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A delegate convention is called at Fargo, January 12th, to discuss the division and admission of the territory, the Lake Traverse canal, Sparks rulings, and the Traill county tax case. Griggs county is entitled to two delegates. It is to be a North Dakota meeting. While an expression of the people will be had on the division of the territory, and on Sparks, the main object of the meeting will doubtless be to secure congressional aid in developing navigation at the headwaters of the Red. The object is a good one, and should be advanced, even by counties removed from the valley, proper. Our convention will be held January 9th.

Death and Sheol!

It came as unforseen as the shine of a new comet, as remorseless as the approach of the Black Death, and swift as the fall of the stars. It was one day last week—the sun rose like a chromo, the air was the breath of angels, fed on asteroids dipped in rosewater—no shudder permeated the translucent air, warning us of the approaching blow; but it came, just the same—the Fargo Argosie had stopped—short—like my grandfather's clock—never to come again. Can persecution go further! Can it be that the Republican is not the leading paper? Can it be that the census—Alas! Alas!

The Hope Gazette is a year old, and is, perhaps the handsomest folio in the territory.

Senator Edmunds has introduced a bill creating an immense forest preserve, in Montana. Cutting timber is made a penal offense. This is, supposedly, in the interests of the Mormons. They are taking to the woods.

The North Dakota Farmer, a new agricultural paper comes to us from Jamestown. If the promise of its initial number is fulfilled, it will be a credit to the territory.

The Portland Inter-Ocean, Wheatland Eagle, Fargo Republican, North Dakota Democrat, La Moure Progress and Chronicle, Valley City Times and Dunseith Herald have issued handsome holiday supplements.

Judge Sawyer, of the United States circuit court at San Francisco, has declared Sarah Althea's alleged marriage contract with Wm. Sharon void—a forgery. Sharon, dead, doesn't propose to have Sall bob up in the hereafter, and put on style at his expense.

The Barnesville Chronicle, a new candidate for public favor, published by Mr. Wilson, formerly of the Moorhead News, is a creditable production which deserves success.

The Tower City "Social Club" came to grief at the last term of court, by the conviction of its treasurer, S. H. Smith, for selling liquor without a license. Tower City has about 800 inhabitants, and the club had 800 members. The evasion of the law was too palpable to permit the jury to let the bar-tender off.

At Valley City, December 26th, with the mercury 60° above zero, base ball games of that town had a great game on the common. Three hundred people witnessed the event. Many lady spectators were dressed in white muslin, under other fabrics, and the celebrated brass band discoursed most eloquent music. The winter thus far has been more like that of Georgia, than that of New England. A basket picnic in the city park is talked of for Washington's birthday.

The Larimore Pioneer says the Continental owes the farmers an explanation. If this is all the Continental, or any other companies, owe their debts will be paid. Farmers can better carry their

own risks, or join the Home Mutuals.—COURIER.
The Traill County Mutuals paid every loss in full, and insurance to its members cost but one-quarter as much as is charged by the old companies.—Hillsboro Banner.

If the people generally take as much interest in the proposed delegate convention, to be held in this city, beginning January 12, as does the press of the territory, every county named in the call will be represented; and it is fair to presume that the newspapers do represent the feeling of the people in these important matters. Naturally, the question looked upon as of first importance is that of division. There are several reasons for this. In the first place, the people of North Dakota are very much in earnest in their desire for division, and they have good reason to fear that unless the demand is made, in terms so emphatic that congress will not dare to refuse it, it will be refused for partisan reasons. So far as regards the rulings of Commissioner Sparks, and the decision of the supreme court in the Traill county tax case, politics are not involved, and congress can no doubt be relied upon to take whatever action is necessary for the relief of the people.—Fargo Republican.

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NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF.—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., Dec. 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, viz: Karl P. Pederson, H. E. No. 14,847 for the SW 1/4 of sec. 22, Tp. 14N, R. 60W, and names the following as his witnesses, viz: Ole Sletten, John Sletten, Adolph Johnson, Jacob Tochie, all of Ottowa Co., 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 12th day of Jan., A. D. 1886, at his office. HORACE AUSTIN, Register. Jacobson & Oie, att'ys.

NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF.—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., Dec. 21, 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, viz: Joseph Fromm, D. S. No. 14,114 for the NW 1/4 of sec. 12, Tp. 14N, R. 60W, and names the following as witnesses, viz: Julius Stevens, Anton Enger, Fred Wilke, Charles Gortman, 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 5th day of Feb., A. D. 1886, at his office. HORACE AUSTIN, Register. Jacobson & Oie, att'ys.

NOTICE.—U. S. Land Office, Fargo, D. T., Dec. 7, 1885. Complaint having been entered in 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 SW 1/4 sec 18, Twp 146 R 59, in Griggs county, Dakota, with a view to the cancellation of said entry; constant alleging said De Witt 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 15th 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 20th day of January, 1886, at 10 o'clock a. m., to respond and furnish testimony concerning said alleged failure. 49-1 HORACE AUSTIN, Register.

NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF.—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., Dec. 14, 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, viz: Nels O. Kjos, D. S. No. 14,469 for the southwest quarter of sec. 20, Tp. 14N, R. 60W and names the following as his witnesses, viz: Albert Coleman, Anton Pederson, John Anderson, Knud J. Allstad, all of Jesse 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 20th day of Jan., A. D. 1886, at his office. HORACE AUSTIN, Register. Jacobson & Oie, att'ys.

NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF.—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., Dec. 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. Yangen, D. S. No. 14,666, for the NW 1/4 of sec. 12, Tp. 14N, R. 60W, and names the following as his witnesses, viz: Made Notrost, Trond Rogne, Soren Larson, Hans Overby, 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 16th day of Jan., A. D. 1886, at his office. HORACE AUSTIN, Register. Jacobson & Oie, att'ys.

NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF.—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., Dec. 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: Albert Coleman, Anton Pederson, John Anderson, Knud J. Allstad, all of Jesse 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 16th day of Jan., A. D. 1886, at his office. HORACE AUSTIN, Register. Jacobson & Oie, att'ys.

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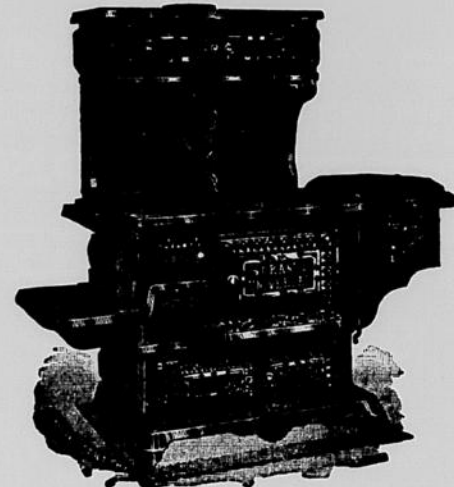
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