

Local.



TIME CARD OF TRAINS.

	No. 118. West Bound	No. 118. East Bound
Sanborn	De 8:45 a.m.	Ar 6:00 p.m.
Cooperstown	Ar 11:45 a.m.	Ar 3:45 p.m.
McHenry	Ar 12:55 a.m.	De 1:45 p.m.

Through tickets to all points in the United States, Canada, Alaska, China and Japan. Northern Pacific Express Money Orders for sale. Bankable anywhere.

W. J. Payne, Agt., Cooperstown, N. D. Chas. Fee, G. P. A., St. Paul, Minn.

M. E. Church Services.

Sunday: Class meeting 10:00 a. m.
 Preaching 10:30 a. m.
 Epworth League 6:30 p. m.
 Preaching 7:30 p. m.
 Thursday: Prayer meeting 7:30 p. m.
 J. S. DeLONG, Pastor.

Go to FIRST NATIONAL BANK for your Farm Loans.

Macaroni seed wheat for sale. Apply to F. P. Devoog, Cooperstown, N. D.

Fort Snelling and Gopher Brand groceries at Jameson & Olson. Phone orders have our prompt attention.

Victor M. Pike has been appointed a notary public by Gov. White and is now ready to attend to anything in this line you may have to do. He will be found at the postoffice.

Mrs J. N. Brown writes a long but interesting letter about Grand Canyon. The only kick we have coming is that we are unable to take in its beauties, also.

Union revival meetings will begin in the opera house March 7th, to continue till March 20th. Evangelist Robert L. Jones, of Jamestown, N. Y., will have charge.

Have you got one of our cards for the \$20 prize. Jameson & Olson, The New Store.

Erick Erickson, successor to Berg Bros. & Co., Cooperstown, N. D., is still in the machine business at the old stand, and will be glad to see all the old customers of the late firm and also new ones.

Talk about snow. It just fell down in chunks Tuesday morning and we have all kinds of the beautiful now. Now give us a good stiff breeze and we can promise the railroads plenty of exercise bucking snow.

List your land with the Iowa-North Dakota Land Co. now before we put out our spring list.

Mr and Mrs. J. B. Bailey returned last Saturday from a two weeks' visit to friends and relatives in Michigan. They are mighty glad to get back. The snow in that country is so deep that they could not get around anywhere and the severe cold weather made it very unpleasant. There are worse places than North Dakota.

At Cooperstown the other day a young fellow by the name of Day married a Miss Week and the people of that berg mourned over the loss of time. But, as usual, Trubshaw came to their rescue in the following which appeared in the Courier: "A Week is lost, a Day has gained, But why should we complain. Soon there will be Days enough To make the week again."
 —McHenry Tribune.

Dr. Rose, resident dentist, Cooperstown, N. D., can be found in his office from now on until further notice. Office in Syverson's new building, upstairs.

Varnum Van Vleet writes from Hubbard, Oregon, as follows: "I thought I would write you a few lines to tell you that I like the country out here all right if it does rain a good deal. I have got so I weigh 171 lbs. My wife used to weigh about 106 lbs. out there. Last Wednesday she tipped the scales at 1194. It looks as if the rain does her more good than the blizzards did. It commenced to rain yesterday morning and it is raining yet. There is lots of water on the ground now. It has not frozen ice one-eight, of an inch thick yet. There has been snow enough to whiten the ground a couple of times. Mabel is sending some flowers to Harry Ames' wife that grew out of doors.

In the Baltimore fire these companies (represented here by the State Bank of Cooperstown) sustained losses as follows:

The National Fire Insurance Co., about \$500,000.
 The Fireman's Fund Insurance Co., about \$200,000.
 The Phoenix Insurance Co., about \$200,000.
 The Continental Insurance Co., about \$1,000,000.
 These losses will be paid in full and still leave the bulk of the surplus of each of these companies intact. The Continental will have a surplus left of over six million dollars. When you want good insurance have it written in one of these companies.

Call at the office of R. S. Lunde, successor to John O. Ole, for your farm loan and insurance business.

Attorney A. M. Baldwin left last Saturday afternoon for Chicago and will probably be gone two or three weeks.

Washington's birthday was observed at Cooperstown by the schools and banks closing while the rest of us earned our daily bread in the usual way.

FOR SALE—House and four lots—one of the most convenient and well built houses in the city. For particulars inquire at this office or write F. A. Haskell, Doty, Wash.

Farmers Attention! Bring in your harness repairs before the spring rush opens up. We have a large stock of all kinds of light and heavy harness, also harness oil. Prices low and work first-class.

CHRISTIANSON & FREDRICKSON, McDerrott's old stand.

At a meeting of the members of the Congregational church held last Thursday evening to locate a parsonage sight a majority of those present voted to locate it on the northeast corner of the Syverson block.

Cashier O. G. Arneson, who will take charge of the Binford State Bank about March 1st, arrived from Warren, Minn., last Saturday spent Sunday in the city. He went to Binford Monday to get acquainted with the people up there before he starts in.

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O. M. Varnson, the Valley City optician and jeweler, who got his start right here at Cooperstown, dropped into town last Thursday and went out into the country to visit friends for a few days. It is reported that O. M. came up on a deer hunt but whether he was successful or not has not been reported to this office.

S. C. Gunderson returned last week from the Pacific coast where he had been looking the country over. He is so much pleased with it that he purchased five acres of fruit land at Puyallup, Wash., and will return there about the first of April. Mr. Gunderson will have an auction sale March 14th on his farm, at which time he will sell his horses, stock, machinery, etc.

Closing out sale on Taffeta Silk Ribbons. Price 124, 15, 18 and cents per yard. This sale, choice, 10 cents per yard. Jameson & Olson, The New Store

Knut Haaland will sell all of his stock and personal property at public auction on March 3. Mr. Haaland has recently returned from Silverton, Oregon, where he had been on a visit. He liked the country out there so well that he purchased a seventy-five acre farm upon which is considerable fruit. He and his family will move out there soon after the sale.

The creamery organization has been effected and the success of the deal now depends on the farmers themselves. The farmers' elevator is assured and we are of the opinion that it will be a very easy matter to get all the stock necessary for the elevator. If one of the old companies would sell their building it would be better to purchase than to build. We have elevators to burn here now.

FOR SALE—Eight room house built last year, on one of the finest corners on the Boulevard. This is one of the finest residence properties in the city and will be sold at the right figure. Good cellar, cistern, furnace, lighting plant and equipped with storm and screen windows. Will take land in part payment. Apply to J. A. MOFFATT.

Fred Lewis, who is doing the best he can to buy wheat at Binford on the "square," was in the city last Thursday and carried a wise expression on his face. He says the soft lullabies of the festive prairie wolf lulls him to sleep at night while the cheerful song of the prairie hen from his house top wakes him up in the morning. He says the woods around the town of Binford are full of wolves and prairie chickens.

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The Jolly Twenty Club gave another of the interesting dances at the Palace Hotel last Friday evening. It was in the nature of a masquerade and yet it wasn't. The only difference being that costumes were worn but no masks. It is said that some of the costumes were valued at from \$500 to \$1,500. Ing. Wold is responsible for the estimate. However, leaving joking aside there were some very fine costumes represented and the whole affair passed off very pleasantly. Valley City music was furnished for this occasion.

STATE BANK of Cooperstown, has money at all times for Farm Loans.

C. T. Whidden boarded the south-bound limited Tuesday enroute for Minneapolis.

Mrs. Maynard Crane returned home last Tuesday after a six week's absence in Minneapolis and Fargo.

B. A. Upton is reported to be getting along very nicely under Dr. Briml's care. He has typhoid fever.

Dr. Darrow came up from Fargo Monday to consult with Dr. Briml on a case. He returned the same afternoon.

Col. H. P. Hammer went up to McHenry, Tuesday, to see how his interests at that end of the line were getting along.

Mrs. F. L. Hodgeman entertained a few friends at "finch" last Monday evening and a pleasant time was enjoyed. A lunch was served.

R. H. Lima is advertising his stock and personal property for sale on Mar. 8. Those interested should read the notice which appears in another column of this paper.

I will give 10 per cent discount on all repairs of harnesses during the months of January and February. Bring in your work.

WM. STRINGER.

Joe N. Nelson, who has been the right bower of the Courier staff for a couple of months, has resigned his job. He will be succeeded in the office by M. A. Jensen, who held down the job a year ago.

Miss Stansbury came up from Sanborn last Saturday to visit with her friend, Miss Margaret Haley. Miss Stansbury is from Wilmar, Minn., and is now one of the teachers in the Sanborn schools.

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DR. L. S. PLATOU, of Valley City, graduate of Christiania University, Norway, will be in Cooperstown Feb. 26th and 27th for the purpose of practicing his profession. Regular visits last Friday and Saturday of each month.

J. M. Sells, with his family, furniture, stock, etc., came in from Eagle Grove, Iowa, Monday, and has moved onto his farm, section three, in Washburn township, purchased from Hammer & Condy some time ago. Mr. Sells has a fine farm.

The attempted hold-up of the Northern Pacific passenger train No. 1, at Medina a few days ago, turns out to be a joke on the part of some section men who were out on a spree. There were three of them and the spree came pretty near being a very serious affair with the probable loss of many lives. The section men are liable to suffer for their escapade and should be dealt with severely.

J. C. Thingelstad came down from Jesse last Saturday and seeing that Jens is a man of very good judgment when he returned he was the happy possessor of a fine driving team which he had purchased from J. A. McCulloch. Jens is now ready to bet what he has left of his last summer's wages that he can pass any team that ever came over the pike.

When you are looking for big values for little money you will surely find them on our five and ten cent tables. Jameson & Olson.

J. B. Nelson, who represents the J. I. Case Threshing Machine Co. at this place, is figuring upon forming a new company with himself as president and some lady whose name we are unable to divulge at this time as general superintendent and manager, at least that is the rumor, as Jake last week purchased Dr. Bergstrom's house up in the twenty-third ward. Unless he is contemplating such a move what does he need of a house? Ask him.

There will be a meeting of the stock holders of the Griggs County Creamery Association at the court house on Saturday, March 5, at 2 p. m., for the purpose of adopting a code of by-laws. G. W. DYSON, President. E. S. HAMILTON, Secretary.

Auction Sale.

The undersigned will offer for sale at public auction on her farm, two miles north of Cooperstown, on Thursday, March 17, 1904, the following personal property, to-wit: 12 head work horses, 5 sets work harness, 2 binders, 1 drill, 4 plows, 1 disc, 2 harrows, 2 wagons with grain tanks, 1 mower and 1 rake; all kinds of farm tools. Terms: Under \$10, cash; over that amount approved security until Oct. 15, 1904, 10 per cent interest. Will give 5 per cent discount on cash. Sale at 12 sharp. Free lunch at noon. MRS. MINNIE JOHNSON J. A. H. WINSLOE, Auctioneer.

The Iowa legislature takes sides with Russia. No wonder her people come to North Dakota.

Hon. David Bartlett was in the city Saturday and it is stated he is looking the ground over with a view to announcing his candidacy for the office of district judge. Judge Gaspell has announced to his friends that he will not be a candidate for reelection, providing a satisfactory successor can be found, and it is surmised that he is willing to permit his mantle to fall on Mr. Bartlett's shoulders. The judge claims to be able, according to report, to control three of the counties in the district, presumably Logan, LaMoure and Foster and will no doubt be a factor in the convention. The impression is prevalent that the element in his home county which opposed him four years ago will again control the Stutsman county delegation. Mr. Bartlett will undoubtedly have the support of Griggs county and there is a very friendly feeling towards him throughout the district.—Times Record.

Cooperstown, N. Dakota, is to have a creamery. The Record is of the opinion that that fair city of the northland has about as much use for a creamery as it has for a sawmill. We did not see as much of the country surrounding that town as we wished to see but in several drives over the excellent roads there we saw wheat, barley, flax, oats, for miles; no corn, few fences, and an average of about two cows to each section of land. They may be there but they were not hidden in the brush.—Bonaparte, Iowa, Record.

Bro. Roberts travelled mostly over the big Cooper farm. If he had seen the north, east and south country around Cooperstown he would have found cows galore. There is no question but what we have cows enough and we have pasture that beats even the corn belt of Iowa. Iowa is a great corn state and they have plenty of cows, yet thousands of Iowa people are flowing to North Dakota. How many North Dakota people are going to Iowa?

In some of the state papers appear editorial notices calling attention to clubbing arrangements. How many publishers have considered all the phases of this question? You may say that your readers will have the metropolitan papers any way. True to some extent; but these clubbing deals do more to tear down the circulation and the business of the country papers than any other course they could pursue. The Forum acknowledges it likes to have them advocate taking this paper, but at the same time it frankly states—that clubbing arrangements generally demoralizing for them. Think it over.—Forum.

The Courier agrees with the Forum in the above. This paper has steadily refused hundreds of offers to club with other papers and magazines. This clubbing business rarely results in any advantage to the local paper but is greatly instrumental in building up others while it tears down the local paper. It is usually old subscribers who take advantage of these clubbing rates and they get a reduced rate and a premium while others pay the regular price and very few new names are added. We contend that a local paper is worth all the publisher gets for it and it is not a money making scheme so far as the subscription price goes. Magazines and large papers who get big stiff prices for their advertising space can afford to give you their paper for the bare cost of the paper while a country newspaper is at a loss at the end of the year. This paper is not growing at a rapid rate but we are steadily adding to our number all the time and we are trying to give our readers the worth of their money every week.

Cream Separator Test.

Minnesota Dairy men's Committee Renders Report of National Interest and Importance.

The Report.

This is what the judges say about the cream separator test: FAIRMONT, MINN., Dec. 17, 1903. We, the undersigned, judges in the above contest, hereby certify that at the run made of the following separators in pursuance of the above agreement was as follows:

As milk could be obtained for only one run, it was made at a temperature of from 62 to 70 degrees, each machine being given 200 pounds under identically the same conditions. The tests were as follows:

	Skimmed Milk.	Cream test.
Alpha (De Laval)	.175	32 1/2 per cent.
United States	.125	50 per cent.
Empire	.450	19 1/2 per cent.
Sharples	.050	25 per cent.

(Signed) ROBERT CRICKMORE, A. W. TROW, E. J. HENRY.

In explanation of the above: Alpha (De Laval) .175, means that 174 one hundredths of 1 per cent of butter fat was found in skimmed milk after the Alpha test. United States .125, means that 124 one-hundredths of 1 per cent of butter fat was found in skimmed milk after the test with the U. S. Empire .450, means that 45 one-hundredths of 1 per cent of butter fat was found in skimmed milk after the test with the Empire. SHARPLES .050, means that only 5 one-hundredths of 1 per cent of butter fat was found in skimmed milk after the test with the Sharples.

"The various machines were adjusted by the operators, without actual test, so that the cream test would approximate 30 per cent, which accounts for the variations in the density of the cream."
 The showing therefore indicates that the Sharples machine was:
 3 TIMES BETTER THAN THE ALPHA. (De Laval.)
 24 TIMES BETTER THAN THE U. S.
 9 TIMES BETTER THAN THE EMPIRE.

The Sharples far surpassed their claim to the effect that they would do twice as well as the others.

For Sale By Aarestad Bros. & Troseth, HANNAFORD, NORTH DAKOTA.

Acme Shoes.

Have just opened up a line of ACME SHOES. Funniest shoes I ever saw

FIRE PROOF, WATERPROOF and WEAR PROOF.

E. H. GROVEN, HANNAFORD, N. D.

YES WE DO!

We are selling eight (8) boxes Axle Grease for 25 cents.

IT'S DOUBTFUL

If you could make GILT EDGE PAINT peel off with a jack knife. It's made carefully and with only Best of material that goes to make first-class paint. That is why a five year guarantee goes with each can of GILT EDGE HOUSE PAINT. This paint costs no more than other good paints, but you get more for your money. No other give a like guarantee.

HAY KNIFE : : : 90 cts.

TEA KETTLE : Gray Granite, 90c

Stockman's Stock Food : Large Pail \$3

Fawkes, \$5

Mat G. Evenson