

THE TERRITORIAL CAPITAL

Will Probably be Located Near the Centre of Dakota, though Cooperstown Puts in a Big Bid.

The Liberality of our Live Citizens.

While the COURIER thinks it hardly probable that the Commission will locate the capital north of the 46th parallel, there is a possibility that they may decide on a point further north. There is no doubt of the fact that a heavy draught of influence is being exerted to have it located in North Dakota and thus end the division strife. Should the commission decide on North Dakota there is good reason to believe that Cooperstown will take the plum, not only because of liberal inducement in the way of a bonus, but because of the liberal inducement in an unexcelled advantageous location.

The bonus asked for is \$100,000.00 and 160 acres of land, which is raised considerable by Cooperstownites, as the following document duly forwarded to the commission attests:

TO THE HONORABLE, THE TERRITORIAL CAPITAL COMMISSION.

GENTLEMEN:—The undersigned citizens of Cooperstown, Griggs county, believing you will impartially and without favor consider all propositions presented to you, most respectfully ask you to favorably consider Cooperstown as a proper place for the permanent location of the Territorial Capital. Our location and advantages are excelled by no town in the Territory. As a consideration and inducement for the location of the Capital at Cooperstown we will donate 160 acres of land, and the sum of \$210,000 in cash:

KNUD THOMPSON.
C. E. FERGUSON.
COOPER BROS.
WM. GLASS.
J. STEVENS.
GATES & STAIR.
H. P. SMART.
A. ENGER.
ANDREW JOHNSON.
COOPERSTOWN LUMBER CO.
BANK OF COOPERSTOWN.
JACK N. BROWN.
BUCHHEIT BROS.
C. C. PHILLIPPEE.
J. N. JORGENSEN.
DAVID BARTLETT.
BYRON ANDRUS.
C. A. MOORE.
A. N. ADAMS.
WHIDDEN BROS.
GRANT & PINKERTON.
H. H. RETSLAFF.
DAVIS & CO.
A. E. SHUE.
H. GILLESPIE.

If the commission should conclude to accept the above offer, which was tendered in due time, it will only add to the many attractions of Cooperstown. However, the COURIER doesn't wish to be understood as urging upon its readers the opinion that acceptance is probable, but gives the document as tendered more to show the unequalled liberality of our citizens when a desirable project is to be obtained. Cooperstown has many substantial attractions without the capital, and the commission can just locate it here or not. Our continued prosperity is assured without it, and its location here would only tend to hasten matters a little.