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To the Greeks, Foolishness.

Since the rapid extension and completion of the Northern Pacific railroad, the major portion of the company's lands in eastern Dakota having been sold, the attention of the settler and capitalist has been diverted naturally from wheat and wheat fields to stock and ranges, ores and mines, from Dakota to Montana, Idaho and Washington Territory. Dakota had become productive, and under the ambitious management of Henry Villard it was sought to make the extreme west blossom like the rose—to induce emigration westward that the completed road might be as near a paying institution as that portion passing through the Dakota wheat belt. This experiment did not succeed. The company is not as wealthy as it would have been under a more conservative management, which would have delayed the extension of the road from Bismarck as long as Dakota was capable of increasing its population and production a hundred fold each year. The stock is depreciated—Villard is long since ruined. This neglect of Dakota by its main line of railroad, accompanied by two unfavorable seasons, which reduced the wheat yield per acre to the maximum of the Ohio and Illinois wheat yield—giving the farmer fifteen bushels per acre, whereas he calculated on twenty-five bushels—has quieted down our wonderful "boom" and left us to take an inventory of our possessions, conduct our various businesses on business principles and get ready for the reaction which must follow a dull season in a country fertile and productive beyond all others. The visitor after a year's absence does not find the Dakota village a city nor the farm house a villa. He, however, finds improvement. The era of stone foundations, brick corner buildings, sidewalks and graveled streets has arrived, and in the larger towns drainage, street lamps and waterworks. The farmer has added a granary to his possessions, and has built an ell to his house, a little fencing is to be seen and a woody stubble here and there indicates the future grove of elders, ash, maples or cottonwoods. The highways are passable with bridges. The school houses are more numerous and the village like groups of farm buildings appear closer together upon the horizon. This change is more apparent the nearer you are to a railroad. From the main line of the Northern Pacific each township tells its age by its improvements, yet all sections possess the advantages of an ordinary New England town: rich, easily cultivated lands, fine climate, good water, good roads, cheap fuel, cheap lumber, good schools, nearness of market, and good neighbors. A man may leave his New England rock pile or his Ohio bog with the price of the same in his pocket, and in the twinkling of an eye transplant himself on Dakota soil, have everything that he enjoyed on the rock pile or in the bog, and have in addition rich lands, acre for acre, and four-fifths of the proceeds of his home farm remaining. Twenty years from now this opportunity to acquire lands of such wonderful fertility in the very heart of a CIVILIZED country will be regarded as an opportunity which was improved by the wise and rejected by the foolish.

General Grant a Catspaw.

The Grant & Ward disaster in New York not only virtually ruins the Grant family financially, but must also result in great humiliation to the ex-president himself. What to him must be one of the most exasperating features of the failure is the use made of him personally to "raise the wind" in a trying emergency. On Saturday last the firm, even then in the throes of bankruptcy, induced the general to go to Vanderbilt to borrow money. It is not believed the truth was told the general, but Fish and Ward used him to ask William H. Vanderbilt on Sunday afternoon for \$150,000. Mr. Vanderbilt not only readily granted the ex-president such a favor, but at the general's request dated the check the day previous and accepted no other se-

curity than Grant & Ward's check on the Marine Bank, which he promised to hold for a day or two on an accommodation. It was simply an accommodation loan to tide over a momentary difficulty. Vanderbilt would probably never have granted such a favor or acceded to such an unbusiness-like request from any person but Gen. Grant. For him he did it without question, as many another would do. Vanderbilt held the Grant & Ward check, as he had promised, until the very day the Marine Bank closed its doors. Then, of course, it was thrown out as worthless. One can imagine what for a moment must have been his opinion of Gen. Grant. In his anger he sent for the general. The latter came, and, as the story goes, fully satisfied Vanderbilt that he had no knowledge of the firm's impending failure, and agreed to see that the sum was paid, even if Mrs. Grant had to sacrifice her property.—Chicago Herald.

MR. NELSON of Minnesota, is accused in a Tribune special of being a free trader, and of having bulldozed the other three Minnesota members, Strait, Wakefield and White, into favoring the Morrison tariff bill. These charges he repudiates in a straightforward manner, and he indulges in a little plain talk which may not please the president makers, but which reflects credit upon himself. In an interview he says: "The whole dispatch," referring to the Tribune's special, "is a tissue of falsehoods from beginning to end, and has no foundation in thought or deed. I have never sought to exert any influence or pressure upon any of my colleagues in this matter. I am not a free trader. I simply feel that with an overflowing and plethoric treasury there should be a reduction of the tariff. I believe it is improper and outrageous to tax the people of this country beyond the wants of the government for its current and necessary expenses and obligations. Fifty millions yearly surplus is of itself the strongest kind of evidence why there should be a tariff reduction. On this tariff question I feel that I am not representing any one class or nationality in my district, but the whole body of hard working producers. I trust that, as a representative of Minnesota, I shall never so far forget my duty as to strive to be the representative of any particular class or faction. The reason why the Morrison bill or any other tariff bill could not receive any consideration this session is that the Warwicks on the Democratic side and the Warwick's on the Republican side are afraid to touch the subject on the eve of a presidential election. Republicans now privately admit that there ought to be a readjustment and reduction of the tariff, but claim that it should be postponed until after the presidential election. I feel that I am here to legislate and work for the people of my district, and not to make presidents."

BENJAMIN F. BUTLER will be a delegate to the democratic national convention. There will be music in the air and the democrats might do worse than nominate the old war horse for the presidency.

NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF.—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., April 14, 1884. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim and secure final entry thereof on the 11th day of June, 1884, viz: Bruce, D. S. No. 15331 for the n w 1/4 of section 26, township 148 n, range 60 w, and names the following as his witnesses, viz: Thora Odgaard, H. E. No. 12185, for the southeast quarter of section 14, township 148 n, range 60 w, and names the following as her witnesses, viz: Henry Olson, John O. Ole, Peter E. Nelson and Lewis T. Soland, all of Ottawa, P. O., Griggs county, D. T. The testimony of claimant to be taken before John N. Jorgensen, clerk of the district court, at Cooperstown, Griggs county, D. T., on the 4th day of June, A. D. 1884 at his office. HORACE AUSTIN, Register. Jacobson & Serungard, attorneys. a25m30

NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF.—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., April 24, 1884. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of her intention to make final proof in support of her claim and secure final entry thereof on the 28th day of June, 1884, viz: Thora Odgaard, H. E. No. 12185, for the southeast quarter of section 14, township 148 n, range 60 w, and names the following as her witnesses, viz: Henry Olson, John O. Ole, Peter E. Nelson and Lewis T. Soland, all of Ottawa, P. O., Griggs county, D. T. The testimony of claimant to be taken before John N. Jorgensen, clerk of the district court, at Cooperstown, Griggs county, D. T., on the 23rd day of June, 1884, at his office. And you, George Nilson, who filed D. S. No. 9,700 upon said lands on the 19th day of April, 1882, are hereby notified to appear before the United States land office at Fargo, D. T., on the 28th day of June, 1884, and show cause, if any you have, why said Thora Odgaard should not be allowed to make final proof and payment for said lands. HORACE AUSTIN, Register. Jacobson & Serungard, attorneys. 16-21

NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF.—Land office at Fargo, D. T., April 8, 1884. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim and secure final entry thereof on the 6th day of June, 1884, viz: Depew R. Swartout, D. S. No. 16264 for the s e 1/4 of section 22, township 144 n, range 61 w, and names the following as his witnesses, viz: C. W. Fulford, A. A. Nutt, L. G. Blanchard, James Lowe, Helena, Griggs county, D. T. The testimony of claimant and witnesses to be taken before John N. Jorgensen, clerk of the district court, at Cooperstown, Griggs county, D. T., on the 24th day of June, A. D. 1884 at his office. And you Peter H. Swartout, who filed D. S. No. 10096 on the 5th day of May, 1882, are hereby notified to be and appear before the U. S. Land Office at Fargo, D. T., on the 6th day of June, 1884, and show cause if any you have why said Depew R. Swartout should not be allowed to make final proof and payment for said land. HORACE AUSTIN, Register. C. A. VanWormer, Attorney. a18m23

NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF.—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., April 24, 1884. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim and secure final entry thereof on the 30th day of June, 1884, viz: Albert A. Coleman, D. S. No. 16,308, for the west 1/2 of the northwest 1/4, and the west 1/2 of the southwest 1/4 of section 24, township 148 n, range 61 w, and names the following as his witnesses, viz: Charles H. Johnson, Nils Gulbraun, Knut Nilson and Nils O. Thompson, all of Willow P. O., Griggs county, D. T. The testimony to be taken before John N. Jorgensen, clerk of the district court, at Cooperstown, Griggs county, D. T., on the 28th day of June, A. D. 1884, at his office. HORACE AUSTIN, Register. Jacobson & Serungard, attorneys. a25m30

NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF.—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., April 23, 1884. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim and secure final entry thereof on the 24th day of June, 1884, viz: Charles C. Frydenborg, D. S. No. 14, for the southeast quarter of section 36, township 146 n, range 60 w, and names the following as his witnesses, viz: Clara Schickens, Karus Hegge, Frank J. Pfeifer and Thomas Knudson, all of Cooperstown, Griggs county, D. T. The testimony of claimant and witnesses to be taken before John N. Jorgensen, clerk of the district court, at Cooperstown, Griggs county, D. T., on the 17th day of June, A. D. 1884, at his office. HORACE AUSTIN, Register. Jacobson & Serungard, attorneys. 15-20

NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF.—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., March 18, 1884. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim and secure final entry thereof on the 10th day of June, 1884, viz: Henry A. Fenner, D. S. No. 15621 for the s w 1/4 of section 36, township 146 n, range 60 w, and names the following as his witnesses, viz: Herman A. Michells, James Finley VanVorhilt, Carl Fromm, Carl Gartman, all of Cooperstown, P. O., Griggs county, D. T. The testimony to be taken before Byron Andrus, judge of probate, at Cooperstown, Griggs county, D. T., on the 3d day of June, A. D. 1884 at his office. HORACE AUSTIN, Register. a11m30ba

NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF.—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., April 23, 1884. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of her intention to make final proof in support of her claim and secure final entry thereof on the 18th day of June, 1884, viz: Celia H. Olson, H. E. No. 10,540 for the s e 1/4 of section 22, township 144 n, range 61 w, and names the following as her witnesses, viz: M. L. Mickels, Lars S. Peterson, Isaac E. Herried, Edward Ellevsen, all of Helena Griggs county, D. T. The testimony of witnesses to be taken before U. S. Land Office, at Fargo, Cass county, D. T., on the 18th day of June, A. D. 1884. HORACE AUSTIN, Register. Thompson & Krogh, Attorneys. 15-20

NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF.—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., April 14, 1884. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim and secure final entry thereof on the 11th day of June, 1884, viz: Thora S. Serungard, D. S. No. 12794 for the southeast quarter of section 2, township 146 n, range 58 w, and names the following as his witnesses, viz: Omund Nelson, Knut Knudson, Andrew Carlson, Carl Anderson, all of Mardell, Griggs county, D. T. The testimony of claimant and witnesses to be taken before John N. Jorgensen, clerk of the district court, at Cooperstown, Griggs county, D. T., on the 4th day of June, A. D. 1884 at his office. HORACE AUSTIN, Register. Jacobson & Serungard. a25m30

NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF.—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., April 8, 1884. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim and secure final entry thereof on the 6th day of June, 1884, viz: Lorion G. Blanchard, H. E. No. 11600 for the s w 1/4 of section 32, township 144 n, range 61 w, and names the following as his witnesses, viz: Depew R. Swartout, A. A. Nutt, C. W. Fulford, James Lowe, Helena, Griggs county, D. T. The testimony of claimant and witnesses to be taken before John N. Jorgensen, clerk of the district court, at Cooperstown, Griggs county, D. T., on the 24 day of June, A. D. 1884 at his office. HORACE AUSTIN, Register. C. A. VanWormer, Attorney. a18m23

NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF.—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., April 8, 1884. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim and secure final entry thereof on the 28th day of May, 1884, viz: Knud Torkelson, D. S. No. 15332 for the southeast 1/4 of section 32, township 144 n, range 59 w, and names the following as his witnesses, viz: Knud O. Sisco, Charles Johnson, Charles Anderson, Christian Jackson, all of Cooperstown, Griggs county, D. T. The testimony of claimant and witnesses to be taken before John N. Jorgensen, clerk of the district court, at Cooperstown, Griggs county, D. T., on the 21st day of May, A. D. 1884 at his office. HORACE AUSTIN, Register. Jacobson & Serungard. a18m23

NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF.—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., April 16, 1884. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim and secure final entry thereof on the 9th day of June, 1884, viz: John T. Fosholdt, D. S. No. 11, for the n w 1/4 of section 14, township 147 n, range 59 w, and names the following as his witnesses, viz: Charles E. Hunter and Frank Hunter of Cooperstown, D. T., Anton Hanson and Edward Hanson, of Ottawa, Griggs county, D. T. The testimony of claimant and witnesses to be taken before John N. Jorgensen, clerk of the district court, at Cooperstown, Griggs county, D. T., on the 2nd day of June, A. D. 1884 at his office. HORACE AUSTIN, Register. Jacobson & Serungard. a35m30

Notice—Timber Culture. U. S. Land Office, Fargo, D. T., April 19, 1884. Complaint having been entered at an office by Peter C. Nelson against James A. Williamson, for failure to comply with law as to Timber Culture entry No. 5,920, dated June 30, 1881, upon the southwest quarter of section 26, township 144, range 60, in Griggs county, Dakota, with a view to the cancellation of said entry; contestant alleging that said James A. Williamson failed to break or cause to be broken five acres of said tract during the second year of his entry; that there is none broke upon said lands at this date, except two acres which were broken during the first year of said entry, the said parties are hereby summoned to appear at this office on the 10th day of June, 1884, at 10 o'clock a. m., to respond and furnish testimony concerning said alleged failure. E. C. GEARY, Receiver. Jacobson & Serungard, attorneys for contestant. 15-20

NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF.—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., April 3, 1884. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim and secure final entry thereof on the 28th day of May, 1884, viz: Joseph Waldorf, D. S. No. 11, for the southeast quarter of section 3, township 148 n, range 60 w, and names the following as his witnesses, viz: H. Loungren, John K. Weaver, Elijah S. Hamilton, Joseph Buchheit, all of Willow, Griggs county, D. T. The testimony of witnesses and claimant to be taken before John N. Jorgensen, clerk of the district court, at Cooperstown, Griggs county, D. T., on the 22d day of May, A. D. 1884 at his office. HORACE AUSTIN, Register. Jacobson & Serungard. a11m16

NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF.—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., April 2, 1883. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim and secure final entry thereof on the 28th day of May, 1884, viz: Ole H. Christophers, D. S. No. 5954 for the s w 1/4 of section 26, township 147 n, range 58 w, and names the following as his witnesses, viz: Andrew Knudson, Eeten Johnson, Gustaf Mathias and Hans Prankus, all of Cooperstown, Griggs county, D. T. The testimony to be taken before John N. Jorgensen, clerk of the district court at Cooperstown, Griggs county D. T., on the 17th day of May, A. D. 1884 at his office. HORACE AUSTIN, Register. John N. Jorgensen, Attorney. a11m16

NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF.—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., April 21, 1884. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of her intention to make final proof in support of her claim and secure final entry thereof on the 28th day of May, 1884, viz: Fiechie I. S. No. 11, for the n e 1/4 of section 28, township 148 n, range 58 w, and names the following as her witnesses, viz: G. B. Custer of Cooperstown, Adolph P. Johnson, Karlott Peterson, Christ Jacobson, of Ottawa, Griggs county, D. T. The testimony of witnesses to be taken before Ole Serungard, a notary public at Cooperstown, D. T., and of claimant before John N. Jorgensen, clerk of the district court, at Cooperstown, Griggs county, D. T., on the 31th day of May, A. D. 1884 at his office. HORACE AUSTIN, Register. John N. Jorgensen, Attorney. a18m28

NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF.—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., April 14, 1884. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim and secure final entry thereof on the 11th day of June, 1884, viz: Ole Larson, D. S. No. 11, for the southwest quarter of section 28, township 148 n, range 60 w, and names the following as his witnesses, viz: John S. Instand, Ole J. Stromberg, James Myre, Ole H. Egge, of Willow P. O., Griggs county, D. T. The testimony of witnesses and claimant to be taken before John N. Jorgensen, clerk of the district court, at Cooperstown, Griggs county, D. T., on the 4th day of June, A. D. 1884 at his office. HORACE AUSTIN, Register. Jacobson & Serungard. a25m30

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