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Official Paper of Griggs County

The boom has struck us. The Steele Herald doesn't enthuse over Pat Donan.

The Palace hotel is crowded, and the other hotels are full.

Cooperstown postoffice became a money order office July 25.

Richard Wikie will start in mercantile business in Cooperstown.

O. J. Paulson, of Valley City, is building a fine residence on Fifth avenue.

O. C. S. Wallace will hold services in the Freer school house next Sabbath at 4 p. m.

Many orders taken for binders cannot be filled. Our crops have outgrown the factories.

Mrs. R. M. Cowen and Miss Lina Barnard went to Sanborn for a short visit Tuesday.

The sale of the Kindred farm to S. K. Nester, of New York, was consummated Tuesday.

It is whispered that G. H. Dickey will be the member from Barnes in our coming legislature.

Editor McKean, of the Sanborn Enterprise, spent Sunday in Cooperstown, and made us a friendly call.

The Lenham Elevator and Lumber company are about to build a 35,000 bushel Chase elevator at Hannaford.

Dr. C. E. Ives, of Savannah, N. Y., and Mr. E. L. Craw, of Grand Haven, Mich., spent Sunday in Cooperstown.

Services in the school house Sabbath morning, conducted by O. C. S. Wallace, and in the evening by F. M. Rockwell.

It is reported that S. B. Langford will be a candidate for the commissionership this fall, and John W. Fiero for the assessorship.

The corner stone of a new Episcopal church was held at Jamestown Tuesday by Bishop Walker, with appropriate ceremonies.

Retzlaff Bros. killed a three-year-old steer Monday, that weighed 1,600 pounds. The animal had never been fed grain.

Sheriff Johnson left for Yankton Thursday morning, having in charge Mrs. Catherine Ashby, who was adjudged insane.

Davis & Pickett have purchased the Odegard & Thompson building—consideration \$2,000—and have removed their feed store to it.

Twenty-five carpenters and masons came in Monday night to work on the new elevator. It must be completed September first.

Knut Kittleson has sold his homestead, adjoining town, to Mr. Peter E. Nelson, salesman with John Syverson & Co., who has built a house on it.

Mr. J. C. Evans, of Valley City, took a trip, across country to Cooperstown, with the editor Thursday. He notices a great improvement in the city since he visited it last summer.

Messrs. Tucker and Lamb, of Michigan, will open a general store in Cooperstown this fall. They have purchased a half section of land and several lots from Cooper Bros.

Mrs. Catherine Ashby, who was examined as to her mental condition some weeks since, has lately set fire to her husband's stable. The commissioners of insanity went out to their farm Tuesday.

Holland & Rukke, the enterprising machine men, have a stack of binding twine about the size of the smallest pyramid of Egypt. The amount of twine used in harvest in a county like Griggs is something wonderful.

Chas. Johnson, of Willow, brings us in oats from his own field 5 feet 2 inches in height, with heads twenty inches long. He has lately been through Cass and Traill counties and has seen nothing in the way of cereals that compares with the Griggs county crops. He reports a difference of several inches in favor of Griggs county wheat.

A party of ten visited the mounds on section 15-145-58 on Sunday last under the guidance of John McDermott. They found there five mounds on the west banks of the Sheyenne, north of Christ Arestad, eight miles southeast of Cooperstown, which looked as though they might be the work of mound builders. They are situated in a basin, surrounded by the bluffs on one side and low hills skirting the river on the other. The soil is gumbo, the surface soil having evidently been removed and used to make the mounds, which vary in height from thirty to forty feet. The two farthest north are close together, south about twenty rods is a third; south of this about twenty-five rods is another, and about one-half mile south of this is a fifth. The mounds are nearly round at the base, and taper at an angle of about thirty-five degrees to a peak. On the top of all but the one farthest south grow cactus plants. In the basin where they are situated are numerous large boulders, most of which set on a little pillar of earth, the dirt having been removed from around them, and the rains of time washing away the loose soil have left them in this shape. Numerous specimens of petrified buffalo bones were brought back as mementoes. It is well worth anyone's time to visit the spot and look at them.

The following conveyance of town lots was made on the 16th of July by Cooper Bros. to M. M. Roberts, of Fargo: Blocks number 2, 5, 8, 11, 14, 17, 25, 29, 32, 41, 54, 65, 69 and 84; lots 1 to 16 inclusive, and 21 to 24 inclusive, in block 21; lots 1 to 14 inclusive, 16 to 20 inclusive and 22, in block 35; lots 1 to 19 inclusive and 21 to 24 inclusive, in block 38; lots 1 to 8 inclusive, 13, and 15 to 24 inclusive, in block 44; lots 1 to 14 inclusive, and 17 to 21 inclusive, in block 47; lots 19, 20 and 21 in block 49; lots 1 to 12 inclusive, 16 to 21 inclusive, and 23 and 24, in block 51; lots 8 to 11 inclusive, and 20 and 21, in block 60; lots 1 to 12 inclusive, in block 62; lots 4 to 6 inclusive, and 18 to 21 inclusive, in block 71; lots 20, 21 and 22 in block 72; lot 23 in block 73; lots 15, 16 and 17 in block 79; lot 10 in block 80; lots 9, and 13 to 24 inclusive, in block 81; and lots 4, 5 and 6 in block 82.

Greensburg (Pa.) Press: We are informed that a party of Latrobe gentlemen are about to start on a land hunting expedition to the great wheat raising country, on the Northern Pacific in Dakota. The party is made up of Messrs. William Donnelly, W. H. Ackerman, Alex. Baldrige and R. H. Smith. They will visit Jamestown, Mandan, Millvale, Bismarck and La Moure, with a view to locating. Mr. J. H. Rodgers, traveling agent for these lands, has been in this place several times lately visiting Amos Steck, Esq., who is the regular agent for this part of the country, and is always pleased to give any information to persons who want to know about the great Northwest.

We recommend that these gentlemen visit Cooperstown, and witness our magnificent harvest, the dedication of the court house, price our farm lands, and bag a few of our prairie chickens.

Our neighbors over the Sheyenne seem to be in a fair way to have a lively political campaign this fall. The present officials are credited with constituting a ring, detrimental to the interests of the county and tax payers, and a determined movement is on foot to oust them. The county convention to place in nomination a county ticket, and elect delegates to the territorial and district conventions will be held August 9th. Each school township is made a caucus precinct. The caucuses will be held August 7th. We know that the term ring is used by the "outs" against the "ins" promiscuously and sometimes unjustly. In this case the present incumbents are appointees, and it is claimed that the opposition is based upon substantial grounds, which makes action necessary.

F. D. Dibble is back from Griggs county, where he reports the country full of land seekers, and says that if the crop in northern Barnes and throughout Griggs is safely harvested it will surely average above twenty bushels to the acre of wheat, and sixty bushels of oats. Many oat fields are estimated to go seventy-five to eighty bushels, and some wheat as high as thirty-five bushels. No country, he says, can look finer.—Fargo Argus.

J. E. Qualey, Mardell, was in the city yesterday, and says wheat harvest in his neighborhood will commence in ten days, and that crops in general never looked better.

C. A. Hunter, residing about six miles north of Cooperstown, has a field of barley that stands on an average of four feet ten inches high.

OUR NEIGHBORS.

Base ball—Valley City walked away with Jamestown by a score of 35 to 4.

S. B. Merriam, of Hannaford, went east Wednesday, in response to a telegram from Mercer county, Ill., where his mother is at the point of death.

A. M. Pease's personal property, consisting of three horses, two cows, one binder, one header, and 250 acres of grain, were sold Tuesday to satisfy a judgment of A. D. Maris.

DAZEY.

The depot is completed and is being painted.

Little & Clendening are building an addition to their store.

Pattison has commenced a new stable; the stone foundation is laid.

Mrs. J. N. Little returned on Saturday from Wheatland, where she had been visiting friends.

Mr. C. T. Dazey returned from Fargo on Wednesday. Mr. D. will hold his interests in the townsite of Dazey.

R. Clendening, of Wheatland, came up on Saturday to pay his friends in Dazey a visit. He was much impressed with the progress of Dazey.

Dazey has sold his farm. There is a hitch, however, in the proceedings, owing to a prior contract having been recorded, which Mr. D. claims to be void for misrepresentation.

A Fargo special to the Pioneer Press says the extension of the Manitoba from Portland northwest to Larimore has been completed, thus giving a direct road to Devils Lake. This gives the Manitoba company an almost air line to Devils Lake from St. Paul via Fergus Falls, Breckenridge and Portland. It is stated that solid trains will be put on this route and that the bulk of the Devils Lake and Turtle Mountain business will be done over it. Portland had a jubilation over the completion of the road.

From the assessor's returns it is found that there is in the county 248,059 acres of land valued at \$1,067,999; town lots valued at \$194,513; property invested in merchandise, \$37,985; invested in manufactures, \$20. There are 960 horses worth \$40,500; 230 mules, \$11,490; 423 cattle, \$12,873; 98 sheep, \$481; 233 swine, \$1,478. Money and credits, \$750; household furniture, \$3,176; stocks and shares, \$10,000; all other property, \$27,932. Number of polls in county, 791.

J. C. Evans and Iver Jacobson went out after ducks this morning. They captured thirty-eight in two hours. They did not propose to kill any chickens unless in self defense. If a chicken attacked the horse or dog they deemed it their duty to see fair play. If the bird got hurt it would be its own fault. They are quite dangerous at this time of year.

The Eclipse baseball club of Valley City play a return game with the Jamestown club Saturday. Several Valley City horses are entered for the races at Jamestown, which take place the same day.

We advise the farmers who take the Courier to get their twine for harvest at once, as there is a shortage in the twine market. This item may save some individual the price of his subscription.

The artistic Tom Scattabo, of Valley City, has been awarded the contract for painting the court house. Our citizens can rest assured the work will be first-class.

The dance Thursday night was a pleasant affair, but not largely attended.

The First National bank of Jamestown is busted.

The Detroit Journal says that St. John was formerly a baptist.

John McDermott has been appointed deputy sheriff.

It was Barnum who said that some people liked to be humbugged, and even were willing to pay for it. That is all true enough in the show and circus line, where one can look on and laugh at the clown, but it is another kind of a circus when you feel that you are the clown making fun for your more fortunate neighbors as you waltz back and forth from the binder to the blacksmith shop for repairs while trying to keep your temper in trying to make a defective machine work. To avoid a circus at harvest time, buy the McCormick and take a rest.

Mrs. Langtry, it is said, will soon lead Freddie Gebhardt to the hymenial altar. This terrible intimacy, which has bothered the gossips so long, bids fair to have been an honest but curious courtship.

John McDermott has a full line of harvester whips. Every farmer needs one. The only stock in town.

While o'er the rugged path of life,
Weary and worn our footsteps tread,
We sink down fainting by the way,
For want of the staff of life, good bread.

Bread is the thing to make good blood,
And blood is life, so learned men say,
And Greenlee & Co. is the place
For No. 1 flour on any day.

We can serve you all with that great boon,
"The staff of life," at your command,
We guarantee it sweet and fresh,
And plenty of it right at hand.

Lumber.
Lumber at Fargo rates
Lumber by every train.
Lumber at prices that defy competition.
Estimates furnished for anything in the building line, from an exhibition building to a dog kennel, at lower rates than any town along the line of the Northern Pacific railroad. Rather than be undersold we will for the next thirty days present each buyer with a receipted bill of his purchases at a very low figure for cash.
Lenham Elevator & Lumber Co.,
Cooperstown, Dak., August 1.

Sealed proposals will be received at the clerks office of Red Willow school township, until Monday, August 18th, 1884, for the building of one school house in said township, to be built on section 24, town 148 north, range 60 west. Plans and specifications can be seen at the office of Supt. Kerr, in Cooperstown.
Dated this 24th day of July, 1884.
HARRY CLARK, Clerk.
C. H. JOHNSON, Treasurer.
W. C. JAMESON, Director.

27-30

A FRESH CAR LOAD OF FLOUR JUST RECEIVED AT DAVIS & PICKETT'S.
GRAHAM FLOUR.
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Harvest lickers at McDermott's.

Wanted—A good, new milch cow.
MARK SUTHERLAND.

SHAWLS—Shawls marked away down at Whidden Bros.

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

Flour from Fargo. Flour from Valley City.

Feed from Minneapolis, Fargo, Valley City and Sanborn.

DAVIS & PICKETT.

Whidden Bros. are still to the front with new goods every week. Some elegant prints just opening.

We are all ready for the harvest trade. Come and see us.
DAVIS & PICKETT.

Harvester whips at McDermott's, the only line in town—only a few left, and every man with a harvest needs one.

Fresh oranges and lemons every week at Whidden Bros.

Go read the new sign of Davis & Pickett; then take your neighbor with you and ask him if he has any idea what it is and he will say "no"—only way to find out is through Rube Belden. Go and ask him with a three dollar bill.

Our pile of ready-made clothing having become completely demoralized, we shall close the balance out regardless of cost.
Whidden Bros.

Farmers clean your seed wheat. The Lenham E. & L. Co. will sell you a machine for \$25.00 that will take out all foul seed.

If you want the finest grades of Flour, Feed and Oats, go to the store with the crazy sign.

Summer underwear will be closed out low at Whidden Bros.

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.

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.

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RELIANCE Harvester and Twine Binder,

WITH ALL THE LATE IMPROVEMENTS

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ESTERLY Harvester and Binder,

MARSH-WHITEY Platform Binder.

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One of which machines no Farmer can afford to be without. In Hay Rakes we offer the Farming Public the

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In steam and horse power Threshers we represent the two best machines in point of working power, simplicity, economy and durability which have ever been manufactured. The

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We sell these machines with either STEAM or HORSE power, and the steam power with either Wood, Coal or Straw Burners; so that we can suit the purse and requirements of any man who purposes to purchase this season.

Our sulky and walking breaking and stubble plows are the

J. I. CASE,
DUBUQUE NORWEGIAN,
AND HAPGOOD.

We have on hand at all times the well known

MONITOR SEEDER.

In order to meet the wants of the farmer for a first-class light and durable farm wagon, we have secured the agency of the

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Our customers will be supplied promptly with

BINDING TWINE
Of the very best material.

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Always on hand or furnished on short notice.

Our Prices

Are as low as those of any responsible firm furnishing goods of like quality, and are made to accord with the times. We have secured such machines as will give satisfaction, and should like all persons desirous of buying machinery to call upon us at

Cooperstown, Griggs County, Dakota.
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