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## THE COURIER. By Percy R. Grubbs

Kerosene oil has gone up to 20c and gasoline to 25c per gallon. It must be that Millionaire Rockefeller is getting ready to endow another Baptist college.

Valley City is going to celebrate the Fourth of July this year in a way that will do up the towns for miles around, so says Old Man Bassett. Cooperstown is in it with both feet so that we guess the two towns cannot exchange courtesies this year. However both celebrations will be hummers and don't you forget it.

The slate makers have already got busy for the next campaign and have slated Judge Cowan and Gov. White for congress and Tom Baker of Cass county for governor. No wonder the politicians were "agin" primary election—the slate making business would have been put to sleep. However we apprehend that the people will not see Congressmen Spalding and Marshall laid upon the shelf without a protest and we opine that a hole will be kicked in that slate that will be too large for repairs. If the people were allowed a chance to vote these early slate makers find themselves flagged the first heat.

For about the steenth time in the past few months the citizens of Cooperstown are called upon to meet at the fire hall to vote on granting a franchise for a gas plant. It is about time that we got through voting on these propositions and hereafter it would be a good move if the town board would settle the matter themselves. We have a good board and its judgment would undoubtedly be endorsed. The Courier takes the stand that the gas franchise should not be granted for the reason that the town has already given a franchise for an electric light plant and the company is getting ready to install the plant, the machinery has been ordered, and in a few days workmen will be here to prosecute the work of installing the plant. The Courier does not believe that it would be a wise move to grant another franchise for a lighting plant at this time as we believe that if two plants were installed it would be detrimental to one or maybe both of them—the town is not big enough to support two. The electric light people were the first to apply for the privilege and it has been granted to them and we believe that the town should give that company a fair trial. It is not an exclusive franchise therefore the company and not the town will suffer if the right thing is not done. The argument is used that the gas plant will run the other out of business. This is poor policy and of the dog in the manger order. The electric light firm will invest from fifteen to twenty thousand dollars in a plant and it would be manifestly unfair to immediately give some other concern a chance to cripple its business without first giving it a fair chance. We will admit that gas is the cheaper but we also admit that electricity is better, cheaper and more convenient. We hope the citizens will vote the gas proposition DOWN.

### Made Young Again.

"One of Dr. King's New Life Pills each night for two weeks has put me in my 'teens' again" writes D. H. Turner of Dempseytown, Pa. They're the best in the world for Liver, Stomach and Bowels. Purely vegetable. Never gripe. Only 25c at H. H. Bateman's Drug Store.

## The Passenger Train.

The following letter in reply to petitions sent in from the towns along the branch for better train service explains itself:

Jamestown, N. D. 4-29 03.  
Mr. Maynard Crane,  
Cooperstown, N. D.

Dear Sir:—  
Doubtless you have received a communication from the G. P. & T. A. in regard to the petition of Cooperstown and other points on the Cooperstown branch for passenger service.

I went to St. Paul and talked the matter over with the Gen. Manager and the G. P. & T. A. They decided that the business at this time did not warrant a passenger train on that branch, and that they could not run trains 7 and 8 through to McHenry, as they were going to run these trains through to Mandan, in order to relieve the through trains of the local business west of Jamestown.

The new card, which will take effect May 3rd, will make connection at Sanborn, with train No. 3, for the north, returning will connect with both trains 8 and 1, thus doing a way with the possibility for a late connection east bound. North bound, there will be a wait of but 17 minutes at Sanborn, and the south bound train will have a wait of but 20 minutes for eastern connection, or 50 minutes for western connection, with train No. 1. Train 113 will arrive at Cooperstown at 11 a. m., train 118 leaving there at 4 p. m. If not established before the fall business, there will certainly be established, at that time, as good or better service than was in effect last fall. I very much regret that the business at this time does not warrant a regular passenger service between McHenry and Fargo.

Trusting that you people will be content with the one train for a short time longer, I am,

Very truly yours,  
C. J. WILSON, SUPT.

## Musical.

Mrs. H. A. Langlie's monthly musicale was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Trubshaw last Friday evening, at the conclusion of which a dainty lunch was served. The program:

Up to date March.....Geibel  
Johnny Syverson and Mrs. Langlie.  
a. Home of my Heart.....Mathews  
b. Waltz for Grandpa.....Mabel Larson.  
Evening Song.....Lange  
Emelia Beler.  
The Young Recruit.....Rathbun  
Clara Hammer.  
Song. The Little Rag Doll.....Elsie Flynn.  
A Walk in the Fields.....Sartorio  
Gertrude and Johnny Syverson.  
Sadness, Hope, Joy.....Root  
Maria Berg.  
a. Song of Home.....Guriltt  
b. The Skylark.....Mathews  
c. Awakening of Spring.....Czerny  
Maude Trubshaw.  
To Arms.....Ortlepp  
Clara Hammer and Miss Quamme.  
a. Fable.....Schmoll  
b. Bohemian Dance.....Weber  
Gertrude Syverson.  
Vocal Solo. Over the Ocean Blue  
Miss Grace Thompson.  
Vesper Hymn.....Mathews  
Hazel Stone.  
To the Flag.....Sabethel  
Johnny Syverson.  
Maybells Peal.....Siewert  
Emma Beler.  
a. Swing Song.....Loeschonm  
b. Valse.....Myrtle Erickson.  
Vocal Solo. The bird that never sings  
Miss Thompson.  
Reception March.....Bucht  
Maude Trubshaw, Elsie Flynn and  
Mrs. Langlie.

## For Oratorio Handel's "Messiah" Fargo May 12 to 14.

Round trip tickets at fare and one third on sale May 11, 12, 13, and 14. Good to return May 15th.  
W. J. PAYNE, AGT.

## Hannaford.

This is April weather, if we ever saw it. Are we a month ahead or is the weather a month behind?

Mr. Walker concluded very quickly that Hannaford was not large enough for two meat markets and returned to his former position in Fargo.

R. W. Patterson is exceedingly busy these days. He has just erected a machine shed for A. M. Sinclair 24x50, 20 foot posts and is working on Ole Fogderud's house.

S. Oian arrived from Fargo last week and now has the frame up for the Presbyterian church.

If A. M. Sinclair is late these mornings don't blame him too much. It is hard to leave that 3rd son and heir that came to this man's town Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Carnine returned from Kansas last Thursday Mrs. Carnine is much better and the baby—best.

Mrs. Markuson has gone to the Washburn country to hold down their claim.

We have sold three times as much seed wheat this Spring, over any other Spring. Everything points to an increased wheat acreage and a decrease in flax acreage.

Albert Larson has thrown up his claim near Stanley. Several more think of doing so. It don't pay to file on land without personal examination.

Some time ago J. G. Mills received 5 head of thoroughbred Herefords. All young, well bred stock and J. G. will undoubtedly build up a herd of this celebrated cattle.

The livery barn is receiving a needed coat of paint.

Arvid Erickson has gone to Binford to lay stone.

Wanted—A well drilled, some 100 feet.

Tuesday May 12th, W. C. T. U. will hold a social evening at Mr. and Mrs. Langlies. Program and refreshments.

Marian Spicer is visiting friends here.

John Larson returned from Stanley Monday.

If "Observer" is not making a grand stand play and really wishes to do away with the violations of the law that he witnesses, we will suggest that he call on Mr. Tutte and lodge information. If he knows these things are going on and doesn't inform, then he is equally guilty with the offenders. We have watched kegs of beer by the hour, but could never trace them to their destination. We have heard of the gathering, but have seen nothing more than "Smear" being played. If "Observer" dislikes publicity, if he will place evidence in our hands of violations of the prohibitory law, we will prosecute and will gladly close any place in town that permits or fosters gambling.

## To the Public.

Cooperstown, N. D., May 1, 1903. I have this day sold and turned my harness business over to Messrs. Christianson & Bonde, who will hereafter conduct the business. They are well known gentlemen here and deserve the liberal patronage that the public has always given me, for which I have always been very grateful.  
J. H. McDERMOTT.

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