

Official Directory.

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We have received an offer from a country daily to exchange, if we will publish its "prospectus." The truth of the matter is, we have all this country daily truck on hand that we care for. If the brother wants the COURIER, which is certainly one of the best and most progressive weeklies in the territory, we will cheerfully put him on our list, but he need not exchange. If he is sincere in wishing to publish a prospectus, like the metropolitan dailies, he can send us a stereotype, and when we have room we will use it; but he need not exchange.

In the Barnes county muddle the investigating committee advertise to report to-morrow. If the committee are nihilists they will probably recommend the use of dynamite on the court house. If they are skin-flints they will probably worry about a subscription to a newspaper for the county. If they are pettifoggers they will raise hades if red tape is not around the red tape packages. If their labors are not, in the language of the sage of Whalen, "for ter make bunkum," they will not confine their attention to the offices they have mentally determined in advance to find lacking, but will rattle up the dry bones of their friends—the truly good whited sepulchers that have had their clutch on the throat of the county for years; and they will not, like turkey buzzards, spew out their gorge to make the people round-eyed with amazement at others corruption and their own purity and sagacity. Instead of wallowing in corruption now and running for office in the fall they should talk business and ask the Almighty to forgive them for waking up so late to the interests of the people, when their special attention was called, years ago, to the chief rottenness (bridge building) which they have just brilliantly rediscovered.

Washington, March 5.—The house committee on public lands will report favorably the bill for the relief of W. H. Steele, of Steele, Dakota, permitting him to purchase forty acres of school land upon which his improvements stand, at an appraisement of not less than ten dollars per acre, and the school authorities are permitted to locate a corresponding amount of land upon unoccupied government section.

Should this act, mentioned in the above telegram, become a law, in face of the undisputable fact that Steele knew the land in question to be school, land, and relied upon his cheek and luck to help him out, we recommend that the heirs of the late John McPherson, of Valley City, apply to congress for the privilege of purchasing section 16, tp. 140 n., r. 58 w. This adjoins the town-site of Valley City, is worth \$25 per acre, and was settled upon by McPherson in 1878. At that time, Mr. McPherson, who was just from the old country, although a very intelligent gentleman, did not know a corner stake from a surloin steak, a section line from a section house. He settled upon the land, and farmed it until his death, about a year ago. If Steele obtains his town-site for \$10 per acre, the McPherson heirs ought to obtain their school section for \$2.50 per acre. A thousand school sections are in the same situation.

This is the way the Winona Times writes up a wedding: LOVE LOCKED. Listen! What is the sound that thrills each soul with rapture, half divine? What is this music like the melody of angel hands? It is not all of heaven, and it cannot be of earth! Aye! 'Tis the merry peal of wedding bells, so softly, sweetly wafted to our hearts. A young and happy couple about to be made one, to join their fortunes and their lives for better or for worse—through sickness and through health, till death shall part.

hymenal finger the endless crown of joy; and then the angels beat upon the organ's key board, and the whole gang were swept down the nave on a commingled current of whipped cream, and Porto Rico molasses.

The "Dakota" or Sioux Falls insurance company is trying to do business again in Griggs county. COURIER readers will be more particular with their insurance this year; and those who do not take the paper deserve to be bilked.

The rebel chief Poundmaker, and twenty-eight comrades, were recently baptised in the penitentiary at St. Boniface. If they were all immersed, we recommend that the sheriff repeat the dose regularly.

Scout Jones, of Florida, has made himself the laughing stock of the country, by tagging after a Detroit girl, who "just can't bear the old brute."

Sam Jones is thought coarse and illiterate by the more elegant gospel expounders of the Porcine city.

The News-Democrat, of Devils Lake becomes the News, under the editorial guidance of F. H. Prosser, who is evidently capable of improving the sheet.

Now is the winter of Sparks' discontent. The Secretary of the Interior has notified his High-Mightiness that the supreme court of the United States is his superior, and that he must come to order.

John B. Gough. The death of John B. Gough leaves a vacancy in the ranks of the prohibitionists. From his marvelous work, and drawing capacity, he must have been a wonderful orator in his day; but his day long since passed away. We heard him speak about ten years ago. His voice was then hoarse and unpleasant; the fires of oratory had apparently gone out; and he was more the harlequin for an hour's amusement than an apostle of a great reform. His lecture then was trite, and so overloaded with anecdote, and redundant gesticulation that his hearers were often disappointed.

The Century. The frontispiece of the March number is a portrait of Emilio Castelar, the Spanish statesman and orator, and the most interesting article is a pen picture of that gentleman by W. J. Armstrong. Castelar seems to be a combination of Victor Hugo and Daniel Webster, with a grace and fire peculiarly his own.—the most remarkable of Spaniards, whose greatness is appreciated at home and abroad in equal degree.

W. D. Howells keeps up the juvenile misery of Lemuel Barker, and Mary Hallock Foot increases the complications in her absorbing western novel, "John Brodwin's Testimony." The Persian articles, and Shiloh business, which are chronic, appear together with considerable melancholy poetry, and magazine stock articles. "John Tronor's Experiment" is a striking southern story by Margaretta W. Kenan. The editorials are timely and thoughtful.

The Life and Times of Samuel Bowles, by George S. Merriam, is interesting to country newspaper men, as an argument that the size of an editor's town does not measure the importance and influence of his work. From the country town of Springfield, Mass., Sam. Bowles spoke, during the times that tried men's souls, with a ring that made him heard from Maine to California, from Puget Sound to the Everglades.

The Northwest for March is full of good things. The Fargo write up compares favorably with the recent article on Portland.

Strikes. The Knights of Labor on the Gould roads are on a strike, to the number of 10,000. The Missouri Pacific is consequently paralyzed. The United States mails are not molested. St. Louis and Marshall, Texas, are headquarters. In Pennsylvania 15,000 coal miners have struck for higher wages. Both strikes will probably be successful.

Osage (Kas.) telegram: The family of J. W. Sells, living near this place, consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Sells, Walter Sells, their son, aged 19, Ina Sells, a daughter, aged 11, were attacked by unknown persons and backed and cut to pieces by a hatchet and knife, which were found, matted with blood and hair, on a chair near by. The only surviving member of the family is Willie, a son, who gave the alarm. Certain indications point to him as the murderer, incredible as it may seem, and he has been placed under arrest pending a searching investigation. The long pending law suit between C. F. Kindred, of Brainerd, and Herbert Root, of Valley City, will be tried at Brainerd, Next week.

Devils Lake, Dak., March 10— Word is received here that Secretary Lamar reverses Sparks' decision in the Brittin case. Brittin made a pre-emption near this city over two years ago. Proof was accepted and the land paid for at the land office here. Brittin had 100 acres under cultivation a year ago. He took a homestead entry, upon which he also made proof, and paid commutation of \$200, according to law. When Sparks came into office he decided that any man having exercised the pre-emption right could not commute a homestead. This decision affected thousands of settlers in this northwest. Brittin's case was the first one taken on appeal to the secretary. His decision reversing Sparks' order will be welcome news to many settlers.

Davis & Pickett will have a couple of carloads of fine horse flesh, shortly; wait for bargains.

Wanted. Four competent teachers wanted for a term of three months. Salary \$35 per month. Applications to be left with clerk of Greenwood school township, before April 1.

JOAN K. OLSON, Clerk. Ottawa, Griggs Co., Dak. 8

Mortgage Sale. Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage and advised by William Vethy, unmarried, mortgagee, to Sarah L. Hubbell, mortgagee, dated the 26th day of April, A. D. eighteen hundred and eighty-three, and recorded as a mortgage in the office of the register of deeds of the county of Griggs, in the territory of Dakota, on the 4th day of May, A. D. 1885, at 7 o'clock p. m., in book "C" of mortgages, on page 57, on which there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, and hereby declared to be due at the election of mortgagee, the sum of six hundred forty-one and 70/100 (\$641.70) dollars, and no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or in equity to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof, and said mortgage has never been assigned. Notice is hereby given, that by virtue of a power of sale contained in said mortgage, and of the statute in such case made, and provided, the said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises therein described, which sale will be made at the front door of the court house in Cooperstown, in the county of Griggs, and territory of Dakota, at public auction, by the sheriff of said county, by his deputy, on Saturday, the 31st day of April, A. D. 1886, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, to satisfy the amount which shall then be due on said mortgage, with the interest thereon, and the costs and disbursements, and also a sum of \$1500 dollars, as attorneys' fees, as stipulated in said mortgage in case of foreclosure. The premises described in said mortgage, and so far as they are the interest of the mortgagor, are situated in the county of Griggs, and territory of Dakota, and known and described as follows, to-wit: The northwest quarter (nw 1/4) of section No. eighteen (18) of township No. one hundred forty-four (144) north, of range fifty-seven (57) west, containing one hundred forty-seven and 25/100 (147.25-100) acres, according to the United States government survey thereof. Dated at Fargo, D. T., this 10th day of February, 1886, at 10 o'clock a. m. H. H. HARRIS, Mortgagee. Spaulding & Templeton, atty. for mortgagee. Fargo, D. T. 5-11

Probate Notice. Territory of Dakota, county of Griggs. In probate court, Special Term, 1886. In the matter of the estate of Frank Hunter, deceased. Whereas, the petition of Charles A. Hunter has duly been filed in this court representing, among other things, that Frank Hunter, late of the county of Griggs, territory of Dakota, died on the 17th day of December, 1885, at Cooperstown, D. T., in testate, and petitioning this court that Henry G. Pickett be granted letters of administration. It is therefore ordered, that in and to said petition be heard before me at a special term of this court at the office of the probate court in Cooperstown, county of Griggs, territory of Dakota, on the 23rd day of March, 1886, at 10 o'clock a. m. And it is further ordered, that public notice of the time and place of said hearing be given to the heirs of said decedent, and all persons interested, by the publication of this order in the Griggs County Record, a newspaper published in Cooperstown, a said county of Griggs, for three consecutive weeks, and that copies of this order and notice be addressed to the heirs of said Frank Hunter, deceased, as set out in this certificate, at their place of residence, and deposited in the post-office with the postage thereon prepaid, by the said petitioner, at least ten days before the time of said hearing. Dated at Cooperstown, the 10th day of March, 1886. H. G. PICKETT, Clerk of Probate.

NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF.—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., Feb. 8, 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: Karl P. Vaan, D. S. No. 15,740 for the n. e. 1/4 of sec. 18, tp. 140 n., r. 61 w., at a time as follows, viz: Jens Anderson, John K. Thune, Mads M. Nestro, 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. 27

NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF.—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., Feb. 8, 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: Peter Cameron, D. S. No. 15,387, for the s. w. 1/4 of sec. 10, tp. 148 n., r. 60 w., and names the following as his witnesses, viz: William L. Strimmer, Eldon Sheldon, Benjamin Kuhns, and Boie H. Leine, all of Willow, Griggs county, D. T. The testimony of claimant and witnesses to be taken before Geo. B. Clark, judge and ex-officio clerk of probate court, at Cooperstown, Griggs county, D. T., on March 23, 1886. 4-9 HORACE AUSTIN, Register.

NOTICE.—U. S. Land Office, Fargo, D. T., Jan. 27, 1886. Complaint having been entered at this office by Petrus Erikson against De Witt C. Upham, for failure to comply with law, in timber certificate entry No. 6261, dated April 11, 1882, upon the s. e. 1/4 sec. 18, tp. 146, r. 59, in Griggs county, Dakota, with a view to the cancellation of said entry; contestant alleging that said De Witt C. Upham during the year ending April 11, 1885, failed to plant or cause to be planted to trees, tree seeds, roots, burs or cuttings, five acres of said tract, broken the first year of said entry or to cultivate to crop, or otherwise, the second and five acres thereof broken during the second year of said entry. That said failure exists at the present time, and that all the improvements now on the land is about ten acres broken during the first and second years of the existence of said entry, and which are now grown up to weeds; the said parties are hereby summoned to appear at this office on the 23rd day of March, 1886, at 10 o'clock, a. m., to respond and furnish testimony concerning said alleged failure. 4-9 HORACE AUSTIN, Register.

NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF.—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., Mar. 3, 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: Terrie Fishold, D. S. No. 14,283, for the s. w. 1/4 and s. e. 1/4 of section 10, tp. 147 n., r. 60 w., and names the following as his witnesses, viz: Charles Hunter, John K. Thune, Edward Hanson, Ole A. Lien, 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 17th day of April, 1886, at his office. 8-13 HORACE AUSTIN, Register. Iver Jacobson, atty.

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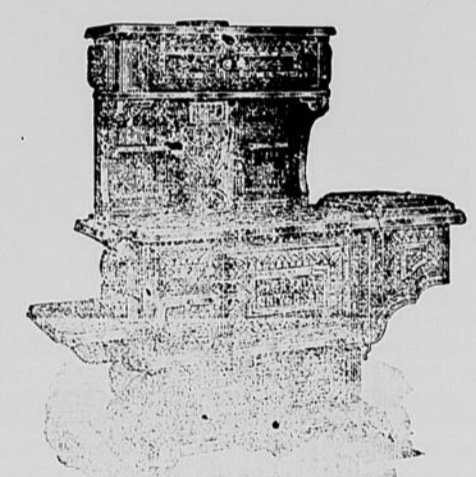
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NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF.—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., Feb. 10, 1886. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of her intention to make final proof in support of her claim, and secure final entry thereof, viz: Josephine E. Lowe, D. S. No. 15,722 for the northwest quarter of sec. 14, tp. 144 n., r. 62 w., and names the following as her witnesses, viz: Dewey R. Swartout and L. G. Blanchard, both of Dazey, Barnes county, D. T., and David Posey and Chas. W. Pufford, both of Corning, Stutsman county, D. T. The testimony of claimant and witnesses to be taken before Charles T. Hillis, clerk of the district court, at Jamestown, Stutsman county, D. T., on the 8th day of April, 1886, at his office. 5-10 H. O. AUSTIN, Register. Vernon Shaw, atty., Sankara, Co. D. T.

NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF.—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., Feb. 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: Horace B. Sortor, D. S. No. 15,674 for the n. e. 1/4 of sec. 16, tp. 148 n., r. 60 w., and names the following as his witnesses, viz: Peter Cameron, Eldon Sheldon, W. C. Dimson, Robert Withers, all of Willow, Griggs county, D. T. The testimony to be taken before John N. Jorgensen, clerk of district court, Griggs county, D. T., at Cooperstown, Griggs county, D. T., on the 31 day of April, 1886, at his office. HORACE AUSTIN, Register. Wm Glass, atty. 6-11

NOTICE.—U. S. Land Office, Fargo, D. T., Feb. 12, 1886. Complaint having been entered at this office by Thompson P. Flanagan and vs. August W. Tolmeyer for violation of the homestead entry No. 14,283, dated May 23, 1884, upon the n. w. 1/4, s. 1/4 n. w. 1/4 and n. w. 1/4 sec. 21, tp. 147 n., r. 61 w., in Griggs county, D. T., with a view to the cancellation of said entry; the said parties are hereby summoned to appear at this office on the 8th day of April, 1886, at 10 o'clock a. m., to respond and furnish testimony concerning said alleged abandonment. 7-11 HORACE AUSTIN, Register.

NOTICE.—U. S. Land Office, Fargo, D. T., Feb. 12, 1886. The Procl. of Geo. W. Batteny, who filed declaratory statement No. 14,844, October 8, 1883, alleging a claim of date 3, 1883 for s. e. 1/4 sec. 21, tp. 147 n., r. 61 w., having applied to terminate his said declaratory statement to a homestead entry, you are hereby cited to show cause at this office on the 8th day of April, 1886, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, why your timber certificate entry No. 8,844, made July 11, 1883, for the same tract should not be canceled for being in contact therewith. E. C. GEAREY, Receiver.