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### Official Paper of Griggs County

Gen. Swaim's council says Arthur and Bob Lincoln rung in a cold deck on him.

The peaceful solution of the Afghan question, between England and Russia, is a backset to the speculative bulls on Wall street.

Mentor in the Chicago Herald has elected Sherman (John) and Randall to the questionable position of first presidential aspirants.

It seems to be the verdict that the Wells-DeWoody affair was very inartistic, lacking that delicate diplomacy that betokens the true artist in corruption.

Five thousand female cigar makers are on a strike at Madrid, Spain, smashing machines, and destroying property. Mr. Pierce probably had not heard of this when he vetoed the suffrage bill.

It is reported that Senator Vest will soon introduce a bill, attaching the eastern tier of counties in Dakota to Minnesota, and the southern tier to Nebraska, Missouri better pull—Hi! Don't shoot!

Gatchell, of the Duel County Advocate, has fallen heir to \$900,000. This, after "garden sass" for subscription, must seem pretty slick; but what was the matter of not adding a few more expliers?

Ashton D. T. is a county seat by act of the legislature. Let the hills clap their hands. The apex of metropolitan greatness has been reached. The merchants have sent for a carload of plug hats and four dollar whiskey.

Joseph Chesterfield Mackin, and William J. Gallagher, the "great" Chicago politicians, and partners in crime of Boss Mike McDonald, go to Joliet for a two years' vacation, as it is suspected by "hizzoner" that they are too flip.

The New Orleans City Item (daily) says of the Widow Thumb who is about to be reconubialized: "neither her nor her intended husband is dependent upon their profession for a livelihood." Her profession is being a midget.

Secretary Vilas is evidently a bad man. The Pioneer Press, charges him with cutting Hendricks—weapon used not mentioned. The Chicago Herald charges him with sitting on the old man; while the press generally expect him to knock Cleveland out at the next democratic convention. Such lawlessness is becoming altogether too common.

The Jacksonian democrats are disappointed in Mr. Cleveland, who is throwing a temporary glamor of mugwumpism over his administration. Wait a little. Between the leaves of the melodramatic, maternal, civil service reform bible the to-be-amputated heads of republican office holders are thicker than the leaves that strew the vale of Valambrosia.

The slow approaching dissolution of ex-President Grant is a mocking commentary on success in life. From obscurity he returns to dust. In the interim we have military and political grandeur, and power; a triumphant tour through kingdoms and principalities; financial embarrassment, and, almost, disgrace; a siege and victory by disease, which is as remorseless as if its victim had never bob-nobbed with kings, nor received the plaudits and worship of multitudes. A weak, death-stricken old man replaces the hero of a hundred battles. His last ambition is the completion of his military papers, which are already questioned as to their accuracy and honesty. His fame will soon be locked in the repository of dusty tomes. A village tanner might have lived as happily. However, the same tenacity of purpose, careful judgment, and wonderful patience, manifested by the old hero upon the battle field, distinguish him in this conflict with death.

### Around Town.

—A new chimney is found necessary in the church building.

—Graham Lockwood and family came in from Michigan Friday.

—A. D. Maris drove up from Sanborn Friday, returned the same day.

—Knud Thompson sold a yoke of oxen Tuesday. Business has commenced.

—An "ideal saloon" is what the Devils Lake News man calls a favorite resort.

—James Gimblets' house is completed, and—well—its only rumor as yet.

—Spring has come. Billy McKean of the Enterprize advertises for "garden sass."

—Hon. Julius Stevens is visiting his wife at Lanesboro. He will return next week.

—Miss Lina Barnard has thoroughly recovered her health, and is now in Boston.

—Rev. F. M. Rockwell preached his farewell sermon Sunday evening. He goes to Carrington.

—Mr. N. C. Rukke was in town Saturday and Sunday, returning home Sunday afternoon.

—It is reported that Hon. I. W. Barnum has sold his farm at Sanborn. Consideration, \$45,000.

—Elmer E. Fitch formerly of Cooperstown has gone East. He will probably return in the Spring.

—Register Evans says of the sunny south: They ought to dry the climate and buy some land.

—Mrs. Montgomery gave a pleasant tea party Tuesday evening. About ten invited guests were present.

—A Mr. Freeland, at Lee, on the Sneyenne, caught two otters of enormous size, last week.

—D. B. Newell has returned from Illinois, and is delighted to again breathe the pure air of the prairie.

—Mrs. Geo. W. Barnard, and daughter Miss Belle Rice, Master George, and the baby, arrived from Chicago Friday.

—The Essex Index bears unmistakable evidence of the fine Italian hand of the accomplished ex-editor of the COURIER.

—Thor Serungard was presented by his wife with a bouncing boy last week. Thor is the biggest man on the Sneyenne now.

—Wm. Brownfield, H. B. Sorter, and Al Turner, returned from Frazee City, Minn., last week. They drove through in seven days.

—Judge Melgard enjoyed his usual smoke, Sunday, which necessitated his cleaning out his chimney instead of listening to the preacher.

—The Courier acknowledges a present from Messrs. Enger and Jacobson of a fac simile of Sara Bernhardt in imported terra cotta dog.

—The eclipse of the sun was plainly visible from the Courier office Monday without a glass—smoked or otherwise. It was about like the new moon.

—Mrs. Lamira Porter, widow of the late Hon. John Porter, a soldier of 1812, died at Hebron, Wis., March 13th. She was a grandmother of our townsman, Mr. Harry G. Pickett.

—The church troubles at Valley City have culminated in the departure for the east of Woodford. The new rector will operate without a vestry, and it is supposed will be agreeable to Root. Thus endeth the ninety-ninth round.

—Banker Pickett and M. J. Davis are no tenderfoot. Having a little business at Valley City, and the train not running to suit them, they drove to that point Saturday evening, returning Sunday, after a hundred and ten mile drive.

—The boom edition of the Devils Lake News is a fine piece of work, of which the young metropolis may well be proud. It is reported that the News consolidates with the Democrat, the product being the News-Democrat. The Inter Ocean is an alleged daily, although we have no proof of the fact.

—Enger & Jacobson's puppies are "pretty slick," but there has been a mistake somewhere. Anton, on the testimony of the girl, said there were seven of one kind, and one of the other; it is now discovered that there are seven of the other kind and one of the one, and applicants for blooded canines are correspondingly disappointed.

—A long Norwegian farmer, from Lee, slept on the ground, near Montgomery's stable, Tuesday night, rather than pay 50 cents for lodging. He had \$200 in his pocket. He wore no fur, and felt as fine in the morning, as if he had been lulled to sleep by the splashing of a fountain in a tropic land. It was the coldest night of the month, but the at-

mospher is so dry in these latitudes that dwellings are luxuries rather than necessities.

—Schools in Wheatland township commence May 1st.

—The Congregational social will be held next Tuesday evening, at the residence of Dr. Kerr.

—Walter J. Wheeler is back in Dazey again. He has been at Detroit, Minn., during the winter.

The Ellendale Commercial is tired of Col. Donan's "nonsense," and sits down on him solidly.

—According to the Gazette, ex-Register E. J. McMahon is to be arrested for crookedness in his former official position.

The Valley City Times, under D. R. Getchell's able editorship, is ploughing along as well as "Getch", handicapped, can make it.

—Captain Robinson's land contest with K. S. Norgard has been decided in the Captain's favor. The Captain is to be congratulated.

—Charley Cooper is quite ill. Dr. Newell is attending him. Charlie, we believe, was east in the fall, which accounts for his sickness.

—The farmers' club at Mont Clair has regular meeting Thursday evenings. Farm questions are discussed. Mr. John Mills is president of the club, Mr. A. M. Sinclair, secretary.

—The ladies of the Baptist society give a "pound party" to-night (Friday) at the church. These parties are very popular. Every person attending is required to deposit with the door-keeper a package of something good to eat, weighing exactly one pound, which packages will be auctioned off during the evening to the highest bidder. Literary exercises, together with ice cream and other refreshments, are features of the evening.

—The Lenham artesian well is now down 370 feet with no water. At 285 feet gas was encountered which burned like ordinary illuminating gas until it was shut off in the further prosecution of the work. At 265 feet a black sticky stratum was encountered. It continued 30 feet and resembled loam mixed with lamp-black. About 90 feet of white fire clay was then penetrated, after which the shale came in again. The work is being steadily prosecuted under the direction of Mr. M. J. Drake.

—According to J. W. Fiero, two men at Helena, Griggs county, fought a duel. They played a game of checkers in January, the looser to sleep out of doors with ordinary clothing, and his ordinary bed clothes, the following night. That night the thermometer stood 30° below zero, and the looser complied with the conditions of the game, and in addition thereto, took care of his stock the next morning before approaching the fire. It was cold but dry. The same parties played another game, to break up the monotony of winter, conditioned upon the looser fasting for four days, the winner to care for the looser's stock. The conditions were faithfully complied with.

### Gentle Spring.

For several weeks Dakota has been as free from snow as Alabama, as warm as Kentucky, without wind enough to stir the feathers on a humming bird's tail. Etherial mildness has brought out the harrow and seeder, and our farmers, who are not already afield, will soon be doing the great grain act of 1885.

If diphtherical wildness rages in the middle states, it may be some consolation to the benighted to know that here they can find a climate where health is contagious, soil that makes it profitable to live, and where, when you wet your feet, it is money in your pocket.

### News Notes.

The Blue Grass region of Virginia is being deserted for Dakota and Texas.

The Prince of Wales will visit Ireland in June. Some of the pieces may fly over this way.

Mrs. Raulway, of Baltimore, while chopping wood in the cellar, chopped her left leg nearly off. She cut several cords, presumably.

At a party at Blue River Neb. Sat. night, the good people trimmed the bridge with Eliza Taylor and her pet brother whom some thought to be careless about human life.

At Tappen, Kidder County, Friday night Joe Schenck was shot, through the window of his shack. A Polander whom Schenck owed is thought to have done the deed.

An exchange says that John Paul-

son at Cocato threw himself under a moving locomotive and was mashed. If it had been the locomotive that was mashed the case would be a remarkable one.

At Ashton, D. T., Wm. Roe was shot in the neck by Frank Fawcett, on the night of March 12th. There was a woman at the bottom of the matter. F. F. had just married her, and Bill and his friends were having a little fun with them.

Nellie Horan was acquitted of poisoning her sister. Probably, hereafter, Nellie's family cooking operations will be confined to boiling eggs. She is to marry a man named Richardson. When Rich. has the cholera morbus, he will probably yell for the anti-rat "pizen."

### Spoilation.

New York, Feb. 21.—The immediate consequence of the French spoliation act, lately passed by Congress and signed by the President, is the opening of numerous offices in this city for the prosecuting of claims. The operators are, in most cases, men experienced in the pension business. Damages amounting to \$30,000,000, were done to American shipping by French privateers during the remainder of the eighteenth century subsequent to the revolution. These injuries were, after much international dicker, offset against claims brought against us by the French government; but the individual losers, numbering not less than 1000 sea captains and owners of seized vessels and cargoes, got no recompense, although thirty-seven different committees of Congress reported favorably and only five adversely on the question whether our government should make good the losses. The act establishes a special Court of Claims, and undoubtedly the findings of this tribunal will be accepted by Congress. Considering that nearly a hundred years have elapsed since the spoliation, the descendants of the despoiled men are to be numbered by the thousands upon thousands. The heirs of Aneke Jans are a small band by comparison.

### 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 Lands 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 necessary, 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 used 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.

I also loan money for final proofs. Wm. Glass, Agent, Office in Postoffice Building Cooperstown, D. T.

### Paints, Oils, Turpentine, Alcohol and Coloring Materials.

A full line of new goods just received. We think we have everything in the line of painters' supplies the country needs. Find us mistaken, and the missing articles will be supplied in shortest possible time. MAYNARD CRANE & CO.

### 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 Zealand oats, which weighs 45 lbs to the measured bushel.

Just received our first invoice of Spring goods. Consisting of 50 dozen boots and shoes, 25 dozen hats. An elegant line of gents furnishing goods, notions, etc. John Syverson & Co.

100 pairs ladies and childrens shoes 75 cts to 1.00, in job lots. John Syverson & Co.

Cheap for cash: One top buggy—nearly new, warranted. Apply to F. H. Adams COURIER Office.

### 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.

JULIUS STEVENS.

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