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Royal Baking Powder.

The only bone of contention between North Dakota and South Dakota, is in a name. It is not to be supposed that reasons, purely sentimental, shall influence us. A man has a sort of old oaken bucket attachment to his cognomen which we cannot have for Dakota. Its name is new. But fifteen years ago it was "Nebraska." Its maiden name was "Louisiana." It is no more the land of the Dakotahs than of the Sioux, and the Crees, and the Mandans, and the Chippawas. It is no more the land of the Dakotahs than is Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska. For an historical, ancestral name, we might call it "Tail End of the Louisiana Purchase," and hit it. The reason for desiring to cling to the name must be of a practical character. The reason advanced is that "Dakota" is a trade mark for No. 1 hard wheat—a sort of a Royal Baking powder advantage which we have over our neighbors—to influence immigration. The advertisement of the admission of the South, and the reorganization of the North would be greatly to our advantage as a settler seeking country, and the abrupt change of name would not weaken the advertisement.

No intelligent English speaking person in the world, who desired to raise wheat, could stray to the South. An occasional Mennonite might wander to Florida, or a man break his leg in New York, and the name of our magnificent wheat fields might have something to do with it; but our foreign immigrants are better posted than formerly—they have friends here, or friends' friends. Again, the great bulk of our Scandinavian and German settlers are already here. England, Canada, and the states are now sending us our farmers. Our country is so thoroughly advertised that we might be afflicted with any name and feel no ill effects from it. The Red River Valley is a greater name to the immigrant than Dakota. Did the South seek to purloin that name, we might indeed squeal. It, not North Dakota, is the trade mark. It, not Dakota, brought us all out here. Although not in the valley, proper, we are of the valley.

Vermont was named from her mountains, Florida from her flowers, Missouri from her mighty river, and North Dakota might be rechristened appropriately with a dozen names that would strengthen, rather than detract from her boom. It is almost universally conceded that twenty years will find this section devoted to mixed farming—that our great wheat farms must go—that exclusive, or extensive wheat culture is short lived. Then what shall we do with our trade mark? If North Dakota means wheat, it will some day be a misnomer. South Dakota has appropriated the name of Dakota, as far as she is able. It is too late to quarrel about it, unless at the expense of division. We have an interest in the property, it is true, and it is being purloined, yet will not the retention of our interest cost us far more than it is worth? In wrangling over a name, are we not proving the inveterate beligerency of which we are charged, and thereby injured?

Home Mutuals.

We are informed by a local insurance agent, that a powerful Dakota insurance company will "jump on" our neck for what we have done for the poor. Any superfluous energy the company has may better be expended in paying its debts. After emptying its pockets of the plunder wheedled out of our farmers it will be lighter and jump better. If any of them have paid their hail, or prairie fire losses, in full, let them call at the COURIER office and receive a chromo. Some idiots about town are kicking about the Home Mutuals, because they didn't get a little cheap capital by starting it themselves. We know nothing about the institution. save that if properly conducted it will prove beneficial to all, and do not propose to assist any one in besmirching it, because it wasn't "our idea."

Spooks.

When the next assault and battery case comes up, we expect to see the defendant rise up and plead guilty of murder in the first degree, and ask the clemency of the court in being sent to the penitentiary at once. The prisoners, you see, for assault and battery are confined in the jail, under the court house. This has also been found a convenient receptacle for dead bodies, while awaiting shipment. The prisoner finds this company somewhat monotonous—particularly the expression of the deceased's toes when the clock strikes two in the dead of night, and the moonlight glints across the still, white object. It is sort of spookish like, and the deuce of it is, neither party can get away.

A postal card tells us that Gen. Beauregard will give a history in, and that Canon Farrar has an article in the January number of the North American Review. Well, we simply don't believe it. It is possible, however, and if the sender of the postal card backs it up with a magazine, we'll admit what we are obliged to.

Gladstone has concluded to even up his bad deeds by throwing his influence in favor of home rule for Ireland. An Irish parliament at Dublin, with free control of Irish affairs, will enable O'Donovan Rossa to turn his attention to the blowing up of Hell Gate.

Col. Clough, the Northern Pacific attorney, thinks the purchasers of tax titles have no chance to get their money back from the counties. That parties who have paid taxes under protest may have relief.

Senator Vest thinks the statehood movement in South Dakota is revolutionary, and gives Hugh J. Campbell a raking over as a parasite of the Hayes regime.

No. 6 Our own special Northwestern blizzard lie, patented, full guaranteed and sold only on subscription: "Storm extends from Chicago to Butte City, Montana, raging with "unprecedented fury," snow one hundred feet deep and upwards, last of the stock on Western ranges dead, there will be no more immigration to Dakota, railroad companies will take up all tracks northwest of Chicago in spring, every body including oldest inhabitant dead, news brought into Chicago by traveling man—only person who escaped, wind tearing up crust of the earth in great flakes, terrible "roaring," "grim Death like a weird specter, hovers o'er all the land," \$4 per single lie. Only one of this kind sold to the same party. Order early so we may know how many to put up. Extras, consisting of "terrible," "horrible," "terrific," "awe inspiring" and "awful in its strength," furnished with No. 6, including screwdriver to put them on with.—Estelline Bel

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NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF.—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., Nov. 19, 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 31st day of December, 1885, viz: John Poulson, D. S. No. 13675, for the sw 1/4 of sec 12, tp 147n, r 61w, and names the following as his witnesses, viz: Mads Nestro, Troid Rogne, Andrew Hanson, Hans Nelson, all of Jesse P. O. 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 26th day of December, A. D. 1885, at his office.

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NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF.—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., Nov. 16, 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 31st day of December, 1885, viz: Christoph Lindenmann, H. E. No. 14,252, for the sw 1/4 of sec 18, and lots 3, 4 and 5 of sec 6, tp 148n, r 61w, and names the following as his witnesses, viz: William Wildgrube, Herman A. Voeltz, Abner Pearson, DeForest Conant, all of Willow P. O., 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 26th day of December, A. D. 1885, at his office.

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Wm. Glass, Attorney. 44-49

NOTICE.—U. S. Land Office, Fargo, D. T., Dec. 5, 1885. Complaint having been entered at this office by Petrus Erikson against De Witt C. Upham, for failure to comply with law as to timber culture entry No. 6761, dated April 11, 1882, upon the sec 18, twp 146, r 59, in Griggs county, Dakota, with a view to the cancellation of said entry; contestant alleging that said DeWitt C. Upham has wholly failed to plant or cause to be planted into trees, tree seeds, roots, nuts or cuttings, five acres of said land, or any other part, during third year of said entry before the 11th day of April, 1885, or up to the present time. That the present condition of the lands described in said entry is wild prairie, except about ten acres which was broke in 1882, and which is now grown up to weeds; the said parties are hereby summoned to appear at this office on the 26th day of January, 1886, at 10 o'clock a. m., to respond and furnish testimony concerning said alleged failure.

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