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Official Paper of Griggs County

They say the bull is bellowing
In the jaw of the bowless bear,
That Gould and his ilk are clenching
At the unclenchable air;
That while they are clenching unclenchableness
And their paper is falling due,
Their mothers-in-law are setting
On a golden egg or two.

Seeding is nearly done on the Cooper farm.

Hope will have a tri-weekly train this season.

Whidden Bros. have imported a large stock of crockery.

W. E. Jones and J. C. Drake, of Valley City, were in town Saturday.

Wild ducks and plover are brought in every day by our local sportsmen.

L. W. Larson intends to build a custom flouring mill on the Sheyenne.

Seeding done, wheat up earlier than usual, and everything favorable for a good crop.

Attorney C. A. Van Wormer, of Sanborn, smiled his belligerent smile in the COURIER office Saturday.

Knute Melby brings in this week a car load of stock and farming necessaries to help out the country.

The best location for a steam flouring mill in the Northwest is at Cooperstown. Who will be the lucky man?

Wm. Glass thanks heaven that his office fronts the north. And yet it has been alleged that Dakota is a cold country.

It is reported that the Manitoba people intend to push the Mayville branch on to the Pembina mountains immediately.

Grand ball at W. H. Pattison's in Dazev Friday evening. It is expected quite a number of the boys from Cooperstown will be in attendance.

Julius Stevens, Anton Enger, Iver Jacobson, C. H. Skelton and Mr. Jackson were slaughtering the wild ducks and plover late Saturday evening.

New sidewalks, and fresh paint along Burrell avenue give tone to that busy thoroughfare. Messrs. Glass and McDermott are robbing their respective buildings in paint.

The water tank dam at Bald Hill creek sets the water back over the Cooper trail so that the creek is the next thing to unfordable. A bridge over the creek on the trail is an urgent necessity.

Frank Ressler has purchased, through the agency of Byron Andrus, the southwest quarter of sec. 7, twp. 147, range 59. Ole Ellifson has also purchased through Mr. Andrus the northwest quarter of section 27, township 148, range 59.

A leading industry between seeding and the breaking season is the gathering of buffalo bones. They are worth \$9 per ton in Cooperstown, and dozens of teams are coming in every day loaded down. An ordinary wagon load is worth \$6.00.

Attention is called to the new advertisement of Geo. W. Greenleese & Co., a firm composed of Mr. Greenleese and our enterprising young townsman Beecher Cox. This new departure justifies what we said last week in regard to employees in our mercantile firms advancing themselves. We wish them all success.

Irving Howard, of Willow, has proved up and claims to have had enough of genuine pioneer life. Locating long before the railroad had started for Cooperstown, nearly sixty miles from the nearest village, without previous experience as a granger and pioneer, his conclusion is not unnatural. Mr. Howard will, however, remain in Dakota, as the climate and country suit him better than in New York.

A. Moffat, S. H. Lynn, and J. C. Drake were the bidders on the court house. Mr. Moffat's bid being nearly \$800 lower than any other, the contract will no doubt be awarded to him. The court house, according to the architect's designs, will be, if not the largest, one of the finest county buildings in Northern Dakota. In architectural style it follows the National Museum building in Washington.

The Grand Rapids Journal is now making war in La Meure county against the new jail contract of P. J. Pauley & Bro., of St. Louis. The county commissioners, it seems, closed a contract for two cells, etc., without submitting what the journal calls an "extraordinary expenditure" to a vote of the people, and it is claimed the cells are not worth the money. A meeting of the commissioners has been called by the people to endeavor to secure a revocation of the contract.

A Dayton, O., special says Wm. H. Vanderbilt passed through that place on the 8th, in a special coach, making the fastest time on record. The train consisted of two coaches, and made the run from Lima to Dayton, a distance of 74 miles in 66 minutes. The train started from Detroit, making the entire trip to Cincinnati, a distance of 263 miles, in 5 hours and thirty minutes, an average of 50.8 miles an hour. This rather beats the record of the S., C. & T. M.

J. M. Stetson, of Aneta, made us a call Wednesday. Aneta now has a hotel, printing office, barber and blacksmith shops. School begins Monday Miss Hildebrand teacher. The Hope branch is expected to strike the new town. Quite a colony of Illinoisians from Xenopuset, Bureau county, are settled in the vicinity. The colony settled two years ago and average 50 acres of wheat to the man. Mr. Stetson regards this as the most favorable season he has experienced in Dakota, and thinks the soil and climate compare more than favorably with Illinois.

Among the Palace arrivals we notice the names of W. M. Jones, Sandwich, O.; C. H. Skelton, St. Paul; N. G. Collins, Mayville; Mrs. H. C. Ruth, Willow; F. H. Warren, Tower City; J. C. Flynn, Lakota; N. C. Rukke; P. S. Hoiland, Aneta; W. R. Andrus, Fargo; E. H. Hollingshead, Sanborn; Chas. A. Clark, Sam'l Sewall, St. Paul; N. L. Lenham, Sanborn; Joseph Miller, Aneta; C. Merrill, A. Breckeridge, Hope; J. R. McLaughlin, H. J. Curtiss, Fargo; O. B. Bolster, Minneapolis; J. M. Burrell, Sanborn; W. E. Bryant, Chicago; J. H. Murphy, Wood River.

Charles Nelson, of township 144, range 59, renews his subscription and informs us that he has seventy-five acres of wheat and oats up in good shape. Mr. Nelson, who is director of district No. 11, informs us that the school house adjoining him, in Wheatland school district, is being built by Nils Olson, of Valley City, and will be finished next week—cost, about \$800. One other school building 16x24, in process of erection in the same district, section 6, township 144, range 59, is being built by Mr. Weatherbee, cost \$800. Two other buildings will be built this season, one near E. Greenland's and another in the St. Clair neighborhood.

The body of Dr. Barrington was found on section 31, township 147, range 56, fifteen miles from Hope. The doctor was going from Mayville to spend Christmas with his family, when the accident occurred which led to his death. A broken whiffletree left him on the prairie during a storm. After finding protection for himself and animals he probably in the darkness attempted to reach his wrecked sleigh to procure food, and became bewildered and perished, as he would in any other northern country under like circumstances. One or two such instances of death by exposure in a territory as large as the whole of New England and New York combined, have undoubtedly been the foundation of the cock and bull stories of the eastern press regarding our "terrible blizzards."

The new man of the Cooperstown COURIER, Mr. F. H. Adams, formerly of Valley City, starts out vigorously in his paper of the 2d. The COURIER will remain republican in politics, sound to the core, and the new management says it "will be the aim of the paper to extend its advertising patronage by increasing its circulation, and to increase its circulation by being reliable and enterprising in the interests of Cooperstown and Griggs county." That is the right plane for a newspaper, having the welfare of its section at heart, to sail upon. The Herald extends a hearty welcome to Mr. Adams as a member of the brotherhood of North Dakota editors and wishes him all manner of success in his new field.—Steele Herald.

The Court House.
Just before going to press we learn that the county board have accepted Mr. T. J. Cooper's offer of a block of land in his addition for the court house site. The board have selected block No. 3 opposite the first building in Cooperstown—the old granary—as the site to build on. Those of our citizens

who purchased lots on the north hill with the expectation that the court house would be located there are naturally disappointed by this decision, although it seems to meet with general approval. On the proposition to accept, Messrs. Rukke and Cooper voted in the affirmative, Mr. Halvorson in the negative. The bonus would appear to a disinterested spectator to be a very liberal one, as the site itself is high ground and central. The contract will no doubt be awarded to Mr. Moffat, the lowest bidder.

Careless Shooting.
May 7th, Charles Anderson and Thos. Knudson, two business men of Rothsay, near Fergus Falls, drove out to the prairie on a hunting expedition. They saw what they took to be a hawk sitting on the ground. Instead of waiting for the bird to rise, as some hunters would, Mr. Anderson blazed away, when up jumped a wounded man, who fled over the prairie, thinking he had been attacked by robbers. The hunters finally ran him down after chasing him a mile. Moral: Flush your bird before shooting. Don't shoot a man on the ground. If the local ninnyrds will follow this advice we shan't have any accident of the kind to chronicle until resurrection day.

Recorded Conveyances.
Edward C. Dean, of Washington, to Lewis J. Margach, of Fargo, northeast 1/4 of section 15, township 144, range 60; consideration, \$720.

Edward C. Dean to William Margach, southeast 1/4 of section 15, township 144, range 60; consideration, \$720.

Edward C. Dean to Peter Margach, west 1/4 of section 15, township 144, range 60; consideration, \$1,440.

N. P. R. R. Co. to Lowe Emerson, of Cincinnati, west 1/4 of northwest 1/4 and west 1/4 of southwest 1/4 of section 27, township 144, range 58, and sections 1, 13 and 19, township 144, range 61; consideration, \$8,004.56.

Cooper Bros. to Charles E. Ferguson, lot 4, block 80, Cooperstown; consideration, \$225.

Cooper Bros. to R. C. Brophy, blocks 57, 58, 75, 76, 77, 78, and lots 22, 23, 24, block 60, Cooperstown; consideration, \$36,400.

United States to Ole S. Moen, northeast 1/4 of section 20, township 147, range 59.

United States to Harriet C. Ruth, north 1/4 of northwest 1/4, southwest 1/4 of northwest 1/4 of section 3, southeast 1/4 of northeast 1/4 and northeast 1/4 of southeast 1/4 of section 4, township 148, range 60.

United States to Knut Knudson, east 1/4 of northeast 1/4 of section 26, township 146, range 58.

Proceedings of County Commissioners.

Board met May 10, 1884, at 10 a. m. in accordance with adjournment.

Present, Rollin C. Cooper. Adjourned till 2 p. m.

Convened at 2 p. m. Full board present. Rollin C. Cooper in the chair.

Bids for building court house and jail opened, consisting of the following, viz: A. Moffat, amount of bid, \$20,980
S. H. Lynn, amount of bid, 21,900
J. C. Drake, amount of bid, 21,749

The three above named bids, being each accompanied by a preliminary bond, approved as provided, are filed.

On motion ordered that bill of F. B. Edwards, account of services as architect and superintendent of construction court house and jail, of \$300, be allowed.

Petitions for roads in Helena school township, signed by D. R. Swartwout, L. G. Blanchard, James Lowe, Albert Nutt and others, presented and ordered published.

On motion adjourned until May 15th, 1884, at 2 p. m. ROLLIN C. COOPER, Chairman.
HERBERT P. SMART, Clerk.

Met May 15, 1884, at 2 p. m. in accordance with adjournment. Present, N. C. Rukke. Adjourned till 3 p. m.

Convened at 3 p. m. Full board present. Rollin C. Cooper in the chair.

On motion ordered that personal property tax against Halvor Halvorson, including school and road poll taxes, be abated, except on valuation of \$100, and that personal property tax against Veklick Hanson, including school and road poll taxes, be abated in full, affidavits having been filed stating that they were not in the county and had no other property in the county on the 1st of May, 1883.

On motion ordered that personal property tax against C. H. Johnson, \$36.64, be abated except on valuation of \$200, he having filed proper affidavits duly corroborated.

On motion ordered that the chairman be instructed to buy six steel scrapers

and distribute them among the road supervisors needing them.

On motion ordered that road district No. 3 be divided on the town line between towns 147 and 148, that portion lying north of said line to remain as district No. 3, and the southern portion to constitute road district No. 13.

On motion ordered that Mark Sutherland be appointed road supervisor for district No. 13.

Moved and carried that Dr. G. F. Newell be appointed coroner.

Moved and seconded that official bond of Dr. George F. Newell, coroner, be approved.

Proposition present in writing by Mr. T. J. Cooper, as follows: To deed the county any block in the Cooper addition to Cooperstown and give the county one thousand dollars upon completion of the court house and jail, provided the court house and jail shall be built in said addition. On motion the above proposition was laid upon the table for further consideration.

On motion adjourned until May 16th, 1884, at 9 a. m. ROLLIN C. COOPER, Chairman.
HERBERT P. SMART, Clerk.

MACHINE POETRY.

MANUFACTURED BY ORDER.
The Reliance binder (Hoiland & Rukke) is a number one machine. With all the modern improvements That ever you have seen.

The McCormick opens its ancient jaws And smiles a ghastly smile, As the Reliance is selected, And leaves for the field in style.

It rips the grain from the virgin soil, And catches the bundle tight, And ties it up with a twisted knot, To the farmers great delight.

It rears the horses and tickles the man, It saves your time and wheat, It buys your wife a seal skin sacking, And covers your children's feet.

Pure Maple Sugar at Whidden Bros.

For mule jewelry, and all that pertains to the winged animal in the shape of leather dress goods and decorations, call at McDermott's, opposite the Union house, where first-class goods at the lowest living prices are the rule.

Call and examine the immense new stock of summer hats at Whidden Bros.

It is said that many people die annually by being poisoned by cracked and broken crockery, such as tea cups, saucers, etc. Odegard & Thompson carry a full line of crockery, from real china to common ware.

"Blest be the tie that binds" is the tune every one feels like singing who uses a McCormick binder.

We can take a lady clothed for the wash room and furnish her everything fit for the queen's drawing room—corsets, laces, hose, silks, laces, ribbons, hats, gloves, false hair, jewelry, and a glass eye if necessary. ODEGARD & THOMPSON.

Beautify your houses with some of those elegant paintings at Whidden Bros.

The Esterly and Plano binders are also handled by Hoiland & Rukke, and which they recommend as reliable and first-class machines.

25 crates and casks of stoneware, crockery and glassware opening this week at Whidden Bros.

The ordinary twelve mile per day (before the seeder) horse, when assured of a strong, first-class work harness, such as is guaranteed by McDermott, is inspired to make a few extra rounds, out out of gratitude to McDermott and the farmer.

Whidden Bros. have just received half a car of canned goods which they will sell you cheaper than you ever dreamed of buying them.

Flour from Fargo. Flour from Valley City.

Feed from Minneapolis, Fargo, Valley City and Sanborn. DAVIS & PICKETT.

Anticipating the need of a first-class harness shop in Cooperstown, John McDermott has opened the shop on Burrell avenue, and is always at home ready to show goods.

Grand display of Prints, Gingham and notions at Whidden Bros.

A full line of horse millinery is to be found at John McDermott's, on Burrell avenue.

In the spring the old mule's fancy lightly turns to soft bran mash. Bring him in and let us load him up. DAVIS & PICKETT.

Oh how fine it is to wear a fine fitting suit. They fit like the paper on the wall, and are for sale by Odegard & Thompson.

A Card.

We have placed a full line of Flour in our Burrell Avenue Store, where we shall hereafter handle the largest provision business in this section of the country. Our stock will always be complete and our prices such as to maintain the present popularity of Cooperstown as the trading point for the counties of Griggs, Steele, Nelson, northern Barnes, and eastern Foster. Our terms are strictly cash, and will not be varied from. DAVIS & PICKETT.

Wm. Glass loans money for final proof, and on titled land. 50ft.

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.

Wall Paper, Carpets and floor oil cloth at Whidden Bros.

A supply of bran and shorts received this week by Davis & Pickett.

Whidden Bros. have just received twenty-five cases boots and shoes ranging in price from 40c to \$5.00 per pair.

The outstanding accounts of Nelson & Langlie have been placed in the hands of P. A. Melgard for collection. All persons owing said firm will save costs by calling on him and settling at once. 16-18

We are long on shorts, and they are first-class. DAVIS & PICKETT.

Few things refrain profanity better than a binder that works smoothly day after day like the McCormick, without tinkering.

For Sale.
500 bushels white seed oats; 150 bushels choice select Early Rose potatoes. M. ROBINSON, Mandell.

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

For Sale.
A desirable 1/4 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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