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The Jamestown Capital is making it warm for the Alert on the city printing deal.

It was Katharine Kastkowetschski of whom the words were written— Tho' I no more behold thee, Yet is thy name a spell.

Clara Louise Kellogg has been warbling in Minneapolis, in a summer theater. By the time Clara is twenty-six she will be at some Tivoli, at this rate. Her voice is said to have lost but little of its freshness.

Cyrus Jones Spaulding, a Baptist preacher near Mount McGregor, is charging that General Grant is playing sick to deceive the public. He finds plenty of cranks who believe it, or anything else, provided it is not complimentary to the General, or anyone.

Judge McConnell's charge to the grand jury, concerning the Devils Lake land office, and the Inter Ocean, is hurled back to Fargo by the irate officials and the editor, with more than a mid-summer energy; and the editor of the Argus is credited with a hand in the deal.

The Dunseith Herald is now in its second year; and differs from our other exchanges by reason of the peculiarities of the mountain country and its people—the red man and the half-breed are there. In a recent law suit Mrs. Dr. Farrell, wife of the editor of the Herald, was the medical witness, one editor was counsel, and the coroner, acting as sheriff, was the other editor. Verily, the Herald is the pioneer paper.

Canada thistle, cockle burr, and wild mustard must be destroyed by the owner of the land on which they grow, at such time and manner as shall be prescribed by the board of county commissioners; the commissioners shall give two weeks notice in a newspaper. The overseer of highways shall do the work if the owner will not, and the expense shall be taxed against the land. The owner forfeits to the county fifty dollars if he fails to obey the order of the board. This statute ought to be enforced in our county; for doubtless some farms have these weeds upon them. Our land raises most everything.

The Rural New Yorker says of wheat: "Winter wheat worst show since 1868; a considerable decrease in acreage; much winter killing; probable aggregate yield 210,000,000 bushels, against 390,000,000 bushels in 1884. Same increase in acreage of spring wheat, and fair outlook; probable yield 155,000,000 bushels, against 153,000,000 bushels in 1884. Aggregate crop, 365,000,000 bushels, against 512,763,900 bushels in 1884." The Dakota yield will be the largest ever known.

Tornado Studies, a new work, says: "The relative frequency for 1884, by states and territories, is set forth as follows: Georgia, 38; South Carolina, 22; Alabama, 18; North Carolina, 12; Kansas, 12; Iowa, 10; Wisconsin, 10; Dakota, 10; Kentucky, 7; Mississippi, 7; Texas, 5; New York, 5; Indiana, 4; Ohio, 3; Missouri, 3; Minnesota, 3; Pennsylvania, 2; Arkansas, 2; Nebraska, 2; Colorado, 2; Tennessee, 2; Illinois, 1; Indian Territory, 1; Louisiana, 1." The Dakota exhibit ought to be labeled "South Dakota." North Dakota never had a cyclone, nor a genuine tornado, to our knowledge, and we have been here since 1878.

An Iowa paper rather forcibly expresses it thusly: "It may be set down as an invariable rule, that those who sneer and make derogatory remarks about their local paper do the least to support it, and in nearly every case they belong to that class whose knowledge is so limited that they cannot tell whether the Savior was crucified on Mount Calvary or shot at Bunker Hill."

"The Great American Desert" is a thing of the past. The quadrant wh ch

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This "desert" once occupied on the map embraced the area now occupied by the states of Minnesota, Dakota, Iowa, Nebraska, Missouri, Kansas, Arkansas, to the Indian Territory—"an area in total equal to nine New Englands." The grain product of this "desert" in 1880 amounted to 812,416,200 bushels.—Ex.

Mound Builders.

Dr. Waterhouse, of New York, according to the Lisbon Clipper, has explored an old mound on the Sheyenne, with the following result:

From all appearances these mounds seem to have been formed by making a floor of river bed sand and clay, baked hard by building fires on it. The floor in this particular mound was as smooth and level as any boarded floor of the present day. After the contents had been placed in position an arch roof was formed of clay burned or baked hard in a similar manner. In this way the contents were hermetically sealed, and the condition in which they were found showed conclusively that they had lain there for ages without being exposed to any contact with moisture. Logs fifteen feet long and six inches in diameter, were found in marvelous state of preservation. From the position in which these were found it is conjectured that a platform must have been constructed on which to place the bodies. The grain of the wood could be plainly seen, but the wood had perished and was so soft that a spade could be thrust into it. The soil was as light as ashes, and perfectly dry. The charcoal remains of the fires used to bake the floor was found perfect, and nothing appeared to have suffered in the least from decay, age alone having perished the relics found. The floor, we may say, was as hard as concrete and when the shovel was pushed through the soft earth it rung as if striking stone. No signs of implements with which to kill game were discovered, but some of their money was found. This money also shows how ancient were these people. Their coin consisted of pieces of polished shell one-half inch by about one inch. They had no means of piercing these shells for the purpose of stringing them together, but cut a notch at each side near one end. Another curious fact about these people is that they had no alphabet or signs. The coins were plain, and nothing has yet been found to show that they had any written characters. The earliest Indian had an alphabet or pictures, but these mound builders had apparently no knowledge of anything of the sort. Then again, as yet no sign of pottery has been discovered, whilst all other discoveries with regard to ancient people disclose evidences of the potter's art, no matter how simple. Clam shells, such as are found in our river at the present day were also found amongst the relics. Under the center three skeletons were found, with copper ornaments on them. The first ornament found was on the skeleton of a child, evidently about eight years old, and was laid on its breast. This ornament consisted of a piece of pure copper, beaten out to the 32nd of an inch, and 24 inches long by 1 1/2 inches wide, with a small hole in opposite corners, diagonally, so that it would hang diamond shape. Another similar ornament was found on a larger skeleton. Underneath these two skeletons the explorers found a large skeleton, and mixed with his bones were a number of copper tubes about the thickness of a lead pencil. These tubes appear to have been strung together, a long one of three inches for the center, with shorter ones on each side.

Wanted—By August 1st, a competent g. to do housework. Wages \$14 per month. Mrs. R. C. COOPER.

We have just received a large stock of school books of every kind used in the county. Websters Unabridged dictionary furnished to schools for \$8.50. John Syverson & Co.

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J. W. CHRISTIE.

Mortgage Sale.

Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage executed and delivered by Mattie C. Piatt and Ben F. Piatt, mortgagors, to E. E. Cook, trustee, mortgagor, dated the 25th day of June, A. D. eighteen hundred and eighty-three, and recorded in 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 180, 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 or 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 28th 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 situated 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 north one-half and north one-fourth of southwest one-fourth (n 1/2 n-w 1/4 and n-w 1/4 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. 21-27

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 11th day of July, 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 241 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. Now therefore, 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 by 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 county of Griggs, and territory of Griggs and territory of Dakota, and described as follows to-wit: Lot seven (7), block seventy-four (74). EDWIN W. SIEGFRIED, assignee. C. E. Pierson, attorney for assignee. Dated at Cooperstown, June 26, 1885. 23-28

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