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Official Paper of Griggs County

The Valley City Times and North Dakota Democrat got to the front Christmas, with mammoth twelve page editions.

The Boston Transcript owned a punster, who, when he died, didn't object to flowers, except violets, as he didn't desire to have his grave violated.

Another county seat war in Potter county, between Forest City and Gettysburg. The records, at Forest City are guarded by 200 armed Indians.

The Foster County Gazette retires from the arena. The News holds the fort. A paper evidencing as much careful work, and ability, as the News, is bound to prosper.

Grover Cleveland has decided not to visit Chicago before his inauguration. We tremble for the success of his administration. To a man like Cleveland a visit to Chicago would be a liberal education.—Chicago Herald.

The Herald threatened Blaine with defeat if he did not visit Chicago, and set up the beer; and where is he?

General Grant has been obliged to give up smoking altogether. He has been a great sufferer. The physician says his system is saturated with nicotine, which he is endeavoring to draw out of his body by a system of baths and sweats. He is now engaged in literary work, with all the ardor and perseverance manifested by him as a warrior.

Two persons meet, and one says: "Say, did you hear that story to-day about 288?" "No," answered the other, excitedly, "what is it?" "Oh, it's too gross, too gross, entirely," replied his companion in a mournful voice. "Tell away," resumed the first, "and I'll try to stand it." "Well," exclaimed his friend, "144 is one gross, and 288 is two gross, isn't it?"—Wheeling Register.

There is some talk about carving up Foster, Griggs, Barnes and Stutsman counties to create a new county, with the machinery of which to tax settlers and develop the land of the promoters of the scheme. There is enough legitimate work before the legislature this winter to give the counties a rest on division and county-seat manipulation.

The Dakota exhibit at New Orleans is one of the most complete and picturesque in the whole exhibition. The red man and his tepee, the buffalo, the log cabin, the elevator, the mill, are all represented, and a figure in imitation of Berthold's Statue of Liberty Enlightening the World, fifty feet high, made of grain sheaves, is by many mistaken for the original work of Berthold.

The Valley City Times has heard that Griggs is to be divided between Foster and Steele counties this session. We heard that some thing, as coming from a former resident of Cooperstown, who polled only four votes at the late election. Pray! No more of such blank nonsense! Such a vote as that will not bear reducing. Had we known of this business early enough, the commissioners would have had the court house built on wheels, so it could be dragged out without being knocked down.

Jonathan Bass, of Lockport, N. Y., has lain for eighteen years on his back, unable to move a muscle, even his jaws. His body is in such a singular condition that it seems as if it was all one solid bone. The flesh has wasted away and his arms and legs are very little thicker than the bones beneath the skin. The bones of the fingers of the right hand have disappeared, and so have the bones of the left hand, and of all the toes. He weighs only seventy or eighty pounds, and anyone who can raise that weight can lift him by putting one hand under his head and one under his heels, his body being as rigid as if it were a log.—Ex.

Around Town.

Wheat, 58 cents. Whoop!
A New Year's ball to-night, at the school house.

Rev. F. M. Rockwell, the evangelist, is holding a revival at Grand Forks, with great success.

Mrs. H. C. Ruth has gone east for the winter. Her address is 383 Washington Boulevard, Chicago.

A. C. Wanderlich went to Red Wing for the winter on Wednesday. He will be back in the spring.

Rev. Simmons, of Fargo, preached here Sunday morning and evening, and will shortly conduct a revival at this point.

W. F. Dunlap made a flying trip to the Terminal Town, to-day, returning to Valley City, where is engaged on the Times.

Judge Mills, of Valley City, has been here and at Ottawa on his site business this week. He made the COURIER office a pleasant call.

Jackson & Hegge remembered the COURIER on Christmas with a box of Hennessy "cigars," such as you seldom find in Dakota.

Register Smart, Treasurer Enger, and Clerk Jorgensen, are now doing business in the court house, and are well satisfied with the change.

We are receiving complimentary notices, concerning the Christmas number of the COURIER, from our brethren of the press, and subscribers, all of which we appreciate.

We acknowledge the receipt from Wylie Neilson, corresponding secretary of the business men's protective association of Barnes county, an invitation to the meeting of January 8th.

The Carrington News says, the infant child of Z. A. Clough and wife has been stricken with paralysis, and recovery is doubtful. Mrs. Clough has gone to her old home with the baby.

The COURIER appears this week with a new head. It is the same paper, however, doing business at the same old stand. The county includes the town, and the town includes the COURIER, as one of its old reliable institutions.

Barnes County Record: "W. F. Dunlap came in from Cooperstown Thursday, to attend the Masonic ball, and visit friends. He will remain during the winter." That will be a good, old-fashioned visit.

Under the new arrangement, the train on the Cooperstown branch runs tri-weekly, until further orders—Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays,—leaving Sanborn at 8:30 a. m., and Cooperstown 12:30 p. m., connecting with the express, east.

The Sanborn hotel, under the able management of Messrs. Gallinger and Lee, is doing a good business, and is improving rapidly. Mr. Gallinger intends, in the spring, to thoroughly remodel the house, and make it one of the model hotels of the country.

We learn through Mrs. McCutchins and the Hope Pioneer, that Dr. F. E. McCutchins, the dentist, died at Natick, Mass., his old home, of consumption, on the 18th of December. The doctor was well known, and greatly respected in Cooperstown.

There will be a special meeting of county commissioners at Bismarck, January 14th. Principal object, to discuss the legislative action needed at the coming session. We recommend that our board be represented, as the meeting will be an important one.

The Texas Siftings explains the bee-hive as the symbol of the savings bank as follows: The depositors are the bees, the owner of the hive is the president of the bank, the drones are the clerks, and the queen bee is the female friend of cashier when he lights out for Quebec with the honey.

Forty-eight degrees below zero New Years morning; the sun shining as it only shines in Dakota; a number of farmers in from the country, who never dreamed of its being a cold day, and any number of people about town without overcoats or gloves; but who ducked into their buffaloes when they discovered the true state of affairs.

Rev. T. McCarthy, the Episcopal clergyman stationed at Sanborn, and who has favored Cooperstown with Friday evening services, is spoken of, by those who have had the pleasure of attending the same, as a man of profound learning, and an eloquent preacher. The change in the railroad schedule time will probably interrupt his ministrations at this point.

Commissioners' Proceedings.

Met Dec. 20, 1884, at 2 p. m., in accordance with adjournment.

Present, Coms. Cooper and Halverson, Commissioner Cooper presiding.

Bids for insurance on court house and furniture were opened and found to be as follows, viz:

Bid of C. A. Van Wormer—1 per cent for one year; 2 per cent for three years; 3 per cent for five years.

Queen insurance Co., \$7,000; National Insurance Co., \$8,000; Orient Insurance Co., \$7,000.

Bid of Thomas Baker, Jr.—For one year rate, 75c per \$100; for two year rate, \$1.12 per \$100; for three year rate, \$1.50 per \$100; for four year rate, \$1.87 per \$100; for five year rate, \$2.25 per \$100.

These rates to apply if the building is solid brick, with metal or slate roof.

For one year rate, 90c per \$100; for two year rate, 135c per \$100; for three year rate, 180c per \$100; for four year rate, 225c per \$100; for five year rate, 270c per \$100.

These rates to apply if the building is brick veneered, with metal or shingle roof.

For one year rate, 100c per \$100; for two year rate, 150c per \$100; three year rate, 200c per \$100; for four year rate, 250c per \$100; for five year rate, 300c per \$100.

These rates to apply if the building is frame, with metal or shingle roof. Will place \$5,000 in the New York Underwriters Agency; will place \$5,000 in the Phenix Insurance Company, Brooklyn, N. Y.; will place \$2,500 in the Sun Fire Office Insurance Company, London; will place \$2,200 in the Niagara Insurance Company, New York; will place \$2,500 in the City of London Insurance Company, London, Eng.; will place \$2,500 in the Queen Insurance Company, Liverpool, Eng.

Bid of Charles H. J. Bliss—For \$7.50 per \$1000 for one year; for \$15 per \$1,000 for three years; for \$22.50 per \$1,000 for five years.

The line of companies which I propose, comprises the Aetna, of Hartford; the Liverpool & London Globe; the Fire Association of Philadelphia, and the Hamburg Bremen, of Germany.

On motion ordered that the bid of Charles H. J. Bliss, for three years be accepted.

On motion ordered that an abatement of taxes be granted to William Hetherington for school poll tax, \$1, and road poll tax, \$1.50; total, \$2.50, the same having been assessed against him twice.

On motion ordered that Nate Sifton be allowed \$250 on account of construction of bridge across Sheyenne river on sec. 36-148-59.

On motion ordered that the following bills be allowed, viz:

St. Paul Foundry Co., material for bridge on sec. 36-148-59.....	\$ 32 50
Al Brooks, piles for bridge sec. 36-148-59.....	154 00
Stevens & Enger, bridge material	12 28
Joseph Hoggarth, labor on bridge	49 75
F. D. Fenner, road work in district No. 5.....	46 00
C. H. Mosley, road work in district No. 12.....	9 75
F. T. Caughy, road work in district No. 12.....	8 75
D. T. Wilson, road work in district No. 12.....	2 25
J. S. Byington, road work in district No. 12.....	3 00
Lenham Elevator & Lumber Co., material for storm doors on court house.....	34 12
A. N. Adams, material for pile driver.....	70 55
Republican Co., publishing proposals for insurance.....	3 75
Alexander Moffat, balance due on court house, as per contract.....	2035 24
Jas. C. Yancey, valve for boiler in court house.....	1 25
On motion adjourned till December 22, 1884, at 10 a. m.	

Convened Dec. 22, 1884, at 10 a. m. Present, Comrs. Cooper and Halverson, Com. Cooper presiding.

Resignation of Byron Andrus was presented, and on motion accepted.

On motion ordered that Geo. B. Clark be appointed judge of probate, to hold his office until January 1, 1885, or until he qualified pursuant to the result of the recent election.

The official bond of Geo. B. Clark, judge of probate, was presented, and on motion ordered approved.

On motion ordered that F. B. Edwards be instructed to purchase the furniture for the court house, in accordance with instructions given him this day.

On motion ordered that the register of deeds, judge of probate, and county

treasurer move their records at once to their respective rooms in the court house situated on block 3, in the Cooper addition to Cooperstown.
On motion adjourned till January 5, 1885.

ROLLIN C. COOPER, Chairman.
HERBERT P. SMART, Clerk.

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Lumber at prices that defy competition.
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Cooperstown, Dak., August 1.

Whidden Bros. have in stock and ready for sale, everything they advertise. They do not attempt to defraud the people of Griggs county by offering goods they never had or never expect to have, and when they offer you pork at \$15.50 per barrel they intend to sell it to you for that price, and won't take you into a corner, show you one-half a barrel (the full stock of some houses) and tell you they will have more in a day or two.

We are not giving away neither goods nor money, but will at all times sell you goods as cheap as you can buy them elsewhere, quality of goods to be considered.
John Syverson & Co.

Wall paper at the drug store.

Flour and feed at Greenleese & Co.

Young man, if you have a girl you want to "hold," get her one of those handsome Christmas cards at Bowden & Buck's.

We are receiving lumber of every description daily. Lenham Elevator & Lumber Co.

French China Tea sets, Vases of new and elegant designs, and a large variety of Fancy Glassware are a few of the many things just received at John Syverson & Co.'s.

We have just opened another large lot of ready made clothing, direct from the manufacturers, and have made prices lower than anything of the kind in territory.
Whidden Bros.

We propose selling you fur coats lower than the lowest, and our first lot of 20 coons, dog, and buffalo coats are open for inspection, which means a sale when compared with anything else in the market.
Whidden Bros.

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

We have for sale a few good farm work horses. Davis & Pickett.
Wood pumps for \$6, at A. N. Adams'.

We must say, the New Store holds the fort on holiday goods.

Prices that compete with Fargo. Lenham Elevator & Lumber Co.
We are all ready for the harvest trade. Come and see us
DAVIS & PICKETT.

We are long on shorts, and they are first-class. DAVIS & PICKETT.
Feed of all descriptions at popular prices at Geo. W. Greenleese & Co.'s.

We will not be undersold in North Dakota. Lenham Elevator & Lumber Co.

Go in and feast your eyes on the beautiful line of holiday goods at the New Store.
Bowden & Buck.

Buy your sugar where you can buy it the cheapest, but go to John Syverson & Co.'s for your Christmas goods.

Do Davis & Pickett sell flour at the Popular Prices?
Of course they do.
Don't break your neck to get past their store. They can sell you the best grades at the following prices for cash and cash only:

Valley City Occident.....	\$3 00
Valley City Patent A.....	2 75
Valley City Straight.....	2 50
Valley City Diamond.....	2 25
Fargo Best.....	3 00
Fargo Straight.....	2 50
A full line of feed and grain.	

The Casselton Reporter has a neat new head.

Oysters in bulk, fresh every second day, at Whidden Bros.

Wm. Glass loans money for final proof, and on titled land. 50c.

Flour from Fargo. Flour from Valley City.

Feed from Minneapolis, Fargo, Valley City and Sanborn.
DAVIS & PICKETT.

If you want flour and feed call on Geo. W. Greenleese & Co. The finest brands made by roller patent from No. 1 hard wheat always in stock. Buy no other. Popular prices.

I have a lot of Bob Sleighs that must be sold soon. Knud Thompson.

Geo. W. Greenleese & Co. have just received two car loads of the finest brands of flour made by roller process, and will sell the same to farmers buying winter stock at just a small advance on cost. Don't fail to call and see us before purchasing elsewhere.

Genuine Henry Clay cigars at Whidden Bros

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