

Official Directory.

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According to all reports from our threshers, the wheat yield is not what we expected a month ago. Instead of thirty-five and forty bushels per acre, as was counted upon in our best fields, they average below thirty bushels; and the general average yield will not be above twenty bushels to the acre, although larger yields may be common, and some yields less. With the uncertainty of enormous crops, the certainty of a low market if the gamblers can effect it, the generally demoralizing effect of one-idea farming (all brought to our minds by the bitter experience of the past) it behooves our farmers to get out of the old rut as rapidly as possible. They have done well this season, in the pig-poultry-horned cattle-horse, dairy line, and are better prepared to stand off the market than at this time last year. Let the good work go on. We must produce a great measure of that which we consume before we will be a genuinely healthy rural neighborhood. The gradual change by the settler from the status of wheat grower to farmer will have not only a good effect upon the settler, himself, but it will tend to brace up the laggards in the workshops, and on the sterile lands of the east. They have rightly looked upon wheat raising in the same light as gold hunting (precarious, and only occasionally profitable), and have condemned a country given up to such speculation. The present revival in real estate is no doubt due, in a great measure, to the evidences that have been furnished the world that (wheat eliminated) our prairies are capable of supporting as dense a population as any region of the world.

The complete census returns show a population of over 400,000. It is said that our democratic senators and representatives cannot withstand this array of figures, but will admit the territory as a whole in the near future. This magnanimity, in allowing half a dozen members of congress, not in sympathy with the administration, and a pair of senators of the same complexion, to descend on the national capital, is deserving of the highest commendation. We had not expected it from the democracy. We fear, however, that the matter, in the rush of business, will be overlooked. We fear, moreover, that some of our deceased politicians are trying to "shoo" themselves into congress.

There is a convention down in South Dakota somewhere, about this time. A hot wave may be looked for at any moment. Pettigrew and the allied forces will undoubtedly find something to racket about.

"Lord Raneolph Churchill's re-election at Woodstock cost him \$1,735. His opponent, Mr. Corrie Grant, spent a little over \$500." This wild extravagance calls to mind the memorable campaign in the Fifth Minnesota district.

The Devils Lake Daily Inter-Ocean has suspended. It is one of the brightest papers in the territory, and the business men ought to see that it is supported. The Weekly will be published as before.

A Minneapolis "blind pig" is very like a glaucous horse. You are not permitted to run the pig nor walk the horse—except to the bone yard.

The Huron Leader has been sold to O. A. Cheney & Sons. Mr. Creasey retires from newspaper work, after an experience of thirty-three years.

Home Advertisements.

It is customary for newspapers to accept foreign advertisements for a fraction of the price charged to the home advertisers, who support their paper, and then give the foreign matter the best place in the paper, over the local advertisements. The COURIER editor is not an old newspaper man, and probably in his youth and inexperience he is foolish; but he has concluded that this is not a square deal, and does not

pay. Hereafter, Geo. P. Rowell & Co., A. N. Ayer & Sons, (and these are reputed the most reliable of the lot) and the rest of advertising contractors, will have to pay local prices for their ads, or they can stick them on the fence, or get some other paper to run them.

Jimsonweed's Father.

"Why do you wear that weed on your hat, Mr. Jimsonweed?" The old man removed a weed from his mouth, and cleared his throat—"Well, you see I have been sick o' breaved like. Its pretty totable slick weed aint it?" "Yes, its quite smooth—and stylish. Might I venture to stir up the deep pool of your grief by inquiring the nature of your bereavement?" "Yes, that's what I came in for. I thought maybe you might want to sort o' shake up the subject for a local, like. Well, it were parental—my bereavement were."

"Oh, then you have lost your father. What was the malady of the old gentleman?" "Well I've been studying over it, and I hev about made up my mind that he were too previous."

"Too previous! Surely, you can't assign that as the cause of his death."

"Can't, eh? Praps you know more about my family than I do. He were 98 years previous,—and he didn't hev to apologise for dying, did he? He didn't hev to ketch the cholera, nor the small-pox, did he? Probably you would be better suited if he were shot in the back—or if he had cancer in the neck, or jim-jams, or suthin' spicy; but don't you meddle with the returns. You can set this down, and nex week I'll come in and give you his biography like."

The Cass county delinquent tax list occupies twenty-four columns of the Argus.

Sullivan failed to knock out McCaffery at Cincinnati.

There was \$36,000 in the census business.

To Our Patrons.

Having sold our Livery, Sale & Boarding stables to Messrs. Hunter Bros., we wish to thank you for the liberal patronage you have so kindly given us, and to bespeak a continuance of the same to our successors, who are in every way most eminently fitted to fulfill the demands of a first class trade.

We shall now devote our entire attention to our Flour, Feed, Grain and Furniture business, and will buy and sell stock of any kind.

We will pay, in trade, five cents above the market for wheat.

Every body come and see us at our store in the Bank block.

Very Truly, Yours, DAVIS & PICKETT.

A Horse.

Wm Glass has for sale a horse, eight years old; and weight about eleven hundred pounds. Cash or good paper.

\$100,000

To loan on approved real estate securities by Bank of Cooperstown, agents for Corbin Banking company.

I have just received a car load of flour from the Daily Roller Mills, to which I would call the attention of my customers, as it is second to none now in the country, and I want they should try it, as when once tested will have no other. You will also find a full line of the Valley City flour, and my stock being complete in all lines of the flour and feed business. My motto is "Small Profits and Quick Sales." Trusting you will not fail to call and see me before purchasing elsewhere, I am yours, truly, GEO. W. GREENLESE.

NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., Sept. 1, 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 14th day of October, 1885, viz: Wallace P. Buell, executor under the last will and testament of Platt S. Buell, deceased, D. T. S. No. 13441, for the nw 1/4 of sec 20, tp 145 n, r 60 w, and names the following as his witnesses, viz: David Nicoll, of Cooperstown postoffice, D. T.; John W. Fiero, Adolphus Lindsey, Arthur King, of Helena postoffice, Griggs county, D. T. The testimony herein to be taken before John N. Jorgensen, clerk of district court, at Cooperstown, Griggs county, D. T., on the 10th day of October, A. D. 1885, at his office. HORACE AUSTIN, Register. Wm. Glass, attorney. 83-38

NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., Sept. 1, 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 7th day of October, 1885, viz: Lorena B. Allen, H. E. No. 14,641, for the nw 1/4 of sec 10, tp 146n, r 60 w, and names the following as his witnesses, viz: William Hetherington, John McCulloch, James Bothwell, J. H. Van Voorhis, all of Cooperstown, 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 10th day of October, A. D. 1885, at his office. HORACE AUSTIN, Register. Wm. Glass, attorney. 83-38

NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., Aug. 27, 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 7th day of October, 1885, viz: Cora E. Magerty, D. S. No. 15,004, for the nw 1/4 of sec 14, tp 148n, r 60w, and names the following as her witnesses, viz: Arthur Knowl, Joseph Buchheit, Elijah Hamilton, H. V. Safford, 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 October, A. D. 1885, at his office. HORACE AUSTIN, Register. Wm. Glass, attorney. 82-39

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 Peder 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, PEDER 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 she will be proved an executor, as the last will and testament of the said Omund Nelson, deceased, and that letters testamentary thereupon issue to Thore S. Serungar, 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 6th 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 the order for the probate of said will, once in each week, prior to said hearing, in the Griggs County Courier, a newspaper published in said county. By the court. 31-38 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 20th day of May, A. D. 1882, at 9:30 o'clock a. m., in book "A" of mortgages, on page 30, and the interest 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, Dakota territory, with the hereditaments and appurtenances, will be sold at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash, to pay debt and interest, made and provided, the said mortgage, and the fees, as stipulated in and by said mortgage in case of foreclosure, and the disbursements allowed by law; which sale will be made by the sheriff of 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 15, 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., Aug. 5, 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 King, 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.

NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., Aug. 5, 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 se 1/4 of sec 2, tp 145 n, r 58 w, and names the following as his witnesses, viz: Charles C. Platt, Ole P. Balk, 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 that said proof will be made before the U. S. Land office at Fargo, D. T., on the 30th day of September, 1885, and before John N. Jorgensen, clerk of the district court, at Cooperstown, Griggs county, D. T., on the 29th of Sept., 1885, viz: Paul Flick, for the w 1/2 nw qr. and w 1/2 of sw qr. sec 30, tp 148, r 61. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: E. W. Bryant, S. Fleck, B. C. Bound, A. Know, all of Willow P. O., Griggs county, D. T. 31-36 HORACE AUSTIN, Register.

NOTICE—U. S. Land Office, Fargo, D. T., Aug. 15, 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. 8392, dated April 27, 1883, upon the nw 1/4 sec 4, tp 145, 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 this date, contrary to the timber culture law of June 14, 1873, said parties are hereby summoned to appear at this office on the 29th day of Sept., 1885, at ten o'clock a. m., to respond and furnish testimony concerning said alleged failure. 32-36 E. C. GEARY, Receiver.

THE FALL CAMPAIGN OPENED. \$2,500 WORTH OF CLOTHING! THIRTY SEWING MACHINES. 1,000 GRAIN BAGS. TO ARRIVE \$5,000 WORTH OF DRY GOODS, JOHN SYVERSON & CO.

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