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### TIME TABLE.

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### Convention.

Notice is hereby given that a mass county convention will be held at the court house in Cooperstown, January 9, 1886, at 2 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of electing two delegates to represent Griggs county at the North Dakota convention, to be held in Fargo January 12, 1886.

IVER JACOBSON,  
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Ballou's Magazine for January comes to hand, greatly improved in appearance by new type and new form. It opens with a serial story by Miss Camilla William, entitled, "The Gilberts, A Double Mistake," which will prove very entertaining. Also a variety of completed stories by some of the best authors. If you want to sample the magazine send 15 cents G. W. Studley, Publisher, 23 Hawley st., Boston. Subscription for year, \$1.50.—*Adm.*

Dakota's grip on public attention is convincing congress that she means to hang on till she is taken in—and she is right.—*New York Tribune.*

### Horrible Attack on Cleveland.

WASHINGTON, Special Telegram, Dec. 28.—Land Commissioner Sparks thinks he will not be excised. In an interview he said:

If the president is not satisfied with my management of the land office then I am much mistaken. I have not seen him for some time, as he has been busy about other things, but I know he is pleased with the way the office is being run. The statement that my decisions have been overruled as I made them is manufactured out of whole cloth. The secretary of the interior has never overruled a decision made by me, although he has sometimes suggested changes. Complaints against me and the management of the land office come from people who are interested in land frauds and jobs. The complaints in the West emanate from editors who are interested and from lawyers who have to get along somehow. We have a great many from there. These stories are, I believe, the work of people whose interest have been affected by my methods in running the land office, and I know that one of the articles printed in a Western journal was written upon the office paper of a big firm here.

### News and Comment.

The little New York *gamins*, who were bitten by a mad dog, and sent to Pasterur for treatment, have been vaccinated.

The emperor of China has given \$300 toward the Grant monument.

Austria and Russia are preparing for "wuh."

Jacob Shaeffer defeated Vigneaux and Slossen, in the great billiard tournament at Chicago.

Hugh J. Campbell reads Vest a lecture in an open letter.

Call and place your order for the Monitor Seeders and drills, soon. You may be left. Knud Thompson.

The Davis & Pickett building is loaded to the ceiling with Flour Feed, and Furniture.

Go and see the show.

### Our Washington Letter.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.

The holiday season at the Capital can truthfully be quoted dull. Many congressmen are out of town, some at home, some away to New Orleans on a free ride, while others are watching their chances for warm places on the committees, which the speaker is now organizing, but which will not be announced till congress reconvenes. There have been no notable festival occasion to stir the currents of society. The President ate his turkey quietly, with Miss Cleveland and a few near friends; the cabinet officers who remain, gave no note of their presence outside of their own domiciles. Secretary Whitney made war on the delicacies of the season at New York, and Secretary Lamar reconstructed his interior department with Gulf oysters and red snappers, at his quiet home in Mississippi; Garland, the gruff Arkansas bachelor, poured, lazily, over the musy love of law, quite indifferent, as he is, to the smiles and vanities of society, while all eton, or other causes, confined other heads of departments to their own firesides. Upon the whole, Washington to-day presents much the appearance of a good, pious Sabbath observing city, and is neither newsy nor hilarious.

The fact that the eminent "mug-wump," Henry Ward Beecher, has just called on the President, and spent several hours closeted with him, gave rise to much speculation as to what purpose the distinguished divine had in view, or what friend he may have been logging for. It is well known that between the two there is a close bond of sympathy, but all apprehensions are quieted to-day, by the announcement that the visit was of a purely private nature.

The only exciting political topic of the week has been Senator Beck's severe onslaught upon the financial policy of the administration, in his speech last Monday on the occasion of offering his resolution that the committee on finance be instructed to inquire whether the laws requiring the coin paid for duties to be devoted to liquidating the interest and principal of the public debt, "now are, or have heretofore been obeyed; and if not, to report by bill, or otherwise, such measures as will secure their enforcement." Mr. Beck's speech arrested the attention of the entire senate, and at its close the speaker was warmly congratulated by many members of both sides. While many republican members from the South and West are in full sympathy with the sentiments of the speech, and especially its defense of the silver coin, none were displeased at its square and open variance with the present administration. It is looked upon as the beginning of an open fight and division between the silver men and the non-metalists, and no one can predict the end or extent of the rupture. Certain it is that the end is not yet, and that either the President and his secretary, Manning, or the silver men, will be compelled to crawl. It is a growing belief that the failure to call bonds and pay off accruing interest with the surplus, is attributable to some power behind the throne, and men like Beck want to know who or what it is. It is a remarkable fact that the astute lawyer, Everts, from the very shadow of Wall Street, exclaimed, after listening to the Kentucky senator's arraignment of the treasury officials and his arguments in favor of silver, "Beck is right—his arguments cannot be refuted. I intend to speak on the same line."

Over one thousand bills flooded the house on last call, and only eleven states were reached, and four thousand are expected on the first call for the session. Those already in include many new pension bills for benefit of veterans of the Mexican and Indian wars—the latter in the Indian wars of 1811-17-23-35-42; nearly 400 separate bills to pension individuals now excluded; 300 private war claims; bills for public buildings; 40 bills relating to the public lands, mostly to forfeit, 3 elaborate measures to regulate inter-state commerce; 5 relating to the silver question, one for free and unlimited coinage—Senator Teller's; in addition, 700 bills have been entered in the senate, where 2,000 nominations are held for confirmation, and the good Lord only knows how many more are to come.

Poor Sparks, the land commissioner, is almost crazed at the opposition his decisions have received, a perfect hornet's nest being stirred up, and it is believed that he will be sent off on some foreign mission to regain his health. Under his rulings many suspensions of

homestead entries have been made, fifty three in Dakota and Nebraska. In thirty-five pre-emption cases examined in the Aberdeen district, Dakota, one is recommended for patent, eight for rejection, and twenty-six for special investigation. This is but the first, and many more are to come. No doubt his rulings will work great injustice in many cases, especially that debarring claimant from making commutation proof upon homesteads after having proved up on pre-emptions, loan agents now refusing to advance money on them. Ex-commissioner Williams says Sparks is only three removes from an idiot, which may kindle the latter into a flame.

Townsend's bill to erect the Indian Territory into one of the ordinary kind dividing the land in severalty among the Indians; the VanWyck bill in the senate and the Weaver bill in the house to organize Oklahoma as a part of the public domain; Cullom's postal telegraph bill; Butler's inquiry resolution, as to the status of Dakota; Evans' bill requiring railroads to patent earned lands; Murphy's canal bill, etc., all show which way the wind blows, and will be watched with great interest.

The weather at the capital, in sympathy with senatorial prohibition views, is mild. TELEGRAPH.

### The Holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Julius Stevens, and Mr. and Mrs. Anton Enger entertained a small party of their friends, Christmas night. There were present, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Retzlaff, Mr. J. N. Jorgensen and wife, B. A. Clausen, Iver Jacobson, and Dr. T. F. Kerr.

Claus Jackson received from R. Adler, Fargo, a handsome terra-cotta bust of Psyche.

The editor acknowledges the receipt of a box of fine, imported, cigars from Jackson Bros.

Miss Edith Brown organized a surprise for the old folks, Christmas, the birthday of her mother. It was a wild night, but about twenty attended, including Mr. and Mrs. A. Haskell, Dr. and Mrs. McGuire, partook of Miss Edith's refreshments.

Mrs. B. B. Brown received a fine cake plate, as a testimonial of her skill as a pastry cook.

Mrs. Zimmerman received a nice cap, and a magnificent pair of gloves from her boarders.

Harry Pickett got a brunette doll baby on the Christmas tree.

G. N. Stork, R. C. Cooder, and Charley Cooper, were presented with babies—colored and otherwise.

Mrs. Cowen received an elegant easy chair from Maynard Crane.

Mrs. W. R. Whidden received the caster, before mentioned. This shows the reliability of COURIER news.

Miss Bauer was the recipient of a handsome toilet set, and other nice presents, too numerous to mention.

Ben Brown received a cross-cut saw.

Twenty-two couple participated in the dance at Mardell. Claus Jackson and Chris. Lande, with their ladies, were present from Cooperstown. The night was one of the stormiest of the season.

Pioneer Williams received a present of half pint flask, well filled. The old gentleman remarked that it was just what he had been needing.

Iver Jacobson received a similar present, but his language on the occasion is not suitable to our columns.

There was a surprise party at Mrs. Zimmerman's, Tuesday evening, under the direction of Miss M. E. Bauer, who was giving her over worked bible class a little recreation.

### Masonic Installation.

The installation of officers of Valley City lodge, No. 21, A. F. & A. M., occurred at the hall on Wednesday evening, and was conducted by D. F. Siegfried, of Sanborn. The following are the officers:

W. M.—Wm. Craswell.  
S. W.—P. Girard.  
J. W.—J. C. Drake.  
Treas.—W. W. Barton.  
Sec'y.—O. H. D. Irgens.  
S. D.—W. F. Dunlap.  
J. D.—J. J. Connelly.  
Stewards.—John W. Cowen and H. Winterer.

Tyler—Frank G. Kellogg.—*Valley City Times.*

I can tell you something fine about T. G. Mandt's Bob Sleighs. O, they are fine— Knud Thompson.

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