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### LOCAL LAONICS.

Tell me mother, tell me daughter,  
Tell me truly, do not scoff;  
Tell me if you think I oughter  
Take those darned old flannels off.

—Seeding is well under way.  
—A storm is brewing as we go to press, but may pass over.  
—Land lookers have been quite numerous this week.  
—The foot ball has again appeared on the "village green."  
—Traffic on the Cooperstown branch still continues to be brisk.  
—Seeding was pretty generally and extensively commenced in Griggs county last Monday.  
—A couple car loads of emigrants and their movables arrived from Cass county, yesterday.  
—Ole Serungard and the publisher spent last Sunday in Fargo, and of course enjoyed a quiet time.  
—Cooperstown has been putting on metropolitan airs this week in a certain, though not desirable, particular.  
—We regret to note that last Wednesday, Dakota's arbor day, was not very generally observed hereabouts.  
—J. W. Christie has purchased Mr. Muir's interest in the contracting business and is now "noeing it" alone.  
—The Hope Pioneer is two years old, prosperous and pretty. Brother Warner knows how to get out a neat paper.  
—Ed. Siegfried, chief clerk of the Barnes County Bank, supplied Cashier Pickett's place a few days this week.  
—Mr. W. C. Davis, of St. Clair, Mich., has visited this week with his son Manly and his daughter, Mrs. W. H. Carlton.  
—John N. Jorgensen has purchased Carl Jorgensen's lot on Burrell avenue and is preparing to build a neat office thereon.  
—Miss Thora Odegard arrived from St. Paul, last Monday, and will spend a few weeks with her Griggs county relatives.  
—There is a man in town who resembles Herbert Smart, and who would readily be taken for our register of deeds had he a full beard.  
—The new water tank at Bald Hill is completed and will supply abundance of water to operate the entire Turtle Mountain branch, if necessary.  
—Mr. Retzlaff has a new sidewalk in front of the Union Hotel. He also has received the stock with which to open a bar in connection with his house.  
—An exchange tells of a young woman who bursted a blood vessel in attempting to resist the efforts of her beau to kiss her. Girls, heed this warning.  
—W. A. Kindred, of Fargo, was in town yesterday, preparing for the advent of a large French and German colony onto his land just east of Cooperstown.  
—Ole Serungard will leave for Devil's Lake City next Monday with a view of opening a land office there in the interests of his firm, Jacobson & Serungard.  
—Vast shipments of young stock are weekly passing west over the Northern Pacific, and a very flattering amount of stock is finding its way into Griggs county.  
—The first real estate mortgage foreclosure ever made in Griggs county has just been started in this week's Courier, and it is necessitated in order to settle an estate.  
—Next Tuesday, the 29th, a special election will be held at Sanborn to decide whether or not that village incorporates. The proposition will undoubtedly carry.  
—Cash Yancey, the accomplished tonsor, has purchased the business of Edwin Bradley and is now manipulating the razor as of old, in his shop on Lenham avenue.  
—E. H. Steele is reported as having sold to S. W. Sea, of Chicago, his interest in the Hope townsite, the big hotel and three sections of land for \$108,000. Good sale.  
—Geo. Foley, who graded the Cooperstown branch, is now laying iron with two big gangs on the Fargo Southern, and T. C. Fernald is running a boarding car outfit on the same job.

—Some excitement was created in town Tuesday by the development of a scandal. The affair resulted in the departure from town of a frail and fallen angel who had taken up abode in the east part of the village.  
—Search where you may, and you will undoubtedly search in vain, for a more substantially prosperous little city than Cooperstown. No stranger comes here and investigates its wealth of advantages but that pays the place the highest encomiums.  
—Mr. P. H. Molstad informs us that there is a splendid opening at Bald Hill creek, for a square-dealing general merchant, and that the farmers of that neighborhood are ready to offer hearty and substantial encouragement to such an enterprise.  
—Several bachelors in Fargo and Mayville have signified their desire to live in Cooperstown, claiming the great inducement to come here would be the probable introduction they might receive through the Courier to eastern damsels of matrimonial mind.  
—The foreman acknowledges gratitude to Mr. C. C. Phillippe for an elegant boquet, which is remarkably well preserved considering it came all the way from Southern Indiana. The lovely flowers have aromatized the Courier den until we can now close our eyes and imagine the garden of Eden as close by.  
—Some people of fastidious proclivities have deemed it fitting to criticize the Courier because it sometimes contains a line (or more) not composed of language as dry and prosy as one of John Calvin's theological discourses, or does not partake of the nature of the Lamentation of Jeremiah. All we have to say is that we truly hope these goody good persons will be able to contain themselves.  
—The spring business is fairly under way, and now that hands and brains are busy with the work of the year we shall hear less about dull times. While there have been no booms trade has been on the steady increase, the business being entirely legitimate. For a time at least speculation has been killed, and all commodities are on a firm basis. Whatever change there must be a change for the better.  
—The beauties of our weather for the past week is thus well told by the Argus: "No brighter skies ever kissed the faces of sturdy men or beautiful women than those that arched over North Dakota yesterday. In most sections of the world clear sky and bright sunlight are inseparably connected with warm and relaxative weather, but here all is changed and the man who is blessed with experiencing such days feels capable of doing twice or thrice the labor he would elsewhere believe himself capable of performing. All hail to Dakota."  
—Mr. C. C. Phillippe returned from his winter sojourn in Indiana last Monday, looking not so well physically as when he left here last fall, but decidedly pleased to get back to the land of sunshine and healthful ozone. Mr. C. has been doing aggressive missionary work all winter, which will probably result in an addition to Dakota's, and we hope Griggs county's wealth and population. He was accompanied back by Mr. Collins, who comes to look the field over and choose a location for quite a colony of Mr. Phillippe's converts.  
—Sanborn Enterprise: That the depot would be moved this spring to a point farther east has been an open secret for some weeks, and now a gang of N. P. employees are here to prosecute the work. After removing the coal sheds from Spiritwood and erecting them here, which will occupy a week's time, operations will begin. It is understood the station will be located below the Lenham elevator, about where the tool house now stands. The object of moving it is to avoid the stopping of trains upon a steep grade, which has long been a source of annoyance and delay.  
—Tuesday's Fargo Argus: E. D. Stair, of the Cooperstown Courier, left Fargo yesterday for home to check over his office and business at Cooperstown to F. H. Adams, of Valley City, who will hereafter be owner and publisher. Mr. Adams is a well known attorney, a boomer, and his friends have great expectations as to results. The professional brethren of Mr. Stair will regret his step, but his Fargo friends will be pleased to know that this city will be his home. He is a hard worker and has built up a paying property at Cooperstown, which place he leaves greatly to the regret of every class.  
—If you have any fat cattle, sheep or hogs for sale bring them to us and we will buy them. Odegard & Thompson.

The following local, clipped from an Ohio paper of the 18th inst., affords a pointer on the weather of that state, which should have a few kegs of Dakota sunshine sent down: We would like a few hundred cords of twenty inch wood, or enough to last until spring opens. Farmers who have any for sale will please apply at once.  
—The gay and festive jaybird will soon fill the hillside with his swelling strains, only pausing to occasionally pluck the voluptuous hopper grass from the growing cereal luxuriance, while the variegated gopher has already venerated and can be seen daily basking in the sun or scampering over the verruculose landscape. Spring is here.  
—Nothing improves the appearance of a home, field or farm so much as shade trees; not one or two, but many. True, they should be planted with some judgment, and with regard to the general effect. As monuments of events in the lives of the planters they are more enduring than stone or iron. What can be more appropriate than for a parent to devote part of the day to the planting of a tree to the commemoration of the birth or death of a child. Or for a friend to plant a tree in honor of one he loves? There is something sentimental about the act, but in the whirl and rush of hard active life we Americans are too apt to neglect the tender and better emotions of our natures, and it will not injure us any to direct a little attention to their cultivation. However, there is more than mere sentiment in this observance. Trees are valuable every day, and, as has been remarked, the man who plants a tree is a benefactor of his race. Let every citizen of Griggs county enlist in this grand beneficiary work until our highways are continuous groves.  
**Lend Us Your Ear.**  
The Courier has never pestered its patrons with duns, but now that the paper is to enjoy a change of administration it is no more than fair that we very urgently request everyone owing the office for advertising or job work to call and settle without delay. We have in many cases been lenient; what will be our reward? All owing the office on subscription, except those receiving a personal statement, will settle with our successor, who will furnish the paper to the expiration of all advance paid subscriptions. Don't keep us waiting long for our dues, please, but clear your conscience by an early settlement.  
**A Cooperstown Citizen Honored.**  
The following extract from the Vincennes (Ind.) Sun shows the regard in which our townsman, Mr. C. C. Phillippe, is held down in Hoosierdom:  
"The reunion of the family of Mr. Wm. Phillippe occurred on Tuesday, April 1, 1884, at the residence of Mr. Henry Steffey, near Bruceville, Ind. The event was in honor of Mr. C. C. Phillippe, of Cooperstown, Dakota, who has been visiting his relatives in Knox county, after an absence of twenty years. Mr. Phillippe is a man of good natural endowments, extensive experience and liberal culture, a close observer, a good thinker and an interesting and instructive talker.  
The occasion was made one of much rejoicing and very pleasant intercourse. A splendid dinner was prepared by the ladies of the family, of which all partook with a hearty zest. The festivities were indulged in until late in the afternoon.  
Miss Mattie McClesky, one of the invited guests, presided at the organ, and rendered with skill some excellent music, in which other participants with marked ability. "Sweet Bye and Bye" was then sung, and prayer was offered by Mr. H. N. King.  
The following is a list of the names of the persons present: Rev. Wm. Hogue and family, Peter Fox and family, Martin Phillippe and family, Allen Campbell and family, Martin Wampler and family, W. Collins and family, Henry Phillippe and family, Thomas Thompson and family, Milton Wampler and family, Martin Phillippe and sister, Adam Fox, Mr. S. Kelley, Miss Mattie McClesky, and H. N. King and family.

**A Maine Lady Talks.**  
MILQ, April 13, 1884.  
MR. EDITOR:—Will you insert in your interesting paper a few lines from a lady way down east. I enjoy reading of the great progress that is being made in the great Northwest. It is rendered doubly dear to me by my having two sons there. I often picture to myself the beauties of your prairie, with its acres of wheat waving in the breeze, and its myriads of flowers interspersed with the grasses, in their natural state. I do not wonder that it attracts so many emigrants. I believe there is a great future for it. Agriculture was the first occupation of man, and it is the stepping stone to every occupation; without it everything would droop and die; and it is healthful and pleasant. It lifts the mind from nature up to Nature's God, and fills the heart with gratitude to that Being who is the maker and ruler of all things.  
MRS. ABBY JOHNSON.

**VALEDICTORY.**  
That human life is a succession of meetings, brief associations and sadder partings we fully realize as we grapple our plumbago this heavenly morning to utter a few farewell words to our readers, in this, the last issue of the COOPERSTOWN COURIER under its present administration. It is with no slight degree of regret that we announce the severance of our connection with the COURIER, which from this date passes into other hands. Fifteen months ago we announced our intention of putting forth honest endeavors to further the commercial and agricultural interests of Cooperstown and Griggs county. During this time our labor has in a measure been lightened by the numerous kind offices, cheering words, hearty encouragement and substantial co-operation of an enterprising, public-spirited constituency of patrons. The manner in which our business men have patronized these columns has not only been a source of great pride and satisfaction to the publisher, but it has resulted in giving Cooperstown an enviable reputation, wherever the paper has gone, as a bristling, wide-awake place. Our gratitude to advertisers is profound and lasting.  
During the period of our efforts in Griggs county we have had the pleasant assurance that the COURIER has gained a warm place in the hearts of many, and that it has not been a disappointment to its best friends. Taking these facts into consideration the parting with our pet (the paper) seems doubly hard, and we only transfer our interests because of an ambition to get into another line of business. Our personal interest in Griggs county and Cooperstown remains the same, and though our public efforts now cease we shall ever be ready to put our shoulder to the wheel for the advancement of town and county industries.  
We deem it unnecessary to review or endeavor to vindicate the course of the COURIER since its inception, suffice it to say that it has always been guided by honest and sincere motives. It may not in many cases have been as ready with criticisms on public matters as it ought, and in other matters it may have been too austere. Be that as it may, each issue has spoken for itself, and this public is discriminating and intelligent enough to render a fair verdict without our pleading. Those who expected to find in the paper or its proprietor the embodiment of perfection have undoubtedly been badly disappointed, but to the fair-minded we trust the record has been reasonably satisfactory. We acknowledge the COURIER has fell far short of our ideal of what a local paper should be, yet we have done our best under the existing circumstances, and our modesty does not prevent our thinking that the paper has at all times compared favorably with contemporaries of its own station in the journalistic world. That the COURIER has some enemies is not strange, for it has never toadied nor has any effort been put forth to make it of the milk-and-water-sort. Adversaries are requisite to good reputation, therefore we think of those who are unfriendly toward the paper with a good deal of satisfaction, for they are an evidence that our presence has been felt.  
From the innermost promptings of our soul we embrace this opportunity of expressing our appreciation and gratitude to this people for the unvarying kindness, cordial support and encouragement accorded us during our career in this prosperous place. Whether here or elsewhere we shall ever put forth strenuous efforts to merit a continuance of your remembrance, and our most devout wish is that our readers may foster thoughts of us as long and kindly as we shall cherish a memory of them. To our brethren we also bid a reluctant good-bye, and desire to extend especial thanks for their universal generous treatment. Possibly our parting with the quill driving fraternity may be only temporary, probably forever; but it is in either event a sorrowful one to us. It is hard to think of leaving the COURIER and Cooperstown though we are convinced it is for our advantage, owing to peculiar circumstances, to so do. We shall always watch with deep interest the sure progress of Cooperstown and her citizens, for no town in Dakota has a brighter future.  
Feeling well satisfied that our successor, Mr. F. H. Adams, is abundantly qualified and thoroughly capable for the duty he is about to assume, we bespeak for him a continuance of the liberal favors bestowed upon the office in the past. That a local paper is an absolute need to a prosperous and intelligent community is so well understood here that it would seem superfluous to urge upon the people the necessity of giving their county paper active interest and vigorous aid.  
And now, indulgent readers, with an humble appeal for generosity in your estimate and remembrance of us, and with naught but the kindest wishes for all, we bid you a most truly aversé.  
Good Bye,  
ED. D. STAIR.

25 barrels and 15 boxes crackers received at Whidden Bros. this week.  
Wm. Glass loans money for final proof, and on tilled land.  
Fresh line of Confectionery at Whidden Bros.  
We have for sale a few good farm work horses. Davis & Pickett.  
100 suits Ready-made Clothing ranging in price from \$5 to \$30 per suit. Whidden Bros.  
Paint your house, barns, etc. We have paints and oils and paint brushes of all kinds. Odegard & Thompson.  
Wall Paper, Carpets and floor oil cloth at Whidden Bros.  
We have a few yoke of oxen, mules and horses for sale. Odegard & Thompson.  
We warrant our No. 1 Feed to put a clearer and stronger tone into a Griggs county mule's bazoo than any other feed on earth. Davis & Pickett.  
Whidden Bros. have just received twenty-five cases boots and shoes ranging in price from 40c to \$5.00 per pair.  
We are now ready to deliver to the Griggs county farmers a fresh carload of the best Minneapolis feed. Davis & Pickett.

**For Sale.**  
500 bushels white seed oats; 150 bushels choice select Early Rose potatoes.  
M. ROBINSON, Mardell.  
**Good Seed Barley.**  
Perfectly cleaned can be secured by applying to B. B. Brown or at Whidden's store.  
**For Sale.**  
A desirable 1 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.

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