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NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF.—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., Dec. 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 20th day of January, 1886, viz: Karl P. Vangen, D. S. No. 16660, for the ne 1/4 of sec 12, tp 147 n, r 61 w, and names the following as his witnesses, viz: Made N. Stross, Trend Bergan, Soren Larson, Hans Overly, all of Jesse postoffice, 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 Jan., A. D. 1886, at his office.
46-51 **HORACE AUSTIN,** Register.
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The Ladies' Fair.



The fair of the Ladies' Aid society, of the Congregational church, was a revelation to the heathen. The court house hall was a huge bazaar, which would have been creditable to an eastern town of five thousand people.

Mrs. R. C. Cooper presided over, what appeared to be at first glance, the wedding presents of a daughter of the Rothschilds. Gold, and silver, and jewels, from the Ind., with bric-a-brac to delight the eye of the connoisseur.

Mesdames Lenham and Langford presided over a stand which testified to the industry, skill and good taste of the ladies of Griggs county in fancy work.

Mrs. Robert Cowen likewise had a choice collection of the finest workmanship of the ladies, in slippers, table spreads, antimacassars, and a bewildering lot of other articles with which to beguile the wayfarer.

Ah! but Mrs. J. N. Brown had the table which commanded the attention of the love-lorn swain, and gushing lass, and the young married couple—gran drops and taffy, in pyramids of prismatic colors, and saccharine wealth which yielded up their delicious ooze to him or her who would deposit the medium of exchange.

And the cooks—such cooks!—not church fair cooks, with one eye on heaven, and the other on the main chance, but good housewives, who desire no praise for their exertions, save the hearty consumption of their wares. Mrs. Kerr made an oyster stew that would have evoked shrieks of delight from Epicurus himself; and Mrs. Barnard's coffee would have been passed upon by our medical Nestor as "as good as that we used to get in the army," and have laid him up for a week. And the cow that gave that milk! could she have looked into the pitcher, and seen the mellow amber liquid, she would have blushed with delight—danced a horn pipe, and thought she was all wool and a yard wide.

And the waiter girls—Misses Cowen, Langford, Barnard, Rice, Bauer, Thirza Gimblett, Emma Henry, Annie Glass, and a bewildering number of others, would have persuaded a man to eat oyster shells, and think himself happy. And the dudes!—Harry Pickett, Frank Cowen, Charley Allen, Manly Davis, Maynard Crane, Ed. Blackwell, Wm. Glass, Frank Haskell, James Glass, and a host of others, were altogether lovely in their little aprons, and tipped over the soup, stepped into the pie, and raised the dickens generally.

An interesting feature of the exercises was a matched contest between the genial giant, R. C. Cooper, and the young southron, Maynard Crane. It was an eating match. He who first weakened should pay for the suppers of the contestants and six beautiful young ladies. When Maynard finished his seventh bowl of oysters there was a burst of applause; but when R. C. got his second wind, and lapped the young man in the ninth bowl and called for the shells, there was a deathly silence, and all knew that the lumber yard could never come to time. He was observed later at the cashier's desk, making unintelligible gestures—he was too full for utterance—his cup was running over. The receipts were \$165.

Among the articles sold, were splashes and tidies, in outline work; invalids warm shoes, with lamb's wool soles; very beautiful table scarf and tidy; fancy table, which sold for \$10; fine assortment of bric a brae; children's wear; cradle quilt; lambrequins, and many small things, both for use and ornament. Everthing sold.

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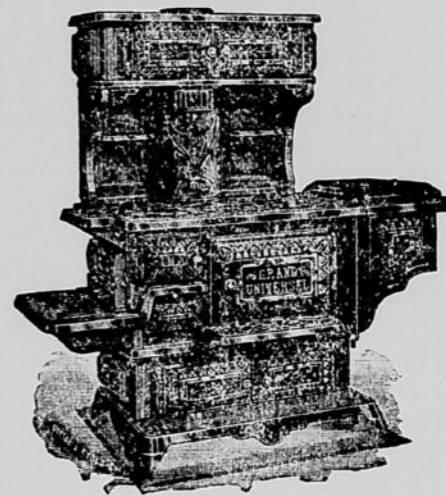
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The people of Griggs and adjoining counties will please take notice that if the old saying, "Money makes the mule go," is true, it is equally true of

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We hereby proclaim to everybody that is in need of goods in our line, that will not be undersold by any body, anywhere, and invite your inspection of goods and prices. The almighty dollar is going to work miracles this season, and if there is any of them loose, we are bound to have them. In two words, before going out of the door turn around and catch the last faint whisper.

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COOPERSTOWN, DAKOTA.

NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF.—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., Nov. 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 14th day of Jan., 1886, viz: Soren H. Larson, D. S. No. 14311, for the sw 1/4 of sec 18, tp 147 n, r 60 w, and names the following as his witnesses, viz: Judge Leine, of Willow; Andrew Hanson and Jens Forbush, of Jesse, and Andrew Bendickson, of Ottawa, Griggs Co., D. T.

The testimony herein to be taken before George B. Clark, judge and ex-officio clerk of probate court, at Cooperstown, Griggs county, D. T., on the 9th day of January, 1886, at his office.
HORACE AUSTIN, Register.
John N. Jorgensen, attorney. 46-51

NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF.—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., Nov. 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 15th day of December, 1885, viz: Thomas Garity, D. S. No. 16,984, for the sw 1/4 of sec 22, tp 146 n, r 60 w, and names the following as his witnesses, viz: David Nicoll, Robert Bailey, George Harland, W. J. McIntyre, all of Cooperstown P. O., 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 14th day of December, A. D. 1885, at his office.
HORACE AUSTIN, Register.
Wm. Glass, attorney. 42-47