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Notice.—U. S. Land Office, Fargo, D. T., June 18th 1884. Complaint having been entered at this office by Knud Thompson against John Johnson for fraudulently making his Homestead Entry No. 10,305, dated April 25th, 1883, upon the southeast quarter of section 8, township 145, range 56, in Griggs county, Dakota, contestant alleging that said John Johnson made said Homestead Entry under an assumed name to defraud the government of the United States, and his right name is W. L. Johnson with a view to the cancellation of said entry; said parties are hereby summoned to appear at this office on the 30th day of August, 1884, at ten o'clock a. m., to respond and furnish testimony concerning said alleged abandonment.
 HORACE AUSTIN, Register.
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NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF.—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., July 2, 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 August, 1884, viz: Maynard Crane, D. S. No. 15,619 for the n w 1/4 of sec. 24, township 145 n, range 61 w, and names the following at his witnesses, viz: James W. Christie, R. M. Cowen, Thomas T. Groff, A. E. Richardson, 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 18th day of August, A. D. 1884, at his office.
 HORACE AUSTIN, Register.
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NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF.—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., July 1st, 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 August, 1884, viz: William C. Jameson, D. S. No. 15,404 for the n e 1/4 of sec. 28, township 148 range 60 w, and names the following as his witnesses, viz: Harry Clarke, Gideon Sheldon, George Calder, John Island, all of Willow P. O., 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 18th day of August, A. D. 1884, at his office.
 HORACE AUSTIN, Register.
 Wm. Glase, Attorney.
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The Minneapolis Fair.

During the past week negotiations have closed and contract signed which will bring to Minneapolis the first week of September the greatest trotting and pacing wonders of America. While a programme for all classes will be fixed for the week, specialties have been secured, bringing the stables of J. I. Case and Commodore Kittson, the leading and rival breeders of the United States, together at Minneapolis, to contest for the supremacy, and first place in the records of the day. The list embraces: Jay Eye See, the greatest trotter in the world, record of 2:10; Phallas, with a record of 2:15; Fanny Witherspoon, with a record of 2:17; Revenue, with a record of 2:18; Van Armin, with a record of 2:19. The great side-wheelers, Johnston, record 2:10; Gurgle, record 2:15; Little Brown Jug, record 2:11; Gem, record 2:13; Minnie R, with a pacing record of 2:20 and a trotting record of 2:19. The fair management will spare no expense in their endeavors to give the public the greatest list of attractions ever gathered at a fair in America. The horses mentioned here will enter in a "free-for-all" trotting class, "free-for-all" pacing class, barring Johnston and Jay Eye See in their respective classes. Negotiations are pending to secure a match between Johnston and the famous pacer Richball, and have been undoubtedly closed. Jay Eye See will trot to beat his own record, should there be no horse found in the world to match him. Directly upon the close of the G. A. R. reunion at Minneapolis the fair management are to give their splendid and unequalled programme to the public. The exposition, in all classes, is already an assured success.

The March of the Prairie Dog.

Albany (Texas) News: The prairie dog is a standing threat against the future prosperity of the grazing districts of the state. Draw a line from Red River south to the Colorado, so as to run about the western lines of Throckmorton, Shackelford, Callahan and Coleman counties, and you mark the front of the greatest immigration army ever dreamed of by man. From this line west 250 miles, every square mile is infested by these devouring pests. They thickly inhabit a section of country 200 miles long and 250 miles wide. The advent of the white man into this country has but increased their numbers, as man has destroyed the wolves, badgers, rattlesnakes and other animals which prey upon the prairie dogs. They eat the grass in summer and the grass roots in winter, and the consequence is that what was a few years ago the finest grazing region in America is fast becoming a verdureless desert. Unlike all other animals in America, the prairie dog is migrating, not west, but east. Only a year or two ago his eastern line was about the western line of this county. In a short time he has advanced his frontier east about five miles into Shackelford, Throckmorton, and the other counties lying north and south of Shackelford. Unless checked he will soon ravage all the mesquite grass land in the state, and will then descend in countless hosts upon the black waxy farming lands of Tarrant, Dallas, Collin, and the other counties east of us. It is no exaggeration to say that \$10,000,000 does not exceed the value of the grass annually consumed by the prairie dogs of northern Texas. Could they be destroyed instantly, as by a stroke of lightning, the price of land in all the regions described would advance 100 per cent. as soon as the fact was known.

The Wild Franks of a Telephone Girl.

Some funny things happen on the telephone line occasionally. Several evenings ago, a young fellow repaired to the store, where he is employed, after working hours, and rang up the residence of his best girl. The connection was made and the young blood inquired: "Is that you, Miranda?" "Yes, George dear," came the reply. "Are you alone?" "Yes, darling." "I wish I was down there." "I wish so, too." "If I were there do you know what I would do with my darling?" "No, George." "Well, I'd unbuckle the crupper and put some dirt in her mouth." "Oh! you brute!" cried Miranda, and they never speak as they pass by, and the man who was talking to a farrier about the best plan for starting a balky mare says that anybody that will advise a man to put his arms around the neck of an obstreperous horse and hug and kiss it and hold it on his lap and whisper words of love in its ear, ought to be hung to the nearest lamp post, while the telephone girl, who mixed the conversation on purpose, smiles blandly on all the parties concerned.—Ex.

Gov. Pierce and Bismarck.

It is reported that Gov. Ordway has telegraphed to Washington that he has assurances from Mr. Pierce, the new governor of Dakota, that he is "all right" on the capital question, says a

Washington special.

This means that he is in favor of Bismarck. This report is discredited here, from the fact that Mr. Pierce has not been here to receive his instructions, and that he would hardly commit himself upon so important a question as the capital until after he has consulted the authorities here. It is understood that the question will come up in another shape before the comptroller of the currency, to whom it has been referred by the secretary of the territory, who is the disbursing officer, who wants a ruling as to where the disbursements should be made. It is believed the new governor will be influenced by this ruling. Inquiries were made at the comptroller's office regarding this reference, but the comptroller said if such reference had been made, it had not yet reached his office. It is understood that it has been forwarded to him.

Fifty-nine deaths from cholera at Marseilles, Saturday.

Congressman White, of Minnesota, will be renominated.

The secretary of the interior, by request of Delegate Raymond, directed the commissioner of the general land office to suspend action in the cases where officers taking final proofs were also attorneys. If these proofs were invalidated great hardship would result.

Whidden Bros. have just received an immense stock of gloves, which they offer at prices that the shortest man in the county can reach.

Wall paper at the drug store.

Shawls—Shawls marked away down at Whidden Bros.

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

ADVICE TO MOTHERS.

Are you disturbed at night and broken of your rest by a sick child suffering or crying with pain of cutting teeth? If so, send at once and get a bottle of Mrs. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP FOR CHILDREN TEETHING. Its value is incalculable. It will relieve the poor little sufferer immediately. Depend upon it, mothers, there is no mistake about it. It cures dysentery and diarrhoea, regulates the stomach and bowels, cures wind colic, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, and gives tone and energy to the whole system. Mrs. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP FOR CHILDREN TEETHING is pleasant to the taste, and is the prescription of one of the oldest and best female nurses and physicians in the United States, and is for sale by all druggists throughout the world. Price 25 cents a bottle.

THE RELIANCE

Coming Through the Rye.

The first field trial of 1884 was held at Solomon, Kansas, Saturday, June 7th. The machines competing were the Reliance, Minneapolis, Empire and Osborne self binders. The trial was important because it was the first public trial of the year. The dispatch from Mr. Stiles given below shows the result:
 SOLOMON, Kan., June 7, 1884.
 SANDWICH MANUFACTURING CO.,
 Sandwich, Ill.
 Trial in rye here to-day. Reliance on top as usual. Took the blue ribbon by vote of three to one over Empire, Osborne and Minneapolis. Cheer after cheer given by the farmers upon hearing the judges' decision. L. H. STILES.

NO. 2.

A great trial of binders at Archie, Missouri, was had Saturday, June 7, at which the Deering, Osborne, Esterly, St. Paul, Dennett and Reliance were announced to appear. After getting on the ground the four first named declined to undertake the job. The Reliance worked with complete success, and nine orders were taken on the ground. The report comes to us by this day's mail coupled with the conclusion reached on that occasion that "the 1884 Reliance is the best machine on earth."
 June 9, 1884.

To Whom It May Concern.

Hereafter the Cooper Townsite company will not be responsible for anything purchased on their account except by written order signed by one of the company.
 COOPER TOWNSITE COMPANY.
 By R. C. COOPER.
 Dated June 27th, 1884.