the late freeze-up seeding has been somewhat delayed, though some farmers are well started with their spring work.

The Traill county seat contest is on the boards before Judge Hudson, at Fargo.

County Treasurer A. M. Pease, of Barnes county, and C. T. Dazey, of Dazeytown, are at the Palace.

The Courier is doubly pleased to note W. A. Yerxa's triumphant re-election as mayor of Fargo, last Monday. Every measure—fair and foul—was resorted to by the opposition to him, but he walked in with colors flying.

Call for Convention.

A mass convention of the Republicans of Griggs county is called to meet at the county clerk's office in Cooperstown, D. T., at 2 p. m. Wednesday, April 16, for the purpose of selecting four delegates to the Territorial Convention at Huron, April 23.

REPUBLICAN COUNTY COMMITTEE.
Old newspapers for sale of the Courier office.

400 Bushels Scotch Fife

Seed wheat for sale at \$1 per bushel, by C. H. Mosely, on sec. 32, town 145, r. 60.

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

Good Seed Barley,
Perfectly cleaned can be secured by applying to B. B. Brown or at Whidden's store. 10tf

For Sale.
A desirable 1/2 section of land 3 miles south of Cooperstown; 100 acres ready for crop; good house, barn, granary, machine shop, two wells good water. Will sell before or after seeding at a bargain. For particulars enquire at Courier office.

Paint your house, barns, etc. We have paints and oils and paint brushes of all kinds. Odegard & Thompson.

We have for sale a few good farm work horses. Davis & Pickett.

We have a few yoke of oxen, mules and horses for sale. Odegard & Thompson.

Twenty-five acres on section 20, town 147, range 59, to let on shares. Apply at the Courier office.

Notice to Contractors.

Bids will be received until 12 o'clock, noon; May 10th, 1884, to build and construct a Court House and Jail for the County of Griggs, according to the plans and specifications to be found at the office of the County Clerk, in Cooperstown, Griggs county, D. T. Building to be completed January 1, 1885. All bids must be sealed and addressed to the Chairman County Commissioners, and indorsed bids for building and constructing court house and jail. Contractors must furnish all materials and give bonds to complete the building according to the specifications. The Commissioners of said Griggs county reserve the right to reject any and all bids. A preliminary bond of twenty-five per cent of the amount of the bids must accompany each bid, which said bond shall be endorsed "approved as to form" by the county adviser, Iver Jacobson, and must be signed by the bidder and at least two good and sufficient sureties, who shall justify pursuant to law.

ROLLIN C. COOPER,
CHAIRMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS,
Griggs County, D. T.

C. G. LANDE,

WATCHMAKER AND JEWELER.

COOPERSTOWN, DAK.

Respectfully announces to the public that he has opened a Jewelry Store in the Muir & Christie building, just east of the Palace Hotel, where he will be pleased to see all in need of first-class CLOCK or WATCH REPAIRING.

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