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The Pall Mall Gazette is having a waim time through its recent disclosures. The walls of Wales may have something to do with the Gazette's popularity.

The Pierre Free Press denies that Delegate Gifford has democratic proclivities. The delegate thinks it was a cold day for Dakota when Cleveland was elected.

Miss Cleveland's new book entitled, "what I know about rejected manuscripts," or something similar, is a great success—all the postmaster have sent for it.

Kelly and Doran have been in Washington looking over postoffice matters. They have large orders for postoffices from the country, and find it convenient to invoice their stock.

Col. Mac Smith, of Cincinnati, well-known at Valley City as an authority in the great American game, has stopped playing two pairs before the draw. He is dead. He died of inflammation of the brain, after a short illness.

Russia is dissatisfied with the decoration conferred on Sir Peter Lumsden. If General Howkumyreyevoutsky had not been called back he would have decorated Pete so his own mother wouldn't have known him.

Sitting Bull in his triumphant tour, under the auspices of the government, demonstrates that for an Indian to achieve greatness he must acquire scalps. Old Shoot-the-Tiger, who lately visited us, if he wants to prosper, must kill somebody, and not be sponging to-lac o and eating cold grub too much.

So recent has been the settlement of our territory that our farmers are discovering new agricultural possibilities. It is observed that land, after being once cultivated, and allowed to go back to a state of nature, grows a more luxuriant crop of grass than the original sod, and of an entirely different character. Two years replaces the sod.—the grass crowding out the rank weeds, and affording a pasture equal to a "downeast" hay meadow.

General Middleton, after extinguishing Riel and ruining the oat market, is said to have blundered into his victories, and earned his defeats by his ignorance and sloth. He is said to have been in "great luck." His mistakes, such as being scared back from Big Bear by an ordinary Manatoba slough, would fill a volume; his correct moves, a postage stamp. Geo. Washington and Gen. Grant (it will be remembered by our old settlers) received the same reward for their successes.

Bradlaugh has been elected to the House of Commons oftener than Mr. Kelleher, of Jamestown, to the Dakota Council; and yet he cannot get a seat—even on the floor. He is a theoretical atheist, and the other members fear the oath will not be binding on him. He has not measured the time, the form, the power, of the great first cause. Many of the members of the house are practical atheists, recognizing deity, only in a thunder storm, or in time of plague, pestilence or famine; yet, from dumbness, or discretion, they keep their spiritual deficiencies from the public. Such an exhibition in a legislative body is certainly to be considered pure humbug. Not one of these objectors but would consider Bradlaugh's word good in business matters.

From reliable information the most paying business in Dakota, at the present time, is Hail insurance—to the proprietors, not the agents. Their profits are enormous, and their risks infinitesimally small. The companies magnify each hail stone to the size of a polar iceberg, and give Dakota an advertisement that is as undesirable as it is inexpensive. It would be much better if each farmer carried his own risk until the companies charges were proportion-

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ed to their risk. Not one farmer in a thousand is financially hurt from hail storms, and a general contribution from the neighbors would be better than the rank imposition of foreign companies doing business under a home name.

The census returns are somewhat disappointing to the people who have been claiming 500,000 population in Dakota. The population will prove from 350,000 to 400,000. Fargo, the metropolis, has 7,394, instead of 10,000 people. Valley City has less than 1,000, instead of 2,000. Cooperstown has less than 500 people, instead of 750. Griggs county has a population of 2,083.

"My team is the fastest team in Griggs county, when I am behind them," said B.

"Ah, yes—then they have the wind in their favor," remarked X, with a look of ineffable satisfaction.

The Dakota Age has reached the COURIER, and considering that it is a first class weekly, we wander at its being so long on the road.

The Farmers Alliance is at hand, and is a very creditable paper—all but the seventy-five cent business.

The Magazines.

The Century for July is resplendent with fine wood cuts, and a variety of good matter. George Elliot's country, and its relation to her work, is pleasantly sketched by Rose G. Kingsley; Silas Lapham has the conceit taken out of him, in Howells' best style. T.A. Janvier contributes a clap-trap story, hardly up to the mark of a first-class magazine. Edward Eggleston has a valuable paper on Social Life in the Colonies, interestingly illustrated. Generals Hill, Franklin and Longstreet contribute the post-mortem war news, while the editorials are timely and brilliant.

The July number of the Northwest contains a graphic sketch of Griggs county, and a fine cut of our court house. If any Philistine wishes to get an inside view of practical Dakota life, with its townsite booms, its claim jumping, the wonderful fertility of its soil, and the more wonderful expectations of its early settlers, let him read E. V. Smalley's Young Emigrants. The fine Italian hand of the experienced journalist and man of the world is plainly to be detected.

Ballou's Magazine for August is just what the people want for their vacations. First, there is an illustrated article on some parts of Germany, and a very good illustrated account of Chi' and its glaciers. Then comes "Lewey and I; or the Sailor Boys' Wanderings," by Wm. H. Thomas, author of many books that are justly celebrated, among them his latest, "The Belle of Australia," and "On Land and Sea, or, California in 1833, '44 and '45. Thomas & Talbot, 23 Hawley St., Boston.

Peterson's Magazine for August contains fashion plates, designs for fancy work, fiction, poetry, and music enough to keep any young lady busy a week. Chas. J. Peterson, Philadelphia.

Stands Pat.

Mrs. Barnett, of Watertown, D. T., commemorated the glorious Fourth by giving birth to four babies—two boys and two girls. Aggregate weight twenty pounds, and all doing well.

Pretty Slick.

William Matthews eloped with the wife of James Secrist, of Comanche county, Tex. Later on Matthews returned to get Mrs. Secrist's clothing, when he was shot by the indignant husband.

The Steele Herald says of the Jamestown celebration: The only 4th (after all the big advertising that had been done, and the free mention made by the country press along the line of the N. P.) was the parade by the military and the antics of the so-called Flambeau Club, who fired a few Roman candles. The only ones that enjoyed themselves were those who wore soldier clothes. It was a tame affair except to the ins."

The GRIGGS COUNTY COURIER, one of the spiciest of North Dakota papers, has reached the Bell. It is published at Cooperstown. —Estellene Bell.

Mortgage Sale.

Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage executed and delivered by Matt Platt and Ben F. Platt, mortgagors, to E. E. Cook, trustee, mortgagor, dated the 24th day of June, A. D. eighteen hundred and eighty-three, and recorded as a mortgage in the office of the register of deeds of the county of Griggs, in the territory of Dakota, on the 10th day of August, A. D. 1885, at 10:30 o'clock a. m., in book E of mortgages, on page 150, on which there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, the amount of nine hundred and sixty-five and 45/100ths (\$965.45) dollars, and no action proceeding has been instituted at law or in equity to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Notice is hereby given, that by virtue of a power of sale contained in said mortgage, and of the statute in such case made and provided, the said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises therein described, which sale will be made at the front door of the court house in Cooperstown, in the county of Griggs, and territory of Dakota, at public auction, by the sheriff of said county, or by his deputy duly appointed, on Saturday, the 25th day of July, A. D. 1885, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, to satisfy the amount which shall then be due on said mortgage, and the interest thereon, and costs and expenses of sale.

The premises described in said mortgage, and so to be sold, are the lot, piece or parcel of land situate in the county of Griggs, and territory of Dakota, and known and described as follows, to-wit: The north one-half and the southwest one-fourth of northwest one-fourth and the northwest one-fourth of southwest one-fourth (n-w 1/4 and s-w 1/4) of s-w 1/4 of section thirteen (13), in township one hundred and forty-five (145) north, range fifty-eight (58) west, containing one hundred and sixty (160) acres more or less, according to government survey. E. E. Cook, Trustee, Mortgagee. Francis & Francis, attorneys for mortgagee Fargo, D. T. Dated June 2, 1885. 21-25

Mortgage Sale.

Default has been made in the payment of One Hundred dollars and interest thereon from the 24th day of Nov. 1882, at the rate of 12 per cent per annum, viz: \$131, which is claimed to be due at the date of this notice upon a certain note and mortgage securing the same, duly executed and delivered by Edward H. Foster to Rollin C. Cooper and Thos. J. Cooper, of Griggs county, D. T., both bearing date the 24th day of Nov. 1882, which said mortgage was duly recorded in the office of the register of deeds, in and for the county of Griggs, territory of Dakota, on the 6th day of April, A. D. 1883, at 8:40 o'clock p. m. in book C, on page 182. Said note and mortgage was, on the 17th day of June, 1885, duly assigned and transferred by the said Rollin C. Cooper and Thos. J. Cooper by an assignment in writing to Edwin W. Siegfried of Sanborn, Barnes county, D. T., who is now the owner and holder thereof. And said assignment was duly recorded in the office of the register of deeds aforesaid, on the 24th day of June, 1885, in book C, on pages 341 and 2, and no action or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Notice is hereby given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided, the said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises therein described, which sale will be made at the front door of the Bank of Cooperstown, in the town of Cooperstown, county of Griggs, and territory of Dakota, at public auction, by the sheriff of said county, or his duly appointed deputy, on the 3d day of August, 1885, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, to satisfy the amount which shall then be due on said mortgage, with interest thereon and the cost of sale, together with fifty dollars attorney fees as stipulated in said mortgage, in case of foreclosure. The premises described in said mortgage and so to be sold are the lot piece or parcel of land situated in the town of Cooperstown, and county of Griggs, and territory of Dakota, and described as follows to-wit: Lot seven (7), block seventy-four (74). EDWIN W. SIEGFRIED, assignee. C. Pierson, attorney for assignee. Dated at Cooperstown, June 26, 1885. 23-25

NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF.—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., June 10, 1885. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim and secure final entry thereof on the 29th day of July 1885, viz: Peter Mathison, H. E. No. 13,955 for the s-w 1/4 n-w 1/4 e half n-w 1/4 and s-w 1/4 n-e 1/4 of sec 10, tp 14n, r 58w, and names the following as his witnesses, viz: Andrew C. Knudson, Iver Niemi and John Dahl, of Mardell postoffice, and Mele Nelson, of Romness postoffice, all of Griggs county, D. T. The testimony of claimant and witnesses to be taken before the judge of the district court of Griggs county, D. T., or in his absence, before John N. Jorgensen, clerk of said court, at Cooperstown, Griggs county, D. T., on the 25th day of July, A. D. 1885, at his office. HORACE AUSTIN, Register. Jacobson & Ole, attys. 20-25

NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF.—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., June 30, 1885. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of her intention to make final proof in support of her claim and secure final entry thereof on the 21st day of Aug. 1885, viz: Sin- Tochie, H. E. No. 13,955 for the s-w 1/4 of sec 28, tp 14n, r 58w, and names the following as her witnesses, viz: Reuben H. Bolden, Peder Christensen, Carot Pederson, Ole Pederson, all of Ottowa postoffice, Griggs county, D. T. The testimony to be taken before John N. Jorgensen, clerk of the district court, at Cooperstown, Griggs county, D. T., on the 17th day of August, A. D. 1885, at his office. HORACE AUSTIN, Register. Jacobson & Ole, attorneys. 25-30

NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF.—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., June 30, 1885. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim and secure final entry thereof on the 21st day of August, 1885, viz: John Krogstad, D. S. No. 13,955 for the s-w 1/4 s-w 1/4 n-w 1/4 and n-w 1/4 s-w 1/4 of sec 5, 14n, r 51w, and names the following as his witnesses, viz: Jacob Fuzleas, Nels Gunderson, Gunder Nave, Ole O. Forde, all of Willow postoffice, Griggs county, D. T. The testimony to be taken before John N. Jorgensen, clerk of district court, at Cooperstown, Griggs county, D. T., on the 17th day of August, A. D. 1885, at his office. HORACE AUSTIN, Register. Jacobson & Ole, Attorneys 25-30

NOTICE.—U.S. Land Office, Fargo, D. T., June 20, 1885. Complaint having been entered at this by William Kingsley against Nelson B. Webster for failure to comply with law as to timber culture entry No. 832, dated April 27, 1883, upon the s-w 1/4 sec 4, twp 14s, r 61, in Griggs county, Dakota, with a view to the cancellation of said entry; contestant alleging that said Nelson B. Webster has failed to break or cause to be broken the five acres required to be broken during the first year from date of entry. Also that he has failed to break or cause to be broken the second five acres required to be broken during the second year from date of entry, or at any time prior to June 18, 1885, contrary to the timber culture law of June 14, 1873, said parties are hereby summoned to appear at this office on the 5th day of August, 1885, at ten o'clock a. m., to respond and furnish testimony concerning said alleged failure. E. C. GEARY, Receiver. 25-28

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NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF.—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., July 1, 1885. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of her intention to make final proof in support of her claim and secure final entry thereof on the 12th day of August, 1885, viz: Corn E. Hagerly, D. S. No. 15,004, for the n-e 1/4 of sec 14, tp 14n, r 63w, and names the following as her witnesses, viz: Arthur Knowl, Joseph Buchheit, Etjah Hamilton, H. V. Snifford, all of Willow postoffice, Griggs county, D. T. The testimony of claimant and witnesses to be taken before John N. Jorgensen, clerk of the district court, at Cooperstown, Griggs county, D. T., on the 8th day of August, A. D. 1885, at his office. HORACE AUSTIN, Register. Wm. Glass, attorney. 24-29