

Official Directory.

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The Fargo convention will go whispering down the ages like the remembrance of a dream of summer. Harmony, such as is seldom found among the angelic hosts, prevailed. Among a hundred delegates representing diverse interests, with divers views, and with a thousand old enmities to spur them on, each and all refrained from a violent word, or an act, that should bring discredit to the territory. It was more like a Sunday School convention than one of those wild, cyclonic times we read of in the (eastern) papers. The chairman didn't rap the convention to order with the butt end of his revolver; Major Spillgore refrained from calling Col. Blood's attention to the fact that he was only a common "hoss thief, anyhow;" Editor Fly failed to recommend any flip measure that would give the Chicago Herald a chance to show its sit-downpunitiveness. Open rebellion, revolutionary measures, territorial and county seat feuds, were as foreign to the purposes of the gentlemen and earnest delegates as if they had been Bay State men assembled in the "Old South." The convention recommended congressional action to right radical wrongs, and did it in the most conservative and differential manner. Even Senator Vest and Commissioner Sparks were treated like honest members of the body politic, whose errors were of judgment rather than will. All in all, it was a convention calculated to eradicate the impression in the east, that we are not good citizens, and entitled to all the privileges of a republic.

It is understood that a petition is in circulation asking the appointment of additional commissioners. To secure the appointment of two new commissioners, the petition must be signed by one-third of the legal voters, as appears by the returns from the last election. At that election about 150 votes were cast, so that fifty names are sufficient to secure the desired result. The board of county commissioners then call together the judge of probate and register of deeds. As thus constituted, this board divides the county into five districts, and appoints two new commissioners. The responsibility rests upon Messrs. Cooper, Halverson, Hogenson, Smart and Clark. As they are all full grown, and we have elected them for the very purpose of bearing a few burdens, as well as receiving the emoluments of their office, we say, go ahead and do your duty like men, unbiased by friends, undaunted by enemies.

If the sole necessity of a board of five county commissioners, is that they may pass upon the question of "license," these five gentlemen, without petition, should meet and vote directly as to "license," or "no license;" and the board of county commissioners be governed accordingly. The result will be precisely the same, and five county commissioners, in a county the size of Griggs, in the ceaseless round of time may be somewhat burdensome to the tax payers.

Business is business, and the sooner these gentlemen come out "square toed" on the question the better.

Among the editors who attended the Fargo convention we noticed Geo. E. Bowers, who talks elegant and forcible English in the Hillsboro Banner; A. C. Jordan, of the Republican, who runs his paper for Fargo and has an hundred thousand people; A. W. Edwards, of the Argosy, who was ring master, until he was sit down upon; Elsworth, of the Forman Item, who always likes to define his position; Win. H. Burke, of the Jamestown Capital, who has a happy way of always being on the right side,—not because it is popular, but because it suits him; McClure, of the Jamestown Alert, who regards everything from a financial standpoint; Col. C. A. Lounsbury, who is out of politics, and yet has always a pointer on the latest situation; E. I. Smith, who shines in the Mayville Tribune; Deacon Plum-

mer, who scintillates in the Caledonia Times; Ed. Hall, of the Fargo Democrat, the alleged progenitor of the democratic party; Charles Richardson, of the Valley City Times; and Mr. Mapes, of the Nelson County News.

Among the delegates to the late convention at Fargo, were the genial auditor, John P. Bray, of Grand Forks, and Capt. Alex. Griggs, from whom Griggs county was named.

To correct an erroneous impression concerning the sale of liquors it may be stated that our statutes are not as ridiculous as they have been reported. A board twelve feet in length, and one foot broad, with the legend "Drug Store," cannot be made an instrument to avoid the penalties of illicit liquor traffic. Otherwise, our saloon men would have been gratuitously contributing to the county funds for some years.

Neither is a druggist's occupation gone when the county board refuses to grant license. Otherwise, their occupations have always been unlawful, for they have never been licensed by the county.

A druggist, or any other person, can conduct a traffic in liquors, where the amounts sold are five gallons or more, provided the liquor is not drunk on the premises, and there is not much danger of this; a five gallon "horn" would be calculated to elevate the toes of our oldest inhabitant.

Again, the druggist can sell alcohol for medicinal purposes. This seems to be a question of good faith with the druggist.

Again, upon a physician's prescription liquor can be retailed, where it is not to be drunk on the premises. The physician must state that the person's health requires it, or would be promoted by it, and there is a penalty for a false prescription. The good faith of the physician alone is necessary to shield him in this case.

Again, a druggist's tinctures are compounded in alcoholic liquors. A tincture is a medicine. One dose and a wink in a gallon of whiskey does not avoid the law—at least two doses, without any winks, are necessary. If the tincture is compounded as a medicine, in good faith, the druggist is blameless.

The Bank of Devil's Lake has failed. Give the devil his due, if he had any money on deposit.

Judge Moody is admitted to the floor of the Senate, Vest, Missouri boy, only objecting.

The Hudson Bay railroad has been declared feasible by the engineers, and will be built.

Sparks has weakened. He will issue patents, except where frauds are charged.

Missouri contributes not a cent to the Grant monument fund.

The Dakota Age, of Jamestown, has wrested the county printing from its daily contemporaries, the Capital and Alert.

The Lisbon Clipper, and the Herald, have been consolidated, under the name of the Ransom Co. Gazette.

The COURIER acknowledges the receipt from the West Publishing company of Levis's revised codes, with Desty's supplement, showing the changes effected by the last legislature. The work is in one compact volume, well indexed, and is a credit to the publishers.

W. F. Warner has sold out his paper, the Gazette, to R. H. Simpson, of the Pioneer. This is as it should be. Mr. Simpson, who runs a good paper, can now live. Either gentleman is too able to divide a small field with a rival. One by one, the "newspaper fellers" are learning that a town of 500 people is different from Chicago.

Notice of Final Proof—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., Jan. 19, 1886. 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: Leonard W. Nelson, D. S. No. 13423, for the lots 1 and 2, sw 1/4 of sec 1, and sw 1/4 of sec 1, tp 14n, r 60w, and names the following as his witnesses, viz: Arthur Knowl, Ezra W. Hagerty, Benjamin F. Kibins, Charles H. Johnson, all of Willow P. O., Griggs county, D. T.

The testimony of witnesses to be taken before J. N. Jorgensen, clerk of the district court, at Cooperstown, Griggs county, D. T., on the 27th day of Feb., A. D. 1886, at his office. Testimony of claimant to be taken before Hon. Register or Receiver of U. S. Land office at Fargo, N. Dak., on March 2nd, 1886. HORACE AUSTIN, Register.

Notice—U. S. Land Office, Fargo, D. T., Jan. 13, 1886. Complaint having been entered in this office by Allen Pinkerton, against Edmond P. Riggs, for failure to comply with law as to timber-claiming entry No. 2993, dated Nov. 21, 1882, upon the lots section 21, township 14n, range 58w, in Griggs county, Dakota Territory, with a view to the cancellation of said entry; contestant alleging that said Edmond P. Riggs, has failed to plant or cause to be planted, five acres of said timber on any part thereof, 1416 trees, live oaks, roots, nuts or cuttings, during the three year affide of his said entry, and prior to the date of this notice; the said parties are hereby summoned to appear at this office on the 23rd day of February, 1886, at 10 o'clock a. m., to respond and furnish testimony concerning said alleged failure.

Notice—U. S. Land Office, Fargo, D. T., Dec. 31, 1885. Complaint having been entered in this office by John Miller against Henry P. Gies, for abandoning his homestead entry No. 6824, dated March 21, 1882, upon the section 11, township 14n, range 58w, in Griggs county, Dakota Territory, with a view to the cancellation of said entry; the said parties are hereby summoned to appear at this office on the 25th day of February, 1886, at 10 o'clock a. m., to respond and furnish testimony concerning said alleged abandonment.

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. 14144 for the sw 1/4 of sec. 12, tp. 14n, r. 60w, and names the following as witnesses, viz: Julius Stover, Arthur Enger, Fred Wilke, Charles Garmann, 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 20th day of Feb., A. D. 1886, at his office. HORACE AUSTIN, Register. Jacobson & Oie, attys.

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: Neis O. Kjos, D. S. No. 14400, for the southwest quarter of sec. 29, tp. 14n, r. 60w, and names the following as his witnesses, viz: Albert Coe, Anton Pederson, John Anderson, Knud J. Ahlsted, all of Jesse P. O., Griggs county, D. T.

The testimony of claimant and witnesses to be taken before John N. Jorgensen, clerk of district court, at Cooperstown, Griggs county, D. T., on the 30th day of Jan., A. D. 1886, at his office. HORACE AUSTIN, Register. Jacobson & Oie, attys.

NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., Jan. 1, 1886. 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: John K. Thone, D. S. No. 14386 for the sw 1/4 of sec. 28, tp. 14n, r. 60w, and names the following as his witnesses, viz: Karl T. Vaugen, John Anderson, John Paulsen and Andrew H. Overby, all of Jesse, Griggs county, D. T.

The testimony to be taken before Geo. B. Clark, judge and ex-officio clerk of probate court, Griggs county, D. T., at Cooperstown, Griggs county, D. T., on the 25th day of February, 1886, at his office. HORACE AUSTIN, Register.

NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., Jan. 2, 1886. 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: Ole Arneson, D. S. No. 14388, for the e 1/2 sec 3, and e 1/2 sec 4 of sec 14, tp 14n, r 60w, and names the following as his witnesses, viz: August and John Torfin, all of Mardell, Griggs county, D. T.

The testimony to be taken before Geo. B. Clark, judge and ex-officio clerk of probate court, Griggs county, D. T., at Cooperstown, Griggs county, D. T., on the 25th day of February, 1886, at his office. HORACE AUSTIN, Register. Robertson & Welch, attys. Mayville, Dak.

NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., Dec. 29, 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: Hermon A. Vozick, D. S. No. 14222 for the e 1/2 of sec. 22, tp. 14n, r. 60w, and names the following as his witnesses, viz: William Willingham, Christian Ludemann, Almer Pearson, DeForest Cook, all of Willow, 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, attys.

NOTICE—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., Dec. 1, 1885. Complaint having been entered in this office by Henry O'Leary against Charles Sawyer for abandoning his homestead entry No. 2038, dated April 24, 1882, upon sec. 4, section 12, township 14n, range 58w, in Griggs county, Dakota Territory, with a view to the cancellation of said entry; the said parties are hereby summoned to appear at this office on the 24th day of January, 1886, at 10 o'clock a. m., to respond and furnish testimony concerning said alleged abandonment.

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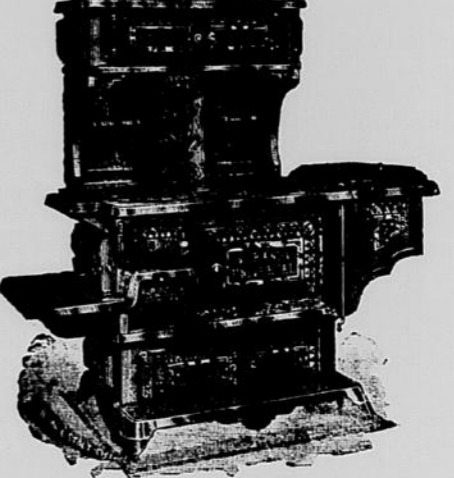
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