

Official Directory.

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The old year, gray and shadowy, his countenance furrowed by a million joys and sorrows, is just disappearing over the horizon into the irrevocable past, where years are atoms in the infinitude of time. In Dakota we are all here, what is left of us, and have perhaps as much to be thankful for, as the sojourners in any other portion of the universe. We have been blessed with the usual good crop, and mildly afflicted with poor prices, and yet, while the eastern papers are filled with tales of destitution, no harrowing pictures of home poverty trouble our vision, and plague and pestilence have confined themselves to other lands. If we complain, the world is, indeed, awry, and the more expeditious the years are in climbing the horizon the better.

With material prosperity, in a time of financial stagnation, we have, as a people, become more conservative and thoughtful than in our boom days, and the improvement is one that we can continue in with profit to ourselves, and the world in general. For two years we have been suffering from the reaction of inflated values, extravagant habits and indifferent industry. It is predicted east and west, that the monopoly ground poor will turn, this coming year to Dakota, that the rich will here find investment for their lucre, and that the tide of prosperity will set toward us stronger than ever in the past. Let us make up our minds to avoid unnecessary debt, and be in at the survival of the fittest.

The suicide of Mrs. Hatch, at Minnewaukon, has developed a sensational case that rivals the wildest fiction.

A school ma'am is under arrest in Iowa for running away with her oldest scholar. It is a case of he-motional insanity.

Another county seat war at Traverse, South Dakota. Theft, mob violence, troops ordered out; and yet we are only a territory.

The 18,000 Chinamen in British Columbia, it is said, must steal or starve this winter. That's as good a thing as the Chinamen want.

Forty degrees below zero Monday, and according to Whidden Bros. the busiest day of the season. It is cold, but you don't notice it in this climate.

Mr. Jimsonweed informs the COURIER, in connection with the accident last week, that a mule will be good to man a fifteen years just to get one good kick.

The St. Paul Globe is offered for sale for \$125,000.—Argus.

Better sell the old thing to Mr. Grover what's his name. He'll need it in '88.

Farm, Stock and Home, a new agricultural monthly, published at Minneapolis, will be a great success if it bears out the promise of its two first numbers.

"Queen Olga, of Greece, is a beauty and a blue stocking." "The idea of those newspaper bohemians criticising the queen's stockings," said Mrs. Spilkins, as she turned over a page in pursuit of a horrible outrage.

"How can I make my hen lay?" writes a farmer from Lake Jessie. Read her a chapter of Alexander's moral science, in connection with some reliable text book on the duty of hens. She may think she is up here for her health—that is, give her lay reading.

The CHICAGO WEEKLY HERALD, one of the brightest papers in the United States is offered with the COURIER at the low price of \$3.00 per annum. The SUNDAY HERALD and COURIER at \$4.00 per annum. With the home paper and the Herald you get absolutely all the news, and a mighty sight of good reading matter.

NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF.—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., Dec. 11, 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 21st day of January, 1885, viz: John O. Strome, D. S. No. 9,464, for the southwest quarter of sec. 12, tp 14 n, r 54 w, and names the following as his witnesses, viz: Neils Hemingson, Ole O. Kaarstad, Carl Skarie, Ole J. Strome, all of Cooperstown, Griggs county, D. T. The testimony to be taken before John N. Jorgensen, clerk of district court, at Cooperstown, Griggs county, D. T., on the 17th day of Jan., A. D. 1885, at his office. HORACE AUSTIN, Register. Iver Jacobson, attorney. 48-1

NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF.—Land office at Fargo, D. T., Nov. 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 2d day of January, 1885, viz: Albert E. Shue, H. E. No. 10,464, for the n 1/2 s 1/2 w 4 and 1/2 n 1/2 w 5 of sec. 22, tp 14 n, r 54 w, and names the following as his witnesses, viz: Allen Pinkerton, John Holton, Jack McDonald and Robert More, all of Cooperstown, Griggs county, D. T. The testimony of claimant and witnesses will be taken before Byron Andrus, judge and ex-officio clerk of probate court, at Cooperstown, Griggs county, D. T., on the 5th day of Dec. A. D. 1884, at his office. HORACE AUSTIN, Register. John N. Jorgensen, attorney. 48-48

NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF.—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., Nov. 3, 1884. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of her claim and secure final entry thereof on the 2d day of Jan. 1885, viz: Ingebjor A. Tvetakken, D. S. No. 16,175, for the n e 1/4 of section 4, tp 14 n, r. 54 w, and names the following as her witnesses, viz: Erik Erikson, Lewis Larson, Ole Astakson, and Livers J. Tandee, all of Lee postoffice, Nelson county, D. T. The testimony of claimant and witnesses to be taken before Byron Andrus, judge and ex-officio clerk of the probate court, at Cooperstown, Griggs county, D. T., on the 21st day of December, A. D. 1884, at his office. HORACE AUSTIN, Register. And you John G. Gouldthrit, who filed D. S. No. 15,496, on 6th day of April, 1884, are hereby notified to be and appear before the U. S. Land office, Fargo, D. T., on the 2d day of January, 1885, and show cause, if any you have, why said Ingebjor A. Tvetakken should not be allowed to make final proof and payment for said land. HORACE AUSTIN, Register. John N. Jorgensen, attorney. 44-49

NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF.—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., Dec. 11, 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 21st day of January, 1885, viz: Sven K. Norgaard, D. S. No. 9,572, for the southeast quarter of sec. 14, tp 14 n, r 54 w, and names the following as his witnesses, viz: Anton Enger, C. P. Balkan, Thore S. Scumgard, Omund Nelson, 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 January, A. D. 1885, at his office. HORACE AUSTIN, Register. And you, Levy S. Norgaard, who filed D. S. No. 10,532 on the 8th day of June, 1882, are hereby notified to be and appear before the U. S. Land office Fargo, D. T., on the 21st day of January, 1885, and show cause, if any you have, why said Sven K. Norgaard should not be allowed to make final proof and payment for said land. HORACE AUSTIN, Register. Iver Jacobson, attorney. 48-1

NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF.—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., Dec. 15, 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 29th day of January, 1885, viz: Ephraim S. Seymour, D. S. No. 16,184, for the n w 1/4 of sec 26, tp 14 n, r 57 w, and names the following as his witnesses, viz: O. S. Havelton, George Long, M. Patterson, Andrew J. Long, all of Steele county, D. T. The testimony of claimant and witnesses to be taken before H. L. Smith, judge and ex-officio clerk of probate court, at Hope, Steele county, D. T., on the 24th day of January, A. D. 1885, at his office. 48-1

NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF.—Land office at Fargo, D. T., Dec. 15, 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 January, 1885, viz: Warren J. Weatherbee, D. S. No. 15,030, for the n 1/2 n w 1/2 w n w 1/2 w of sec. 6, tp 14 n, r 53 w, and names the following as his witnesses, viz: S. B. Merryman, Joseph Downing, Edwin Olson, Lorain Ruggles, all of Montclair postoffice, Griggs county, D. T. The testimony to be taken before John N. Jorgensen, clerk of the district court, at Cooperstown, D. T., on the 24th day of January A. D. 1885, at his office. HORACE AUSTIN, Register. And you, Charles O. Hulberg, who filed D. S. No. 11,498 on the 7th day of Oct. 1882, on lot three of said section, are hereby notified to be and appear before the United States land office, Fargo, D. T., on the 28th day of Jan., 1885, and show cause, if any you have, why said Warren J. Weatherbee should not be allowed to make final proof and payment for said land. HORACE AUSTIN, Register. Wm. Glass, attorney. 48-1

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