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TIME TABLE.

S. C. & T. M. RAILROAD.

Train makes round trip between Sanborn and Cooperstown every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, leaving Sanborn 8:30 a. m., and arriving at Cooperstown 11:40 a. m. Returning, leaves Cooperstown 12:30 p. m., and arrives at Sanborn 3:30 p. m.

N. P. Railroad, main line—Passenger trains pass Sanborn:

Going east..... 3:45 p. m.
Going east..... 10:38 a. m.
Going west..... 12:35 p. m.
Going west..... 6:30 a. m.

Tickets for all parts of the United States and Canada for sale at this station.

R. M. COWEN, Agent.

C. S. FEE, Gen. Pass. Agt.

Councilman Nickeus has introduced a bill asking that a reward of $ 5,000 be given for the discovery of anthracite coal in the Territory.

The COURIER is threatened with a twenty-five thousand dollar libel suit, and the editor and proprietor in the sunny south. Just think of it!

A short time since the Lisbon Clipper was burned out. Last week it reappeared again in new form. It is now a model of neatness, and, editorially, up to the standard.

Major Edwards in the Argus: A bill has passed both houses authorizing Wells county to take a tier of townships off of the west side of Foster, and add unto itself. This is one of Judge Nickeus' pet measures, and now will come another bill dividing Foster county in the center, creating the county of Washington out of the north half, and then it is hoped everybody will be satisfied

Peterson's Magazine for March opens with a beautiful steel-plate of two girls caught in a snow-storm, and entitled "The Sisters," illustrating a powerful story by Frank Lee Benedict. In addition, there is the usual double-size fashionplate, printed from steel, and colored by hand and the usual amount of excellent reading matter: Address Charles J. Peterson, 306 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

We are informed by Mr. Bradley that in our article refering to him last week, two malicious lies were published. First, that, Eliason did not get lost while after wood; and second, that Eliason's wife did not use a butcher knife in firing him (Bradley) from her bed room. If Bradley can get any consolation out of this "retraction," he is entirely welcome to it. The rest of the article, is not disputed.

The following is an extract taken from a letter to the editor of the COURIER, by a gentleman who spent several months in Cooperstown last summer. It will be read with considerable interest, as it relates to a little excitement in local circles not far back in the fast receding past: "I welcome the COURIER each week. Of late it has grown churchly in its tastes. I hope that the Billy Patterson assault case may be settled without too seriously compromising the name of George Eliot, whose death was heralded by a western paper—not the COURIER, I suppose—in this wise: 'George Eliot, the popular author of 'Uncle Tom's Cabin' and 'Helen's Babies,' is dead. He leaves a widow and three children.' It would be deplorable if any correspondence in the columns of the COURIER, implicating this reputatable person with the accident to the late lamented Wm. Patterson, should smirch Eliot's good name, for though not an authority in theological and matrimonial circles, George wrote excellently well, and many excellent things. With deep solicitude regarding this storm hovering over church and state, I am," etc.

Seed Oats.

Farmers wanting seed oats will do well in calling on Geo. W. Greenleese & Co., as they have some of the finest the country can produce, free from seed of all kind. Attention is called to their New Zeland oats, which weighs 45 lbs to to the measured bushel.

From New Orleans.

Editorial Correspondence to the Courier.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 18.—Our party arrived in the city yesterday, over the Louisville & Nashville road. The route taken was via the Fargo & Southern, the "Short Line," and the Minneapolis & St Louis; at St. Louis connecting with the road first mentioned.

We have beheld Rex in all the glory of Mardi Gras, and Momus and his crew. Some natives seem disappointed because the people from the North do not shovel the gold out in the Sunny South with a scoop shovel. The king, it is stated, whose personal identity is known only to the initiated, pays, annually, about $10,000 for the privilege of being king for a day; and a dukedom, under Rex, comes at from $500 to $1,000. Very few in Dakota would run for office under such circumstances. It is too rich for our warm southern blood, although office sometimes comes high, even in Dakota.

The city is alive with people, from every state and territory. Every house is a hotel, and every hotel is a sardine box, with fish of great size. The general plan of doing the exposition seems to be in treating it as a very serious matter, and seeing the greatest amount in the shortest period of time, if it kills the patient. The extortion, of which a great deal is said, as at the centennirl, seems to be exaggerated. We have not seen any of it, more than could be naturally expected with any people, in any city, under like circumstances. Dr. Benton, of the Black Hills, a most sarcastic old pirate, who has been with Mr. Evans and myself since we left Minneapolis, amuses himself, when he really strikes an extortionist, by insisting that the article priced is "wonderfully cheap;" "never saw anything like it;" "don't see how they can support themselves on such a narrow margin," etc. Leaving St. Louis, his ticket being sold from East St. Louis, the conductor demanded "bridge fare." He didn't know anything about the bridge—didn't want to buy any pig in a bag—show him the bridge, and he would give the conductor a quarter for showing it; but he wanted it distinctly understood that he couldn't be imposed upon by being made to pay any more fare—he would go around the blamed river first. In a day coach he kicked off his No. 11 boots to rest himself. The conductor informed him that if he wished to keep his boots off he would have to take another car. "Going to put another car on for me, eh? Well, I'll be blamed!" was his sole response, in no other way recognizing that official's orders.

A great deal of travel seems to be by the Albert Lea route from Minneapolis. The trip by that road is about twelve hours shorter, and is through a fine country. The cars are first-class, and the officials obliging and attentive.

The L. & N. road runs through Kentucky, Tennessee, the whole length of Alabama, the southern part of Mississippi, and is as pleasant a route as a northerner, desirous of seeing the South, can take. The company will soon have have in operation their magnificent new bridge over the Ohio, the only one down the river from Louisville.

The bridge will span the Ohio River directly in front of Henderson, Ky., The bridge proper will be 3,686 feet long, with a trestle approach on the Indiana side three miles long, which, together with the Kentucky approach, will make the length of the whole structure over four miles. The nature of the foundation necessitates the use of caissons for the commencement of the piers, the excavations being made by men working inside of the caissons in compressed air, as was the case with the great bridges at St. Louis and Brooklyn. The work was taken in hand by the railroad companies on April 15th of last year, owing to the slow progress made by the contractors prior thereto. Nine hundred and twenty men were employed during the month of July, about three hundred of these were at work in compressed air. The foundations for nine river piers are carried by pneumatic process to a depth of thirty feet below the low water. In two instances eight feet of this distance is through solid rock. The caissons are all bedded in the rock of the river bed. The rock work has made the process of sinking slower than usual in pneumatic work. About one hundred yards of stone is delivered daily, and the masonry is laid as fast as secured. More than one and one-half million feet of white oak timber and four hundred and fifty tons of iron have been used in the nine caissons of the river piers. The bridge is being so constructed as to be no obstruction to navigation, as the bottom of the channel span will be fifty feet above extreme high water, and the length of span will be 525 feet.

There is a shorter route from St. Louis, but it is not as comfortable, nor does it run through as fine a country. The vast pine forests, the lazy coons, the poor white trash, and razor backed hogs of Alabama, are great curiosities to a Dakotian. We stopped several hours in a little Alabama town, owing to a trifling accident, and the negroes, about a hundred, gathered on the platform and sang their wild, wierd, three-for-a-quarter melodies as long as there were any nickels to be had. One of the most plaintiff of choruses, with a sad minor refrain, brought tears to the eyes of all present. The words we did not understand, but they evidently referred to the cruel slavery days, to death and separation. I took pains to get the beautiful words, and give you the refrain that so wonderfully affected us:

Roo-est high, Miss Chicking;
Roo-oo-st eber so high!
Mister Fox he catch you by de tail,
And eat you bye and bye.

One old aunty regretted she had ever been 'mancipated. "When I was a nigger I used to ride to church—old marsa used to give me a mule ter ride ebry Sunday mornin'; since I'se been a culluad pusson, I'se walked till I'se ashamed to look a mule in de face.,'

The weather is fine here at present; but at St. Louis and Nashville our party suffered more with cold than at any time before this winter.

I met Gen. Wilson and several other Dakotians at the St. Charles this evening A.

Around Town.

—Dr. T. F. Kerr is in Bismarck.

—The Jamestown Capital's "Annual" is at hand; and it is a beauty.

—We print an interesting letter from the editor of the COURIER, who is doing the exposition.

—Mr, Isaac Mills went to Valley City Wednesday, called their by the serious illness of his parents.

—N. A. Iverson attended the banquet tendeaed the members of the Legislation by the citizens of Fargo.

—Ole Serumgard is down from Devils Lake. Ole is doing a big business in Towner county dirt.

—Deputy Sheriff Ward is fast gaining popularity for the neatness and dispatch with which he attends to the official business entrusted to him.

—A walking match is being arranged for the near future. We will publish names of the participants in our next issue.

—Mr. Knud Thompson sold his beautiful span of dapple grays to Halver P. Hummar, the other day. When these gentlemen meet in a horse dicker, its like Greek meeting Greek.

—Justice Melgard on the 15 inst again tied the not which makes "two hearts beat as one." The contracting parties were Martin Olson and Mariah Nelson, of Mardell.

—Attorney Jacobson and his wife have been in Valley City this week attending the bedside of their parents, Judge and Mrs. Seth Mills, who are both seriously ill.

—Rev. Dennis, of New York, will occupy the Congregational pulpit on Sunday next. Mr. Dennis is said to be a very eloquent and effective preacher, and may possibly be regularly installed here as pastor of this congregation.

—Rev. O. C. S. Wallace, the talented young minister, who spent a season in Cooperstown last year, has accepted the pastoral charge of the First Baptist church of Lawrence, Mass. Mr. Wallace is a very talented young gentleman, and destined to rank high in his calling.

—Nels Iverson, assistant cashier of the Bank of Cooperstown for the past year, has resigned the position, and accepted a lucrative situation with the firm of Fuller&Johnson, of Fargo. Nels' many friends here are sorry to see him leave the town.

Wiggins Be Hanged!

Prof. Wiggins advises everybody to prepare for great storms, which are booked for the 18th to 29th of March. He says there will be cyclones, tornadoes, hurricanes and everything of the kind.

WANTED—Fifty white and spotted owls, for mounting. From $1 to $3 paid for the same, according to size and color. James Allen,
Valley City, D. T.

☞ The best brands of flour at Geo. W. Greenleese & Co.'s.

The Entertainment.

The musical and literary entertainment, given by the ladies of the Baptist church last Tuesday evening, was witnessed by perhaps the largest audience ever assembled in Cooperstown. The church was literally packed, and for two hours the audience was pleasingly entertained with readings, vocal and instrumental music, tableaux, recitations, and a minor drama, all rendered in an admirable manner by local talent. The exercises opened with a reading by Mrs. Dr. T. F. Kerr, which was excellently rendered, and met with a heart applause. C. T. Whidden followed with a solo—"Thy Voice is Near," which was sung in his usual fine voice with great effect. Then followed a dialogue, "Deaf—In a Horn," by Silas Sutherland and Frank Haskell. These young men took off the character of the "coon" in a style that was greeted with vociferous applause from the little folks on the front seats. The duet by Mrs. Charles Husel and C. T. Whidden, "Oh, Ain't Dot Fine," brought down the house, and they were repeatedly called out. The tableaux and reading from Miles Standish were very fine. Mrs. W. R. Whidden rendered the readings in an excellent manner, with a clear voice and distinct articulation. The cornet solas by Messrs. Enger and Melgard was a musical treat seldom enjoyed by a Cooperstown audience. The gentlemen are both proficient with the horn, and their services on this occasion were highly appreciated by the audience. Mr. W. R. Whidden recited "The Picket Guard" in his usual acceptable manner; but the feature of the evening was the minor drama, "Orange Blossoms." The characters were assumed by Mrs R. M. Cowen, Miss Grace Van Voorhis, Miss Minnie Barnard, Messrs. Cowen, Smart and C. T. Whidden. The impersonations were good, and the parts well sustained.

The net proceeds, which go to the building fund, were $35.

Attention Settlers.

N. P. R. R. LANDS.

I wish to announce to the settlers of Griggs county, that I have recently been appointed agent for the sale of Northern Pacific Rail Road Land's in this county.

In order to assist purchasers I have procured a complete set of surveyors plats, showing fractional lots, lakes, rivers, ponds, swales, meadow land, ridges, depth of soil grade, surface, etc., etc., together with field notes and price list; in fact everything that is necessory. to assist one in forming a correct idea of the character and value of the land I also loan money on five years time to buy the preferred stock of the company, to be raised in payment for the land, which at the present very low price of this stock, brings these lands much lower than government lands.

Parties holding land under contract will do well to pay up and get a deed before a rise in the price of stocks.

Parties who located on these lands before survey, and have made valuable improvements, should lose no time in making purchase, as the company is not under any obligation to hold it for them; and others are applying for it.

Plats and price lists of unsold lands furnished free of charge. Settlers will find it to their advantage to give me a call before locating.

WM. GLASS, Agent.
Office in Postoffice Building Cooperstown, D. T.

The Dakota Weekly Age is the name of a seven-column folio, published by N. O. Fanning, at Jamestown, and dedicated "to the general interests of society." It is excedingly well edited, and a model of typographical neatness.

Territory of Dakota, County of Griggs ss. Office of County Clerk.

Notice is hereby given, that, interest of the County demanding it, I have called, and there will be held a special session of the Board of County Commissioners of said County on Saturday, the seventh day of March, A. D. 1885, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, at the County Clerks office in Cooperstown, Dakota, for the purpose of auditing the following bills against said County, viz:

Lenham E. & L. Co., Coal, $ 540,00.

Lenham E.& L. Co, Bridge Material, $ 26.16.

And also for the purpose of attending to any other business which may properly come before said Board.

Done at Cooperstown, in said County, this 25th day of February A. D. 1885.

H. P. SMART, County Clerk.

☞ Genuine Henry Clay cigars at Whidden Bros

Wood pumps for $6, at A. N. Adams'.

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KNUD THOMPSON.