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Official Paper of Griggs County

The Bald Hill dam is out.
H. P. Smart went to Sanborn Monday.
E. W. Hagerty made us a call Friday.
Mrs. Crane returned to Sanborn Saturday.
Mrs. J. N. Brown has returned from Colorado.
Mr. N. C. Rukke returned Wednesday from Devil's Lake.
School township No. 2 has bonded itself in the sum of \$1,500 to build school houses.
Little & Clendening, the live merchants of Dazey, publish their card in this issue.
Andrew Torsen, of Romness, was in town Tuesday and subscribed for the COURIER.

Major Theodore Andrus left for Hampton, Ia., Monday. He is missed by the boys.

Cooperstown needs a watch repairer and a butcher shop, as appears by our advertising columns.

The low ground west of the Palace, on Burrell avenue, is being filled up. It is a needed improvement.

Hones, bones, bones—
Bones are on the road;
The buffalo pays the butcher
The bill for bull that's owed.

Uncle John Russell has bought the mill at Bismarek. What in the world is Bismarek going to do with so much flour.

Conductor Bryant and family have moved into the Lenham house, near the elevator. Mr. Bryant is the right man for the branch.

Wheat is again off. The market is suffering, like many an individual, from plethora. It needs the same kind of treatment—less feeding.

J. C. Drake arrived overland Monday night to commence work on the Griggs county capitol. He brings with him some very fine horses.

Nothing has been heard of Treasurer Pease, of Barnes county. Suit has been brought against his bondsmen. The shortage is now reported to be \$28,000.

W. L. Pattison, of the Half Way House, Dazey, is out with a card. Although Mr. Pattison's hotel is not yet completed, the traveling public are hospitably entertained.

Dr. Donaldson, who removed from Sanborn to Jamestown last spring, has returned to Sanborn to practice medicine. Jamestown is in advance of the surrounding country.

Superintendent Kerr visited the farm of J. G. White, section 34, township 145, range 60, in Wild Rose Valley, Saturday. He reports that and other farms as looking magnificently.

The COURIER takes considerable stock in Peter E. Flesche's Norman horse, Young Superior. If it had not been for that animal and Conductor Bryant our Saturday's mail would have laid over until Monday.

Ground was broken for the court house Saturday. The brick will be imported from Brainerd. About 130 car loads of material will be rolled over the Sanborn and Cooperstown road during the building of the temple.

Andrew Benson, north of Bald Hill creek, has trees growing about his place, fenced land, and looks generally prosperous. He tried farming in Washington Territory, but nothing could be done without irrigation.

Two hundred and fifty tons of buffalo bones are now waiting shipment at this point—representing at least 10,000 animals. The price paid is now \$8 per ton, cash. The shipment is made to Detroit, Mich., where the bones are ground up into fertilizers to enrich less productive lands than ours.

Block 23 on the town plat would look well with a Congregational church in the center. The townsite company would probably like to donate the site for that purpose. There would be but little trouble in negotiating a loan on such property sufficient to erect a handsome church building.

Subscribers finding this notice crossed will know that their subscriptions have expired, and will please renew.

The contract for a school house on the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter of section 26, township 144, range 60, 20x24, has been let for \$874. It will be heated from the cellar by furnace. The building will be near the farms of Messrs. Michels and Swenson.

Attorney F. C. Holmes left Cooperstown for Saline, Michigan, where he expects to embark in the newspaper business. Mr. Holmes is a young man of ability and we wish him success. He leaves behind him in Cooperstown many friends who will regret his absence.

A novel criminal trial was in progress in Sanborn Monday. Mr. Geo. Lenham had sworn out a warrant against a man for stealing his house, and the charge was petit larceny. George, that is a dead give-away on the lumber business, or else it was a mighty small house.

Elizabeth Morgan was married in Cooperstown May 4th, 1884, to a man named Warner. April 16th, Elizabeth Morgan brings suit against Chas. A. Morgan, the summons of which is published in the Barnes County Record of May 25th. Mills & Winterer, attorneys. Whether the parties are identical we are unable to say. The object of the action is not stated in the summons.

We understand that there are several of the best and most intelligent citizens of our county who have never subscribed for the COURIER. When their names were given us, we confess that we were greatly surprised. Come forward gentlemen. This state of affairs must not exist in a civilized community. This will naturally be a season for considerable local and general, political and financial news, and you might accidentally find something in our columns that would interest you.

The Sunday morning services at the school house partook somewhat of the nature of a business meeting. Mr. F. M. Rockwell, who has been conducting the services, informed the congregation that whereas they were about to organize themselves into a religious society, it would be proper and necessary to invite the Dakota pastors to aid in the organization by their attendance. He invited a motion from the congregation to that end. The motion was made and carried, and Mr. Rockwell was selected to extend the invitations. After the usual reading of the scriptures, prayer and singing, the gentleman preached ably from Galatians, ii, 21. His remarks were extempore, and many of his illustrations were striking and apt.

C. C. Phillippe has returned from southern Dakota and is enraptured with it. It is fairer than Eden, but after seeing it he thinks he will start a boom town out in the bad lands. The railroad offers a half section of land and a side track, provided one of those delightful counties can be colonized. A paper will be started and everything will be run on the most approved system. Lots will probably be as small as a suffering public will bear, and the price a mighty sight higher. We wish Mr. Phillippe success in his scheme and hope his golden dreams will be realized at once. Possibly a corner of the townsite here with land round about could be secured. This would doubtless be more profitable and pleasant than to leave the wheat country for the desert.

It would appear to a stranger that of all the towns of the Northwest, Cooperstown offers better opportunities for progressive business men than any other. It has perhaps the largest area of country tributary to it as a marketing point of any town in the great wheat belt. Its trade reaches from Sanborn to Devil's Lake, from Hope to Carlington. It is the county seat of one of the most arable and attractive counties in the territory and is the permanent terminus of the Cooperstown branch of the Northern Pacific railroad. It is the only town in the county, and while but a year old, already possesses a hotel as fine as any between the Red and Missouri rivers, a mammoth elevator, a magnificent school building, and will soon point with pride to a solid court house and spacious churches.

This morning at ten o'clock our community is shocked by the sudden death of Mr. H. S. Lenham, the landlord of the Palace. He passed a restless night, but arose and dressed as usual and attended to his ordinary duties. He complained of a tightness across his chest, and, in accordance with the request of his wife, about 9 o'clock sent for the family physician, Dr. Kerr. Nothing serious was apprehended by the physician. Shortly afterward he laid down and requested

his wife not to awaken him, should he fall asleep, as he was very drowsy. He fell asleep and Mrs. Lenham was startled by the gurgle of the throat, which often accompanies death, to find that he was dead. The physicians, Drs. Kerr and Newell, were immediately summoned, but medical aid could not avail. The cause of death was apoplexy. Mr. Lenham was sixty-two years of age, and came to Cooperstown about two months ago. He was a brother to Mr. L. S. Lenham, of Sanborn, and leaves an estimable wife and a grown up family of children by a former marriage. He was universally respected in this community and his loss will be deeply felt.

Found Dead.

The body of Nels Larson, lost last winter, has been found near Red Willow lake. His clothing was entirely insufficient to protect him from the severity of a winter's night, and getting astray on the prairie, he no doubt died of exposure.

Gold.

Gold is reported along the Sheyenne a few miles southeast of us. Assays from the rock, which a miner would call a blossom, are said to run as high as \$150 per ton. The rock has more resemblance to trachyte than any other. The ledge appears volcanic and crops in shale, the common country rock. The discovery was made last fall at the time of the Lisbon excitement, but the prospectors preferred to keep quiet about it until something tangible should be had regarding its value. Although gold in rock of this character, cropping from shale through a lacustrine deposit that does not carry placer gold, is something uncommon, "gold is where you find it," and it is probable that our Sheyenne gold fields will soon be heard from. Prospectors are already coming in.

Jimsonweed on John Wyckliffe.

Old Mr. Jimsonweed came into town Monday "terrible tickled" at having got his views on the "situation" before the public in the last COURIER. We were just reading aloud an account of the festival in celebration of the 500th anniversary of the death of John Wyckliffe, the Morning Star of the Reformation. The impulsive old veteran of a thousand battles became quite excited over the prospect of the translator of the bible being a candidate for the democratic nomination, against the sage of Gramercy. "They needn't try to get up no boom for Wyckliffe. I know Wyckliffe. A more unreliable of horsefief I never expect to see. Why this yere Johnny Wyckliffe, us soldiers always called him Johnny, cause we knowed him so well, was a pizen varmint. He was one of the nine months suckers, and you can betchersweetlife if he didn't spend exactly eight months and twelve days in the guard house I'm a liar from wayback. They can't play no Wyckliffe on the 27th Ingiana. We've got his record."

A Destructive Storm.

F. E. Mower, of Dane county, Wisconsin, who settled below us, thus describes the hail storm of July 11th, 1883, which destroyed his entire crop of 600 acres: "I was about ten miles from my farm at the station when I first noticed heavy black clouds piling up in the north. The sun was then shining, and as I was in a hurry to get home, concluded to push along. The hotel keeper told me I would get wet before reaching home, but I bet him two dollars to five that I wouldn't get wet through. He accepted the bet, and I drove away with the black clouds following me and getting blacker and blacker. It was a race of horsefief against the wind, and I was anxious to go under the wire first, for I had never before seen a cloud grow black and dense like the one behind me, and felt a little nervous, as my nigh horse was terribly frightened in a thunder storm. When about two miles from home I first got the cold air from the cloud; it was like the draft from an ice house. It was getting dark as night, and commenced to rain, and rained steadily until I got home and stabled my horses. I hadn't fairly got the harnesses off before there was a tremendous thunder clap, and the most terrible shower of hail and rain I ever saw. My stable was only two hundred feet from the house, but I was kept a prisoner in the barn for over two hours, and when I came out the sun was shining and my 600 acres of wheat was mowed slick as a barn floor. The wheat came up again and headed, but was so late that the frost nipped it, and I lost my season's work and seed wheat, which is why I am so hard up this season. That hail storm seemed to be after me and my neighbors and nobody else. Everybody else had fair crops. If I had

known what I do now I wouldn't have suffered any loss. I would have gone into Cooperstown and insured with H. G. Pickett, at the Cooperstown bank, in one of his old reliable Hail Insurance companies and been all right to-day." "Well, Mr. Mower, did you lose your bet with the landlord?" "Lord, no; I had a rubber coat, rubber boots and rubber blanket under the wagon seat, and if I had had a hail insurance policy in my pocket, I'd have gone him ten dollars more."

Proceedings of County Commissioners.

Board met May 22, 1884, at 9 a. m. in accordance with adjournment.

Present, Rollin C. Cooper and N. C. Rukke. Adjourned till 1 p. m.

Convened at 1 p. m. Present, Messrs. Rukke and Cooper. Adjourned till 7 p. m.

Convened at 7 p. m. Present, Messrs. Rukke and Cooper. Commissioner Cooper in the chair.

Contract was entered into between the county of Griggs and Alexander Moffat for the construction of the court house and jail for the sum of twenty thousand nine hundred and eighty (20,980) dollars. Mr. Moffat having presented a bond for forty-one thousand nine hundred and sixty (41,960) dollars, which was approved by the board and placed on file.

Bill of N. C. Rukke, services as county commissioner, and mileage, \$56.00, was approved.

Adjourned to meet May 29th, 1884, at 2 p. m. ROLLIN C. COOPER, HERBERT P. SMART, Chairman, Clerk.

Met May 29th, 1884, at 2 p. m. in accordance with adjournment. Present, Messrs. Cooper and Rukke. Commissioner Cooper in the chair.

On motion, ordered that tax upon section 1, township 144, range 61, be abated upon 54 acres, amounting to \$7.21, and tax upon section 19, township 144, range 61, be abated upon 24 acres amounting to \$3.21, the above sections being short the respective number of acres.

On motion ordered that a refunding order be issued to Henry C. Fitch for \$375 for unearned license money from April 1st, 1884, to January 1st, 1885.

Petition for public highway from Cooperstown east on the north line of section 30, township 148, range 58, to the northeast corner of section 30, thence south on east line of sections 20 and 31 to southeast corner of section 31, township 146, range 58, thence east on north line of sections 5 and 4 to northeast corner of section 4, township 145, range 58, thence south on east line of section 4 to northwest corner of section 10, thence east on north line of sections 10, 11, and 12, in said town 145, range 58, to range line between range 57 and 58. Presented, and, on motion, laid on table.

Report of Ole O. Groff, Thore Olson and J. T. Dunham, reviewers of proposed road from near northeast corner of section 1, township 148, range 59, to Cooperstown, received and on motion ordered opened.

On motion, adjourned till June 2nd, 1884, at 2 p. m. ROLLIN C. COOPER, HERBERT P. SMART, Chairman, Clerk.

MACHINE POETRY.

MANUFACTURED TO ORDER.
The Reliance binder (Holland & 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 clinches the bundle tight, And ties it up with a twisted knot, To the farmers great delight.
It eases the horses and tickles the man, It saves your time and wheat, It buys your wife a seal skin sacque, And covers your children's feet.

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.

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

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—cozzets, linen, hose, silks, laces, ribbons, hats, gloves, false hair, jewelry, and a glass eye if necessary.

ODEGARD & THOMPSON.

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

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.

Fresh oranges and lemons every week at Whidden Bros.

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.

Bone checks taken in exchange for flour and feed at G. W. Greenlee & Co.'s.

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 bean mash. Bring him in and let us lead 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 full line of saddles, blankets, brushes, curry combs, interfering boots, whips, lip robes, etc., at McDermott's.

Prices that compete with Fargo. Lenham Elevator & Lumber Co.

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 of gratitude to McDermott and the farmer.

For Sale.

One span work horses, weight 2,600 pounds, 9 years old, price \$300. One span work horses, weight 2,200 pounds, age 9 and 10 years, price \$275. For further information apply at COURIER OFFICE.

Lost!

A light summer shawl in or near Cooperstown. The finder will be suitably rewarded by leaving same at Whidden Bros' store.

A Card.

We have placed a full line of Flock 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 tiled land. 50c.

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 brain 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, Mardell.

Good Seed Barley.

Perfectly cleaned can be secured by applying to B. B. Brown or at Whidden's store. 10c

The "Reliance" Harvester and Binder.

An important advantage in the Reliance Harvester and Binder is in the plunger bolt being done away with altogether and a cam movement substituted, which prevents the binding apparatus getting easily out of repair, which is sometimes the cause of no little delay and loss to the farmer.

Another advantage of the Reliance over all other machines is in the knife, which is held in such a position that it can be bound with wire and yet work perfectly, cutting the twine as easily as if a sharp edge were presented. A dull knife will not stop the farmer's work.

Another advantage is in the light draft of the Reliance, and still another advantage is in the substitution of an oscillating board in place of the ordinary canvas adjuster. This packs the bundle in place, making an even butt, saving wheat and time. HOLLAND & RUKKE.