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Diamonds.

The boom is again at our door. Not like a wolf with its hungry eyes, its foam flecked breast, its lean jaws dripping with blood. You cannot kill it with a shot gun, nor stun it with a stuffed club. You can not round it up like a drove of wild cattle, nor catch it with a lariat. If you could, you see, there would not be anything remarkable about it, worthy of mention. The boom is like a comet which returns regularly at irregular intervals, and is produced by molecules of Dakota truth acting upon the flinty hearts of the frozen liars of the lugubrious east. Annanias and Sapphira were not insensible to truth. Truth knocks the most hardened liar out. The most elaborate, and sick-sliding falsehood, is confounded by a plain tale—if it is true. These molecules of truth have been flying from our pen, and pens of all Dakota newspaper men, for years. They have been met with a fusillade of climatic imaginings, annoying to their triumphant progress. They have at last taken root, and are propagating finely. The boom is upon us. We will know when it strikes, by Jones, who will buy a thousand dollars worth of machinery with ten dollars in cash—by Smith, who will rent and seed 500 acres of breaking with a pair of bay steers—by Snyder, who will refuse \$25 an acre for his \$2 per acre land—by Olson, who will put in a lumber yard and grist mill in connection with his 20x30 pea-nut store; by everybody wanting to buy lands and lots, whereas they are now a drug in the market. We shall all wear diamonds then.

Political Pointers.

J. M. Tuhey, it is said, will help Edwards, of the Argus, to down Jud LaMoure, this fall, in his struggle for legislative "honors." It is reported that Mr. Plummer, the ed editor of the Calidonia Times, will be in the field this fall for the council, in the interests of the old gang. Budd Reeve, of Buxton, and McClaren, of Hope, it is suspicioned, have their eyes on the house. Col. Lounsbury will clash sabers with ex-Speaker Williams, in his district. Charley Austin, of Lisbon, is indifferent about returning to the legislature, although it is conceded that it is at his option. Barnes county will claim the council for one of its prominent citizens. It is in a district now, where its influence will control both convention and election.

Courier Farm Notes.

Young hogs do not thrive well on an exclusive diet of corn, north of the 46th parallel. It has a tendency to swell their heads. Peaches are a very perishable fruit, and their is little shade in the trees. Farmers are earnestly advised not to plant peach trees. Pure blooded Percheron colts should not be offered for sale until thoroughly wind broken. Butter that smells very rich is not popular with the merchants, until it has been disinfected. It, however, can be mixed with rancid fat, and sold for fresh hamburger cheese. Eggs should be given to the minister's wife, on account of the minister's back salary, as soon as they commence to explode in the box; otherwise, they might ruin the box, and the minister not get his salary. If he is a sincere preacher he will use them in the ice cream for the sociable. Mule meat, when properly dressed, cannot be detected from bull beef by the ordinary butcher, if you show him the horns, and point out the pitfork scars.

Volcanic Rock.

The Panama canal has cost \$120,000,000, and is but a superficial scratch on the face of the volcanic rock. The hotels, residences and warehouses along

the line are magnificent; but the loans have failed, and the scheme is bankrupt. If M. de Lesseps can wait the waves of the Caribbean will complete the job with half the money. It is claimed by deLesseps that the year 1888 will witness his triumph.

Wind.

Paddy Ryan is having a blowing match with John L. Sullivan. Unless his truss slips, it is expected that he will blow the Boston brute clear to the dol-drums.

Gold.

Col. Pat Donan has this time pre-empted a gold field of fabulous wealth, in Honduras. What poor, miserable, idiots those Honduras must be, to have allowed that river of gold to lie idle so long? Who'd ha' think it?

Converts.

The Apaches have all been converted to Mormonism. The Mountain Meadow massacre is what appeals to their religious natures.

Damp.

People have been frozen to death by the score in Missouri and Virginia, this year. The air is so damp that their lungs become filled with ice, as it were.

Something too much of this ice palace—carnival foolishness. For a great daily, like the Pioneer Press, to give up its columns to the meaningless portraits of an army of obscure dudes, which can possess interest for nobody, except the dudes, is an innovation more honored in the breach than the observance. Every envelope, letter head, circular, and newspaper, hailing from St. Paul, has the ice palace sprawled all over it. Such carnival foolishness as is betokened by the twaddle of the Pioneer Press, illy becomes the cold blooded habitants of the northland. The people may think themselves full of abandon and foolishness, like the people of sunny Italy, but they are mistaken. Their eye is always peeled to procure the beautiful nickel, just the same.

Some of Senator Vest's friends ought to tell him, quietly, what an exhibition he is making of himself. In his great speech against Dakota, of January 29, he quoted the utterings of a Dakota newspaper, as follows:

"Enough one-armed and one-legged Union veterans are in Dakota to whip a whole brigade of skunks like Vest and Butler [laughter], and you can bet your boots they can do it any day, right here on the open plains of the free soil of Dakota, and without resorting to bushwhacking or knifing, either. If they don't believe it, all they have to do to test the loyalty of Dakota is to fire on Sumpter."

Such stuff as this proves nothing, except that there are children and fools in Dakota, as well as in Missouri; and that even a country paper should guard its utterances, lest, by accident, strangers should read it, and be misled.

A Washington special of Jan. 28, says: "The house committee on public lands, to-day, decided to report favorably on Col. Steele's bill correcting his title to the town site of Steele, Dak. It seems that Col. Steele, who is usually very precise and shrewd, made the mistake of settling on section 16, instead of 17. Section 16 is a school section. He has laid out \$25,000 on that section, and has sold a good many lots, upon which others have put improvements. The bill proposes to give Col. Steele the land, on his paying \$2.50 an acre for it." Gil. Pierce and Gifford are helping Steele out. The Col. ought to send for Holmes and VanDusen.

Ballot.

We have received the February number of this well known publication. One of the oldest monthlies in the country, now in its sixty-third volume. It appears to be constantly growing brighter with age, with its new dress and the best of paper. It gives a liberal instalment of that interesting serial story, The Gilberts, or, A Double Mistake, together with a large and miscellaneous assortment of complete stories by the best authors, for all members of the family, making it essentially, as it claims to be, a Family Magazine, clean and bright. Subscription, \$1.50 per year. G. W. Studley, Publisher, Boston, Mass.—Ad.

The St. Paul Ice Carnival is attracting great attention in all parts of the country. Not less than five thousand men will be arrayed in the picturesque winter costumes at the storming of the palace, which occurs early in the month of February.

The PIONEER PRESS, with characteristic enterprise and dash, has made arrangements to properly illustrate these interesting and novel scenes, and all who are interested should at once subscribe.—Ad.

St. Louis Post-Dispatch: The Utah plan of spending six months in prison immediately after marriage, seriously interferes with bridal tours.

An Arizona desert plant, gonagaa, has been discovered, which carries a great proportion of tannin, and will likely take the place of hemlock bark.

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

I can tell you something fine about T. G. Mandt's Bob Sleights. O, t ey are fine. Knud Thompson.

H. S. Pickett will shortly have a portion of his holiday stock, including a fine line of upholstered goods.

Large reduction on heating stoves, at A. N. Adams'.

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. 14,144 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 Gartman, 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 & Ole, attorneys. 50-53

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. Thune, D. S. No. 14,800 for the sw 1/4 of sec. 28, tp. 14n, r. 60w, and names the following as his witnesses: Karl T. Vaugen, John Anderson, John Paulson and Andrew H. Overly, 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., on the 25th day of February, 1886, at his office. HORACE AUSTIN, Register. And you Harry J. Lyons, who on the 11th day of July, 1883, filed T. C. entry No. 8650, for the sw 1/4 and s 1/2 sec. 28, tp. 14, r. 60, are hereby notified to be and appear before Geo. B. Clark, judge and ex-officio clerk of probate court, at Cooperstown, D. T., on the 25th day of February, 1886, and show cause, if any you have, why the said John K. Thune should not be allowed to make proof and payment for his land. 52-5 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, H. E. No. 1198, for the e 1/2 sec 14, and e 1/2 sec 14, tp. 14n, r. 58w, and names the following as his witnesses, viz: Annon Johnson, Ole Olson, Iver Torfin, John Torfin, all of Mandell, 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., 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 that said proof will be made before C. H. Ward, clerk of the district court, at Sherbrooke, Steele county, D. T., on February 19, 1886, viz: Abraham L. Hens n. D. S. No. 16758, for the sw 1/4 of sec. 18, township 14, range 56. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz: Erik Erickson, John Olwell, J. M. Lane, Martin Anderson, all of Aneta P. O., Nelson county, D. T. HORACE AUSTIN, Register. Robertson & Welch, att'ys. Mayville, Dak. 51-4

NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF.—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., Dec. 28, 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: Herman A. Voeltz, D. S. No. 16532, for the ne 1/4 of sec. 5, tp. 18n, r. 61w, and names the following as his witnesses, viz: William Waldgrube, Christoph Lindemann, Almer Pearson, DeForest Conant, all of Willow, Griggs county, D. T. The testimony herein to be taken before John N. Jorgensen, clerk of district court, at Cooperstown, Griggs county, D. T., on the 13th day of February, A. D. 1886, at his office. HORACE AUSTIN, Register. Wm. Glass, Attorney. 51-4

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: Knud Pederson, H. E. No. 14,803, for the nw 1/4 of sec. 22, tp. 14n, r. 58w, and names the following as his witnesses, viz: Ole Sletten, John Sletten, Adolph Johnson, Jacob Tochie, all of Ottowa 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 12th day of Feb., A. D. 1886, at his office. HORACE AUSTIN, Register. Jacobson & Ole, att'ys. 50-55

NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF.—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., Jan. 21, 1886. Notice is hereby given that 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. Vaugen, D. S. No. 16,600 for the ne 1/4 of sec. 12, tp. 14n, r. 61w, and names the following as his witnesses, viz: Jens Anderson, John K. Thune, Mads M. Netrost, Trond Rogne, all of Jesse post-office, 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 March, A. D. 1886, at his office. HORACE AUSTIN, Register. Jacobson & Ole. 51-7

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. Safford, D. S. No. 15483, for the lots 1 and 2, sw 1/4 of ne 1/4 and w 1/4 of sec 4, of sec 1, tp. 14n, r. 60w, and names the following as his witnesses, viz: Arthur Know, Ezra W. Hagerty, Benjamin F. Kuhne, 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, Dak., on March 3d, 1886. HORACE AUSTIN, Register. Wm. Glass, att'y. 51-6

NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF.—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., Jan. 25, 1886. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof and secure final entry thereof, viz: Edwin Hansen, D. S. No. 14,225 for the nw 1/4 of sec. 16, tp. 14n, r. 59w, and names the following as his witnesses, viz: Edward Michaels, Christian A. Wolden, Elling N. Skoye, Andrew Benson, all of Cooperstown, 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 30th day of March, 1886, at his office. HORACE AUSTIN, Register. 51-7

Contest—U. S. Land office, Fargo, D. T., Jan. 13, 1886. Complaint having been entered at this office by Allan Pinkerton, against Ebenezer D. Riggs, for failure to comply with law as to timber-culture entry No. 7600, dated Nov. 20, 1882, upon the ne 1/4 section 22, township 14th, range 58w, in Griggs county, Dakota Territory, with a view to the cancellation of said entry, contestant alleging that the said Ebenezer D. Riggs, has failed to plant, or cause to be planted, five acres of said tract or any part thereof, into trees or shrubs, nuts or cuttings, during the third year after date of his said entry, and prior to the date of this contest; the said parties are hereby summoned to appear at this office on the 25th day of February, 1886, at 10 a. m., to respond and furnish testimony concerning said alleged failure. E. W. CLAREY, Receiver. 52-1

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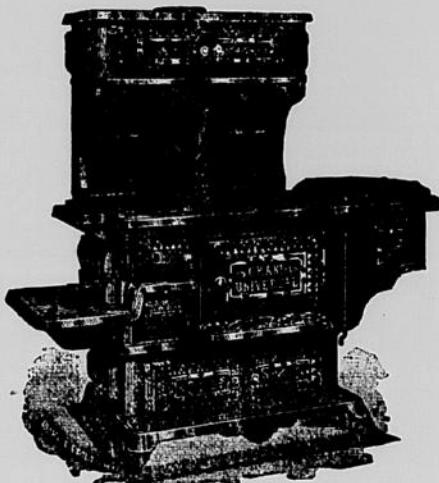
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