

Official Directory.

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John Hollebeak, of Bismarck, wishes to don the ermine in the place of Judge Francis, who is so offensively partizan. It is claimed by the bar, that it requires an attorney for only one side of a case in his court, and then the devil only knows which side until the trouble begins. John is now at war with the portly editor of the Fargo Argus, who, in return for like compliments, rises to remark that John is a bad citizen. Just how much weight the leader of the North Dakota republican ring will have with the administration is unknown; and just how much effect such a charge as this, if proven, will have on the Unterrified, is likewise an unknown quantity. The democracy, like republicans, sometimes do not mind a little thing like that, if the office seeker has influential friends, and is a simon-pure partizan from wayback.

Mr. Hollebeak's main qualification for the position seems to be his residence in Bismarck. This is enough no doubt, but it is rumored the President is inclined to recede from his original notion in regard to the appointment of territorial judges—that it is becoming apparent that our old settlers know one another too 'pizen' intimately to be exported over one another. Why not an imported article, if we are to have a new one, who has not forgotten his law in the desultory practice before the Dakota courts, and has not accumulated spites, prejudices, and feuds enough to occupy his undivided attention. The judicial office is a little different from an attorney generalship, a governorship or a surveyor generalship.

It is a curious fact that wasps' nests often take fire as is supposed, by the chemical action of the wax upon the material of which the nest is composed. Many of the fires of unknown origin in haystacks and farm buildings may thus be accounted for.—Ez.

We are glad to catch on to the above item. It will help out our insurance companies considerably. What's the use of the rats gnawing lucifer matches, the lamp exploding, or the old rags igniting by spontaneous combustion, when the facts chronicled above exist? What's the matter of not mentioning that there was a wasp on the nest, occasionally.

The Marquis de Mores has been indicted for murdering a border ruffian, at Mandan, a year ago. He will probably be acquitted, with a reprimand for not killing more frontier vermin, while he was about it. A respectable gentleman is generally in bad repute in the cow counties, until the old settlers learn to respect his aim.

The population of the Terminal Town is 318. A more flourishing town of its size is not to be found in Dakota. Both county and village were too new to feel the business depression of 1883 and 1884, and, now that we are on the upgrade, Cooperstown may be expected to increase steadily in population and wealth.

The North, Central, and South American exposition opens at New Orleans in November, and will probably be as successful as the late World's fair. The same buildings will be used. It will be pre-eminently a Southern affair.

You may shoot chickens now with a quiet conscience.—Carrington News.
Hardly, Brother Wyard. You better try No 7 shot. If that fails, try the quiet conscience.

It is a question whether our offensive partizan republican editors, in their endless desertations on state-hood, are seeking division or diversion.

Jimsonweed On Chicken-Shooting.
'Them Cooperstown dudes, who feed a dog twelve months for the sake of one little moth-eaten, seven-cent chicken, are crazy, that's what; and they take them thin-skinned, white-livered pointer pups right out among the wild birds of the desert, careless like! The first thing they know the chickens will turn

on the dogs and hurt 'em. If I had a good chicken to shoot under, or over, or sideways on, I could get more dog meat than a man can chop an axe in a tree. If I just put one chicken on a high hill, seven miles from the court house, in fifteen minutes I couldn't see the ground for pups—long, short, liver-colored, ring-streaked and speckled, and a parcel of dum fools with powder enough to blow up Hell's Gate, comin' a-runnin' arter my chicken.

I had chickens to sell last harvest, and I never teched a gun. I used to kill 'em by runnin' into 'em with a light Plano binder. My off horse would see 'em out in the field, when I was a harvestin', and rip—snort—the hull team would go bent for 'lection. We would strike the covey and bag every chicken in the flock; and them horses would come back to the grain, as if nothin' had happened. 'Mash the chickens up!' Lord, no! It tied 'em in bundles—twenty in a bundle, as slick as anything you ever see. I sold 'em by the bundle, and never pretended to count 'em.

Well, I don't care if I do. Put a little peppermint in mine."

Answers to Correspondents.

The following inquiries for lack of personal knowledge we have referred to our visitors, and have received the brutal replies attached:

STICKY CAKE—Will some of your kind readers tell me what to do with my cakes? I can never get them out of the tins without sticking, even if they are well buttered.—Nellie S. [Turn the tin face downward, Nellie, and then jump on it a few times, and we think the cake will "get shook."]

WINDOWS—Ella M. Bloomer wishes to know how to clean windows and not have them look smoky. [Tie your poodle dog to a long stick—dip in kerosine, and rub the windows briskly.]

THE BIDDIES—Can any of your subscribers give a good cure for hens losing their feathers in the winter?—Farmer Jones. [We would recommend the Acme tableting glue applied hot with a stiff brush late in the fall.]

SERMONS—A reader wants to know where he can get a second handed copy of Choy's sermons. [We regret we have not a second hand copy by us. We will, however, send you the COURIER, at \$2 per annum.]

TO REMOVE SPOTS—Will some one please give a receipt for taking rosin or crude turpentine out of black cashmere.—Daisy, Lake Jessie. [You haven't any black cashmere, Daisy. Restrain yourself, or you will be telling about your Steiny piano, yet.]

ROLLED SANDWICHES—What is the secret of making bread tough, so that it can be made into rolled sandwiches.—X. [Ask some other fellows landlady.]

CORRESPONDENT: Is there any such word as villate, as applied to legal proceedings, in the English language? [Certainly, if the operator crosses his ts, Villate is probably what was written. How is it, Rob?]

Our Milk.

"Just look here a minute before you go down town," said Mrs. Spilkins to her lege lord, and she took him to the pantry and pointed out to him a sample of Cooperstown milk.

"Well! What of it?" said Spilkins, heartlessly. "Are you trying to make happy by pointing out to me the evidences that you have married a good provider? I see that, and I see that pan of moth-eaten biscuits that will be bread pudding to-morrow,—and I see a kerosine can. You better hand paint these biscuits, dear. Paint 'God Bless Our Home' on 'em, and put 'em in the parlor on the center table."

"Mr. Spilkins!" and the tears came in her little blue eyes. "do you notice how that milk look?"

"Yes, my dear," said Spilkins, as the pale sun shot athwart the rim of the glistening tin, and kissed the rippling surface of the lacteal fluid. "I see the pan, and I see the milk. It looks sad."

"Mr. Spilkins, that milk is said to be new milk, and yet it is blue—blue as indigo."

"That's what I said," said Spilkins, absently. "Sad or blue, it is all the same thing. It looks like it was full of tears. You must have had that in the house some time and cried over it in one of your little tantrums, my dear."

"Tears!" said she, scornfully, as she deftly scopped a fly out of the pan, "Its alkali water and age, that's what it is. If I try to make custard with it, I can't do it. You said the other day the custard was nothing but baked water trimmed with poached eggs—you did!" and here the little woman covered her face with her apron, and burst into tears.

"Well, don't cry, my dear. I thought we had done with crying fits, and tantrums. I wasn't blaming you, I was blaming the eggs. You remember these eggs were select eggs—sort of exclusive like—wouldn't mix with everything. We will try the common kind next time and

see if they will turn up their nose at your cooking."

"But you don't understand," said she, stifling a sob, and rubbing the reddened end of her little pug nose. "The milk is old, nasty, scum milk, and watered at that. If old Muffelback brings any more, I know what I'll do, I'll—I'll—tell him about it."

"That's what you ought to have done long ago," said Spilkins, absently kissing her on the eyebrow; and he went down town ruminating on the foolishness of women in general.

Notice to Creditors and Electors

School District No. 4, Griggs Co., D. T.

In pursuance to the action of a school meeting held by the electors of School district No. 4, of Griggs county, D. T., according to the provisions of an act entitled "An act to Enable the School Districts of the Counties of Barnes and Griggs to fund their Indebtedness," by which action we, Andrew Johnson, Henry Gillespie and Feder A. Melgard, were appointed a committee to audit and settle the indebtedness of School district No. 4. Now therefore be it known, that we shall from the date of this notice until September 1, 1885, receive all claims for outstanding indebtedness of said school district No. 4 of Griggs county, D. T., and that this committee will meet every Monday evening at 8 o'clock p. m., in the clerk of court's office in Cooperstown, until Sept. 1, 1885. Any person wishing, personally, to present his claims for settlement at these meetings can do so. And you electors of said School district No. 4 are hereby notified that we will meet you at the school house in Cooperstown on Monday, the 7th day of Sept., 1885, at 9 a. m., and said meeting will be held open until 4 o'clock p. m. same day, for the purpose of rendering to you a full report of our labors, at which time and place the question of issuing bonds will be submitted. Dated at Cooperstown this 29th day of July, A. D. 1885. ANDREW JOHNSON, HENRY GILLESPIE, FEDER A. MELGARD.

Probate Notice.

Territory of Dakota, county of Griggs, ss. In Probate court, special term, 1885. At a probate court held in and for Griggs county, and territory of Dakota, at the office of the judge of probate, in the town of Cooperstown in said county, on the 8th day of Aug., 1885. Present: Hon. Geo. B. Clark, Judge of probate. In the matter of proving the last will and testament of Omund Nelson, deceased. Order setting day for probate of will. On reading and filing the verified petition of Carrie Nelson, propounding for probate a paper purporting to be the last will and testament of Omund Nelson, late of Griggs county, deceased, setting forth that said last will and testament relates to both real and personal estate, and naming the heirs at law and next of kin of said deceased, said petitioner being wife of said deceased, and praying that said will may be proved and allowed as the last will and testament of said Omund Nelson, deceased, and that letters testamentary thereupon issue to Thore S. Serenmar, the executor named in said last will and testament, and who has consented to act as such executor when duly appointed, and that a citation issue to the subscribing witnesses to said last will and testament, requiring them to appear and testify in relation to the execution of said last will and testament, and that notice be given the heirs at law, next of kin and all persons interested in said estate of the time and place of hearing of said petition. It is hereby ordered that said petition be heard by the judge of probate court of said Griggs county, at a special term of said court to be held at his office in the town of Cooperstown, in said county, on Monday, the 8th day of September, A. D. 1885, at 10 o'clock a. m.; to attend the hearing of said petition, and the probate of said will. It is further ordered that notice be given to the heirs at law and next of kin, and all persons interested in the estate of said deceased, by publishing a copy of this order for three successive weeks once in each week, prior to said hearing, in the Griggs County Courier, a newspaper published in said county. By the court. 31-32 GEO. B. CLARK, Judge of Probate.

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE—Default having been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage, duly executed and delivered by Ole Thon and Mary Thon, his wife, mortgagors, to D. S. B. Johnston, mortgagee, bearing date the 18th day of May A. D. 1882, and recorded in the office of the register of deeds of Griggs county, Dakota territory, on the 29th day of May, A. D. 1882, at 9:30 o'clock a. m., in book "A," containing pages 39, and there is claimed to be due and there is due at the date of this notice the sum of thirty-nine and fifteen one-hundredths (\$39.15) dollars, and no action or proceeding at law or otherwise 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, and the premises described in and covered by said mortgage, viz: the northwest quarter (nw 1/4) of section two (2), of township one hundred and forty-four (144), of range fifty-nine (59), in Griggs county, territory of Dakota, with the hereditaments and appurtenances, will be sold at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash, to pay debt and interest, and said taxes, and twenty-five dollars attorney fees, as stipulated in and by said mortgage in case of foreclosure, and the disbursements allowed by law which precede, prior to said hearing, in the said Griggs county, at the front door of the court house, in the village of Cooperstown, in said county and territory, on the 16th day of October, A. D. 1885, at 10 o'clock a. m., of that day. Dated July 18, 1885. D. S. B. JOHNSTON, Mortgagee. C. D. Lansing, Bismarck, D. T., Wm. C. Bennett, St. Paul, Minn., attorneys for mortgagee. 30-36

NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., July 17, 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 3d day of September, 1885, viz: Stedile Frank, D. S. No. 12,371, for the s-e 1/4 of sec 34, tp 143 n, r 57 w, and names the following as his witnesses, viz: George Long, Thomas Brekke, Andrew Kloster, Andrew Long, all of Steele co., D. T. The testimony herein to be taken before John N. Jorgensen, clerk of the district court, at Cooperstown, Griggs county, D. T., on the 14th day of September, A. D. 1885, at his office. 29-34 HORACE AUSTIN, Register. Wm. Glass, att'y.

NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., Aug. 12, 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 17th day of Sept., 1885, viz: Dubois Newell, D. S. No. 12,371, for the s-e 1/4 of sec 2, tp 145 n, r 58 w, and names the following as his witnesses, viz: Charles C. Platt, Ole P. Balkan, Andrew Larson, Louis N. Anderson, all of Cooperstown P. O., Griggs county, D. T. The testimony herein to be taken before John N. Jorgensen, clerk of the district court, at Cooperstown, Griggs county, D. T., on the 14th day of September, A. D. 1885, at his office. 29-34 HORACE AUSTIN, Register. Wm. Glass, att'y.

NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., Aug. 12, 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 17th day of Sept. 1885, viz: Charles Needham, D. S. No. 13,853, for the southwest 1/4 of sec 6 tp 145n, r 60w, and names the following as his witnesses, viz: David Nicoll, Alexander Nicoll, Benjamin Howden, George Hartman, all of Cooperstown P. O., Griggs county, D. T. The testimony herein to be taken before John N. Jorgensen, clerk of the district court, at Cooperstown, Griggs county, D. T., on the 14th day of Sept., A. D. 1885, at his office. 29-34 HORACE AUSTIN, Register. Wm. Glass, att'y.

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