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### Official Paper of Griggs County

J. C. Drake, of Valley City, spent a day in Cooperstown this week.

Mr. Robinson and daughter, of Mardell, were in town Wednesday.

J. L. Strauss, the popular traveling man, came in town Thursday.

J. H. McDermott returned from a business trip to Valley City, Tuesday.

Mrs. E. W. Crane, aunt of Mr. Maynard Crane, is stopping at the Palace.

Miss Odegard was thrown from her horse Saturday evening, but was uninjured.

Misses Fannie and Lulu Lenham, of Sanborn, spent several days at the Hub this week.

Cash Yancey has removed his tonsorial emporium to Burrell avenue, over the Nelson & Langlie store.

A large number of geese, ducks and plovers were brought in Sunday by some of our bold, bad sportsmen.

The Barnes County Record shows snap and vitality under the exclusive management of L. Ed. Davison.

The first stroke of work on the new \$80,000 court house was done Thursday forenoon by Mr. Langford, who does the grading and excavating.

P. S. Holland, of Aneta, of the enterprising machine firm of Holland & Rukke, was in the city Tuesday and called at the Courthouse office.

A couple of our young men took in the dance at the Pattinson house, Dazey, and pronounce it a decided success, about fifty couples being in attendance.

N. L. Lenham accompanied by his friend, Mr. Joseph Lockey, cashier of the National German American bank of St. Paul, looked the county seat over Tuesday evening.

Mr. A. H. Moffat, of Sanborn, the contractor of the court house, has been in the city during the past week making preparations for beginning work on the court house structure.

We acknowledge the receipt of an invitation to the Decoration day memorial service at Fargo, May 30th, under the auspices of Jno. F. Reynolds Post G. A. R. Committee, Messrs. Edwards, West and Hill.

From Dr. Kerr, superintendent of schools for Griggs county, it is learned that Red Willow school district has issued bonds for two new school houses, and that it is the intention to erect two more the coming summer.

W. S. Coykendall, the genial operator of the Northern Pacific at Sanborn, came up from that place Wednesday evening and shook hands with friends. He reports thing at Sanborn as lovely as could be expected under the circumstances.

Mr. E. D. Stair, formerly of the Courier, left for the east Wednesday morning, carrying with him the best wishes of a large number of friends. Mr. Stair will go down to Chicago and witness the proceedings of the Republican National convention, which meets June 3.

Mrs. W. E. Bryant and Mrs. W. Upton, wives of the conductor and express messenger respectively on the Sanborn, Cooperstown & Turtle Mountain railroad, arrived in the city Tuesday evening. The gentlemen and their estimable wives will reside in Cooperstown in future.

The Manitoba is extending its road from here to Devil's Lake, and it is a foregone conclusion that Mayville will be the headquarters of the division up here. The Goose will hang high. Business lively and everybody hopeful. Mayville is and will be the metropolis of the great section of farming and railroad interests.—Mayville Tribune.

L. E. Stair, of Valley City, came up to Cooperstown Tuesday for the purpose of taking photographic views of the various public buildings in the city. On Thursday forenoon he took a view of the Courthouse office, the foreman of the ranch posing in his most bewitching attitude in the foreground. When he photographed Davis & Pickett's feed store the family circle which was assembled upon the sidewalk in front demonstrated the capability of the camera to operate in this region of fair women and well, the men may be brave enough, but they don't astonish strangers by their good looks.

County Treasurer Pease, of Barnes county, has been absent now ten days. It appears by his own books that he should have on hand a balance of \$25,000 belonging to the county, whereas but a few dollars are discovered. Individually, his financial affairs are in a like deplorable condition. The conclusion that all, even his relatives, have necessarily formed, is that he has absconded. His shortage is \$25,000. Three sets of bonds appear to secure his county against loss. Whether the bonds are sufficient remains to be seen. A good bond was originally given. The board of commissioners have tinkered with this bond, by substituting for it, or adding to it, until matters are in a very complicated state, and liability for the loss will not be settled upon anybody until after long litigation. The original bondsmen were

Herbert Root, N. L. Lenham, A. Gallinger, Chas. Booth, A. B. Zingg, Wm. Holliday, J. Parkhouse, John Russell.

The second bond bears the names of G. L. Lenham, E. M. Kiser, R. S. Pease, Vernon Shaw, D. F. Siegfried.

The third bond was signed by R. S. Pease, A. D. Maris, E. B. Pease, J. F. Shannon, Wm. Holliday, Chas. Booth, C. H. Bauder, C. C. Bauder.

Each bond is in amount \$50,000. Lenham & Kiser claim an absolute release from all liability, having demanded such release when the new bond was given, and having received it from the board of commissioners. The new treasurer is Duncan McDonald, the city treasurer of Valley City. The amount of the shortage is not so great but, were all these bonds in force, by contribution among the signers, but little inconvenience would be suffered by them in repaying the missing moneys; and it is not the amount of defalcation, but the defalcation itself which has so astounded the people. The cause of the deficiency is no doubt due to rash speculation. With no design to rob his county, but with the intention to replace the moneys, and with the speculator's certainty of success in his operations, Mr. Pease has no doubt been caught in the maelstrom of stock gambling, and turned the money over to such eminent citizens as Russell Sage, Vanderbilt, Gould & Co., who do not embezzle moneys, but simply rob less experienced and poorer men than themselves. All of Mr. Pease's interests are here—his wife and family and many other relatives—he has stood high in public estimation, and doubtless had it been a possible thing for him to have replaced these moneys from his individual property he would gladly have done so, and we have faith that he will redeem himself yet.

**Proceedings of County Commissioners.**  
Board met May 16, 1884, at 9 a. m. in accordance with adjournment.

Present, N. C. Rukke and Rollin C. Cooper. Adjourned till 10 a. m.

Convened at 10 a. m. Full board present. Rollin C. Cooper in the chair.

On motion ordered that the proposition of Mr. T. J. Cooper be entered at length upon the minutes, viz:

CHICAGO, Ill., May 6, 1884.  
To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners of Griggs County Dakota Territory:

GENTLEMEN—I am about to lay off a subdivision on section 25, south and adjoining Cooperstown, and I wish to lay before you a proposition: First—If you gentlemen will locate and build your new court house on this new subdivision you may select a block for the same and I will deed it to the county for that purpose at once, and in addition I will pay the county one thousand (\$1,000) dollars upon completion of the said court house.

I send power of attorney to my brother, R. C., to act in my name and to close contract with you if accepted, also to deed the block to the county at once if desired. Respectfully,  
T. J. COOPER.

On motion adjourned for thirty minutes to examine the site for court house and jail offered by Mr. T. J. Cooper.

Reconvened. Motion made by Commissioner Rukke to accept the proposition made by Mr. T. J. Cooper, and that block 3, in the Cooper addition to Cooperstown be accepted as the location upon which to build the court house and jail; seconded by Commissioner Halvorson. The question was put to a vote, and the roll called by the clerk, resulting as follows: N. C. Rukke, aye; Ole Halvorson, nay; Rollin C. Cooper, aye. Motion carried.

On motion adjourned till 2 p. m. Convened at 2 p. m.

Moved by Commissioner Rukke that the county adviser be instructed to make out the papers necessary to pass the title of block 3, Cooper's addition to Coopers-

town to the county of Griggs, D. T., and to secure the payment of \$1,000 by Mr. T. J. Cooper upon the completion of the court house and jail. Seconded by Commissioner Halvorson.

The question was put to vote, and roll called, resulting as follows: Ayes, N. C. Rukke, Rollin C. Cooper; nay, Ole Halvorson. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Rukke that the bid of Alexander Moffat for construction of court house and jail for \$20,980, according to the plans and specifications made by F. B. Edwards, be accepted—provided he signs the contract and gives bond for \$41,960, approved by board of county commissioners, within five days from date hereof. Seconded by Commissioner Halvorson. Question put to vote and resulted as follows: N. C. Rukke, aye; Ole Halvorson, nay; Rollin C. Cooper, aye. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Rukke, seconded by Commissioner Halvorson, instructing F. B. Edwards to correspond and contract with the Herzog Manufacturing Co., of Minneapolis, Minn., for the jail fixtures necessary for completion of jail. Vote put, resulting as follows: N. C. Rukke, aye; Ole Halvorson, nay; Rollin C. Cooper, aye. Motion carried.

The following bills were approved: E. D. Stair, publishing court house and jail notice, \$10 50

E. D. Stair, publishing proceedings of county commissioners, 13 75

Minutes of meeting read, and, on motion, approved.

On motion, adjourned till May 17th, 1884, at 2 p. m. ROLLIN C. COOPER, Chairman.

HERBERT P. SMART, Clerk.

Convened May 17th, 1884, at 2 p. m. Present, N. C. Rukke, Rollin C. Cooper. Adjourned until Monday, May 18th, 1884, at 2 p. m. ROLLIN C. COOPER, Chairman.

HERBERT P. SMART, Clerk.

Met May 19th, 1884, at 2 p. m. Present, N. C. Rukke and Rollin C. Cooper. Rollin C. Cooper in the chair.

On motion, ordered that the clerk be instructed to correspond with the Northern Pacific Railway company and ascertain who owns the southeast quarter of section 25, township 148, range 59.

On motion, ordered that the report of Mark Sutherland, Rolfe Johnson and Isaac E. Mills, viewers of the proposed road from near the northeast corner of section 1, township 148, range 59, to Cooperstown be accepted as per plat made and filed in the county clerk's office by M. A. Ueland, county surveyor.

On motion, ordered that John T. Dunham, Thore Olson and Ole A. Groff be above named, and that they be required to appointed reviewers of the proposed road meet at Samuel Goldthrite's, May 21, 1884, at 2 o'clock p. m., to qualify and appoint a day for such review.

On motion, ordered that a refunding order be issued to Hergus Osmundson for \$1.50, road poll tax, he being over fifty years old.

On motion, the following bills were approved, viz:

Rolfe Johnson, services as road viewer, \$16 00

Isaac Mills, services as road viewer, 16 00

Mark Sutherland, services as road viewer, 16 00

M. A. Ueland, services surveying and platting proposed road from near the northeast corner of section 1, township 148, range 59, to Cooperstown, and use of team, 20 00

Ole O. Groff, assisting road viewers, 3 00

On motion, adjourned till May 20th, 1884, at 9 a. m. ROLLIN C. COOPER, Chairman.

HERBERT P. SMART, Clerk.

Met May 20th, 1884 at 9 a. m. Present, N. C. Rukke and Rollin C. Cooper. Rollin C. Cooper in the chair.

On motion the following bills were allowed:

Andrew Johnson, serving notices of appointment on road viewers, \$11 30

Sevat K. Skagen, hauling stone to Sheyenne bridge, 2 50

L. S. Norgard, hauling stone to Sheyenne bridge, 1 00

Sanborn Enterprise, publishing court house and jail notice to contractors, 7 00

Jamestown Capital, same, 7 10

Bismarck Tribune, same, 10 25

Fargo Argus, same, 17 25

Adjourned until Thursday, May 22d, 1884, at 9 a. m. ROLLIN C. COOPER, Chairman.

HERBERT P. SMART, Clerk.

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

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