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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 west..... 10:33 a. m.
Going east..... 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.
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The woman suffrage bill has passed both branches, and gone to the governor for his approval.

The governor has vetoed the capital removal bill. It also failed receiving the necessary vote to pass it over the veto.

Pat Kelly, of St. Paul, is the alleged dispenser of Minnesota, Dakota and Montana patronage, under the democratic administration; and ex-Gov. Ziebach, of Dakota, is spoken of as the probable successor to Gov. Pierce, who, it is hinted, will soon send in his resignation to President Cleveland.

The Bismarck correspondent of the Argus let loose on the editor of the Northwood Headlight last week, and the way he hit him would do proud to the science of a Johnsullivancateas catchknockknoutinfourrounds. It was a stunner. If we had anything against Jay B., or the major, we'd print it, in full.

The governor has nominated E. A. Caldwell, of Sioux Falls, territorial auditor; Hon. Geo. Rice, speaker of the house, for attorney general; Rev. Joseph Ward, of Yankton, for superintendent of public instruction; Prof. John W. Cowen, of Valley City, for assistant superintendent of public instruction; J. W. Raymond, of Bismarck, for territorial treasurer. The nominations were all confirmed by the council.

In another column will be found a card from "Several Citizens," which should bring the board of county commissioners to their feet with an explanation instant. It is alleged in the card that the bill of County Attorney Jacobson for \$404.13, audited and allowed by the board, was for services as lobbyist in the interest of the '83 tax bill, and some very pertinent questions are put. We refrain from any comment, until we hear from the commissioners.

Council bill 307, by Mr. Richardson, is an act to create a joint school township in the counties of Griggs and Steele. The following territory shall constitute and be organized as a joint school township by the name of Waziya school township, to-wit: Sections 19, 20, 29, 30, 31, and 32, township 147, range 57 west, and sections 24, 25 and 36, same township north, of range 58 west, and section 1, township 146 north, of range 58 west, and sections 5 and 6, township 146 north, of range 57 west, to be organized and governed as provided by law for the school township.

To Our Patrons.

We have placed a full line of FLOUR in our Burrell Avenue Store, where we shall hereafter handle the largest provision business in this section of the country. Our stock will always be complete and our prices such as to maintain the present popularity of Cooperstown as THE trading point for the counties of Griggs, Steele, Nelson, northern Barnes, and eastern Foster. Our terms are strictly cash, and will not be varied from.
DAVIS & PICKETT.

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

The finest line of spring clothing in Dakota is now placed on exhibition at Bowden & Buck's.

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

Smoke the celebrated Nilsson cigar. Best in the world. Sold by Bowden & Buck.

From New Orleans.

Editorial Correspondence to the Courier.

NEW ORLEANS, March 1.—The following invitation is out for to-morrow: "The pleasure of your company is requested at a reception to be given to citizens of New Orleans and other invited guests, at Dakota Headquarters in government building on Monday, March 2d, 1885, at 2 o'clock."

March 2d is not the regular Dakota day, but the reception is timely and will be appreciated. The exhibit is now nearly complete and is excelled by none in form or substance. The visitor is attracted by a shapely corn crib, made of yellow ears; by the tallest column in the building, built of corn and wheat on the stalk, with the legend of Dakota's wealth emblazoned upon the base. Upon the base or pedestal rest also magnificent globes filled with our fine cereal product. The mineral wealth of the Black Hills is lavishly displayed, tin ore being the gem of the collection. Three hundred and fifty men are at work in the tin mines of the "Hills," and the mines are the only profitable tin mines in the United States. In the rear of the monument is a hillock of emerald green, rising about six feet above the floor level, and every morning Farmer Wallace can be found greeting the sun upon this upland lawn, and taking care of the animals—the white buffalo, the cayuse, the antelope, the bear, wild cat, wolf, badger, elk, deer, jack rabbit and prairie chick which are upon this little mountain, exhibited to the delight of thousands. Behind this is a frontier cabin filled with trophies of the chase, and the Mandan exhibit of stuffed animals, and wild-west bric-a-brac, to say nothing of the tepee, the files of Dakota newspapers, the magnificent architectural drawing of the university at Tower City, the Indian relics, vegetables, fruits, specimens of Dakota timber, furs, and huge stacks of flour from the Fargo, Grand Forks, Sioux Falls, Jamestown and Casselton roller mills. The Dakota exhibit is not yet complete, and Messrs. Wallace, Fleming and assistants are busy, night and day, in putting on the finishing touches. The Northern Pacific makes no exhibit, but the company transports the Dakota collection, and all persons connected with it, over the road free of charge, beside affording valuable aid in the collection of specimens.

Connecticut day, and the restoration of a rebel—beg pardon—a confederate flag, taken by a Nutmeg regiment from a Peican regiment some years since, was a great success, and the Mexican band and great organ played "Marching Through Georgia," "Dixie," and the "Star Spangled Banner," in token of the perfect unanimity of Connecticut and Louisiana.

Negro day is also done. The colored exhibit shows considerable progress in the mechanic arts, and all the crudeness that could be expected in fine arts. An old negro veteran of 1812, Jordan B. Noble, whose "long roll" drum beat called the soldiers to arms on the approach of the British at the battle of New Orleans, was at hand, with the old original drum.

Minnesota has a magnificent exhibit, which with the wheat pavilion of the C. M. & St. P. railroad, with its lady composed entirely of wheat stalks and heads, and its train of cars and engine built of the same material, ably second the Dakota effect in bringing the Northwest to the front.

Arizona furnishes, besides its mineral display, interesting plaster paris models of ancient pueblos, cave cities, together with pottery, basketry and other antiquities.

The United States fish commissioner distributes German carp to all applicants.

The ethnological, geological, zoological and other ological contributions of the Smithsonian Institute are wonderful in extent and interest.

The Chinese exhibit in the main building is the old centennial cotton display. The dresses of the various classes of celestials are illustrated by wooden dummies, dressed in various fabrics. These dummies, seated among the silent, motionless attendants, are hard to distinguish from them. Our Black Hills man had a little fun by entering into an apparently animated conversation with one of the dummies. He talked to the dummy like a father; he reasoned with him; he expostulated with him until a wondering group of live Chinamen gathered around to watch the actions of the untamed Dakotian, jabbering among themselves, the spokesman finally explaining: "Heap dlam foole! Him no pidgen Chinaman. Mi pidgen Chinaman; you talkemil!"

"One at a time. I am talking to this gentleman now," was the reply, the conversation with the dummy continuing much in this fashion: "So you won't have any thing to say to me, eh? Probably I ain't good enough for your company? Probably you are Young Hyson, himself, or brother-in-law to Old Oolong? Probably you are a regular teechest mandarin that won't squirt water over clothes for less'n four bittee one dozen. Say, you boss Chinaman! why don't you discharge this poor dead cuss? He's no good." What? He isn't a Chinaman! he is a dummy! Well! I declare; and the best looking one of the lot, too! Which are dummies? Is that old thing over there a dummy? No? He's a 'rely great mandarin'? I'll bet three dollars its a dummy," whereupon he jabs the alleged dummy in the back with a cane, and the dummy sets up a wild yell, and a riot ensues, which he quiets by explaining that it was a mistake. That if the mandarin had had a card on his back, stating that he was alive, he would not have thought of jabbing him;—that they should have a keep off-the-grass hung up, reading something like this: "Visitors are requested not to jab the live Chinamen with their sticks, as they live on rice and are easily damaged."

The exhibit of Massachusetts is very interesting. Among the relics of the past are specimens of paper table service, once in common use, a watchman's rattle, the camp kettle of Alexander Hamilton when on Washington's staff, specimens of fine work from the Chelsea Art Company, and things explanatory of the method of teaching the "young i ea" in the Bay state. The weather is now fine; but all Dakotians have a sort of epizootic, which we shall probably not recover from till we get back to a better climate. This is a land of eternal dampness.

Around Town.

—The legislature adjourns to-day.

—Dr. Kerr returned from Bismarck last week. He reports the closing days of the session as lively.

—Mr. E. R. Vallandigham, after several days visit with his brother, returned to Valley City on Monday.

—Readers of the COURIER are treated to another New Orleans letter this week, from the pen of the Editor.

—Mrs. Iver Jacobson and child arrived on Wednesday's train. The family are now "At Home" at their residence, on Lenham avenue.

—A bill introduced by Mr. Natwick, creates the county of Norman out of Traill county and one section of townships from the east side of Steele.

—The boarders of the Union house were treated to extras, on Tuesday, the occasion of which was the birthday of the amiable hostess, Mrs. H. Retzlaff.

—John Oie, Esq., returned from Grand Forks Monday. He was delighted with the trip, and invested in a quarter section of Nelson county dirt.

—Cash has added a very elegant case to his Burrell Avenue Tonsorial parlor. He has sent for a couple dozen decorated shaving mugs, and when they are put in place, it will be a pretty slick shop.

An annular eclipse of the sun will occur next Tuesday, visible in the United State as a partial eclipse. This eclipse will begin at 11:37 o'clock in the forenoon and end at 2:12.

The Misses Lulu and Fannie Lenham, two of Sanborn's most charming society ladies, visited Cooperstown for several days past, the guests of Mrs. R. M. Cowan and Mrs. H. S. Lenham.

—J. D. Wood has returned to Cooperstown after a two week's trip through Dakota, Minnesota, and as far east as Chicago, looking after a place to locate. His conclusions are that Cooperstown is the best place to go into business, and he has sent for his family.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Cowen, Mr. and Mrs. Whidden, Miss Barnard, Miss Thomson, Messrs. Smart, Crane, Cox, Rev. Jorden, and C. T. Whidden, constituted a pleasant party at the residence of Mr. J. H. Van Voorhis on Monday evening. The occasion was the celebration of the birthday of Miss Grace V. The charming young lady entertained the guests in a manner becoming the occasion, and is voted a royal hostess. After a toast, "May the Lady Enjoy a Hundred Birthdays," the party adjourned.

The Griggs County COURIER says that it is threatened with a \$25,000 libel suit, and the editor and proprietor in the "sunny south." If Adams stays away much longer and keeps Joe at the helm, he'll arrive home some day to find himself famous and a fit subject to travel and lecture.—North Dakota Democrat.

It may terminate in a limited partnership—the editor doing the "lecture" part, while Joe "travels."

—Ask Bowden & Buck for the Nilsson cigar. The best in the world.

Please Rise and Explain.

Rumor says, that at a meeting of the board of county commissioners, held at Cooperstown on the 7th inst., (a quorum being present), a certain bill, of doubtful complexion, was audited and allowed, paying Mr. Iver Jacobson \$404.13 by way of reimbursement for a trip to Bismarck as a lobbyist for the '83 tax bill, now pending before house committee.

A considerable amount has already been paid the same gentleman, for services and expenses incurred as assistant county attorney in the suit brought by Steele county, restraining the treasurer of Griggs from selling certain lands situated in ranges 56 and 57, for delinquent taxes of 1883, which perhaps was necessary and all very proper. But why we should be compelled to pay him as a lobbyist is what we don't understand; what we object to, and what we would like to hear explained by the commissioners, who allowed the bill. Did we not elect a representative to the legislature last November, to look after the interests of our county, and why can't he look after the '83 tax bill? If he can't, will somebody be kind enough to explain what he was sent there for; what he is doing; what need we have of a \$404.13 lobby; the use to which the money was put; and the benefits, if any, which we may expect to derive from the outlay.

Public information upon this subject seems to be limited, and several citizens have expressed a desire for an explanation concerning such a lavish and unwarrantable expenditure of the people's money.
SEVERAL CITIZENS.

Storming the "Castle."

In these days it is seldom indeed that a good, old-fashioned, genuine surprise party can be successfully gotten up; but a COURIER representative attended one last night, which proved a success—a genuine surprise—without a doubt. The victims were our esteemed citizens, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Whidden, and the occasion prompting it was the fifth anniversary of their marriage and the 27th birthday of the lady. At a few minutes past 9 o'clock a great commotion was heard in the hall way of their mansion, and before Mr. W. could secure his shotgun and get to the door, about twenty citizens, armed with bundles and baskets, burst into the apartment occupied by the lady and gentleman and demanded possession of the house. There was a little scream—by the lady; an exclamation!—by the gentleman. Then, like a flash, the cause for the "intrusion" dawned upon them. Congratulations were tendered, and received. Possession to the house was given. The keys to the larder handed over. An elegant spread was served, and in all a very enjoyable time had. At 11 o'clock the company bid adieu to the happy couple, all wishing them many such surprises.

The following ladies and gentlemen constituted the storming party: Mrs. Fred. Thomson, Mr. and Mrs. Stork, Mr. Mrs. Jorgensen, Mr. and Mrs. Upton, Mr. and Mrs. Montgomery, Mr. and Mrs. Vallandigham, Miss Grace Van Voorhis, Miss Hanna Thomson, Messrs. C. T. Whidden, Cox, Pickett and Clark.

The Social.

The Congregational church social on Tuesday evening, at the residence of Dr. and Mrs. Kerr, was an exceedingly pleasing affair. The doctor and his estimable lady entertained the company in a manner to make all feel at home. The evening was passed pleasantly in listening to a select reading by Mrs. W. A. Baker, which was excellently rendered, engaging in various amusing games, and partaking of elegant refreshments, prepared for the occasion. The forty-eight persons present vote this, the first social of the season, a grand success, and anxiously await the announcement of the next, which, we understand, will be in about two weeks.

A Card.

Geo. W. Greenleese wishes, on behalf of the late firm of Geo. W. Greenleese & Co., to thank the public for past patronage, and trust, as he is going to carry on the business, that they will not fail to call on him, where will always be found a complete stock in the line of flour and feed, and at "popular prices," which the late firm was noted for.

Farmers, Attention.

Leave your measure at E. C. Ward's and a pair of plow shoes, made of best stock, for \$3 only. Lenham avenue, near Whidden Bros.

Horses.

We will have a car load of fine Canadian horses about March 25th. Griggs county farmers are respectfully requested to call and examine same.
DAVIS & PICKETT.

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