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The Dakota Press Association meets at Aberdeen, June 21st. We should like to attend; but can not.

The Devils Lake Agricultural Horse Trot Association holds its first meeting July 1, 2, 3, 1886. It promises to be a great success. Liberal premiums will be offered for thoroughbred and graded stock of all kinds. We wish the association success.

The "Minneapolis Industrial Exposition" favors us with a pass to its exhibit, from August 23d to October 2d, for which we extend thanks and best wishes for the success of the enterprise. Minneapolis never does things by halves, and the exposition will no doubt be first class.

The conviction of Brooks of the murder of Preller, in St. Louis, last fall, is a certainty. In an interview with a Post-Dispatch reporter, Brooks, alias Maxwell, confesses to the killing of Preller by accident, while acting as his physician, and that while being excited and frightened, he concealed instead of making known the fact of his death. He declares that he has always wanted to make known the fact, but only refrained by advice of his attorneys. Brooks says Preller was suffering from a private disease, and he gave him chloroform in order to perform an operation, the patient dying from its effects.

Maggie Cudahy and Kate Clark, chambermaids, related the story of the intimacy of the men, and head waiter, Allington, said that on Sunday evening after the murder, Maxwell came to the table so drunk that he could not eat. He laid a roll of bills on the table and asked if a man killed another in this country if he could not get off for \$500. Allington also identified Preller's body. Maxwell had previously confessed to a detective to the murdering of Preller, to pay him for his meanness in refusing to pay his fare to Auckland. The detective had been arrested on a charge of forgery, and obtained Maxwell's confidence, while in jail with him.

Good Democratic Doctrine.

The foolish action of the county commissioners in withholding license from the county (Griggs) begins to show on the place in more than one direction. It is safe to say that there is no less of the ardent sold in Cooperstown than before the refusal of license—though not so openly. There is an old saying that you "can't make a silk purse out of a sow's ear," but is pretty certain that a number of individuals are making purses of whole pigs—and "blind pigs," at that, while the town and county receive no corresponding benefit.—Valley City Democrat.

Valley City Notes.

Last Sunday, at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. Torkle Torkleson and Miss Bertha Olson were united in the holy bonds of matrimony. The genial editor of the Democrat visited his brother, Jo., in Cooperstown, over Sunday.

F. H. Remington is working the granger racket on the "poor hardworking farmer," by the "Crawford county system."—Mr. R. wishes to have the election in his county in October, instead of November.

Mr. Wylie Neilson is said to be working up a scheme by which the farmers of Barnes will send a man to England to secure a direct market for their wheat, without the intervention of middle men. This will result in the employment of a salaried agent, which will create another office to be supported by the poor, hard working farmer. Verily the farmer is going to have a hard year. Mr. Neilson is a very intelligent and active man, and will make a good representative of the farmer abroad.

Dazey Notes.

The Sawyer elevator will be finished this week. About ninety people attended the services last Sunday. Rev. Ofte dahl officiated.

The singing at the church was very good. Miss Julia Malmin presided at the organ.

The farmers in the vicinity of Dazey met last Saturday, and organized a Farmers Alliance, and elected the following officers: President, S. W. Baker; vice president, S. D. Ensign; secretary, P. I. Walsh; treasurer, C. E. Dennett; finance committee, N. Flagler, H. Oppgaard, C. Ladbury.

L. E. Nelson is building a dwelling for his mother.

J. M. Malmin expects his father up from Minnesota, and may invest in property, near Dazey.

The clerks at the Oakford & Nelson store are going to Lake Ensign this evening, to catch fish. There have been a large number of fish caught in the lake this season.

Detroit Lake.

Have you ever been to Detroit Lake? If not, you want to get there, at once. Mr. Fee, of the Northern Pacific, is about to put Cooperstown on his excursion list, and it will then be cheaper to go to Detroit, and enjoy the lake breezes and catch a few hundred pounds of fish, than to stay at home. We spent two days at the lake, last week. The editor, Mr. Evans, of Valley City, and the fisherman retained to assist in the piscatorial exercises, succeeded in wresting 150 lbs. of fish from the brimble's clasp. The Hotel Minnesota, whose card appears in this obscure journal, under the efficient management of John K. West, is particularly attentive to its Dakota guests. Another party, from Valley City, composed of John W. Scott, L. E. Davison, and A. Sternberg, captured 100 pounds, in a few hours—or said they did.

School Picnic.

School No. 1, Wyzata, and school No. 5, Wheatland, closed their respective terms on Friday, the 14th inst., with a joint picnic, at Qyal's grove. The day was pleasant, quite warm enough in the sheltered grove, and besides, the pupils of the two schools, quite a number of people were present. Through the kind offices of Messrs. Emil Carlson, Edwin Qvale, and Albert Monson, the grove had been fitted out with swings, croquet grounds, etc., and after passing a pleasant hour or two the young people repaired to the refreshment tables, where the good will of the matres familias of the vicinity had substantiated into all manner of "goodies"—including ice cream—which were gracefully served to all present by Miss Ella Arneson, Miss Himle, and Miss Monson, assisted by others. After a few exercises, appropriate for the occasion, the rewards for the term were distributed by Miss Himle and Alma Hanson. The rest of the afternoon was pleasantly passed with games, singing, etc., and at intervals refreshments were served by Messrs. Carl Carlson and Iver Thorfin. In the evening all went home well content; and the young folks extend their grateful thanks to all who contributed to make the day enjoyable.

SIVER SERUNGARD.

Teacher, School No. 5.

A couple drove over from Cooperstown Monday afternoon, and the gentleman inquiring for a minister was directed to the residence of Rev. O. P. Miller, to which they at once repaired, and had the marriage ceremony performed. The couple remained at the Hope house, Monday night, and Tuesday morning returned to Cooperstown. Mr. J. C. Flynn and Miss Ida Johnson were the contracting parties.—Hope Pioneer.

COOPERSTOWN, Dak., May 1, 1886.

Whereas, the legislature of Dakota passed an act, approved March 12, 1885, entitled, "An act to enable the school districts of the counties of Barnes and Griggs to fund their indebtedness," and whereas, school district No. 4, of Griggs county, in accordance with the provisions of said act, did offer settlement to the creditors, during the month of August, 1885, and as no claims were presented, did adjust its indebtedness as deemed to them just and equitable, and voted to issue bonds in payment of same on September 7, 1885; and whereas, no claims against said district have been presented at this date he it therefore:

Resolved, That the building in Cooperstown, heretofore occupied as a school house, be immediately vacated and given up and further resolved, That any and all claims against said district for said building are hereby repudiated; and the treasurer of Griggs county, is hereby instructed, not to pay, in part or in whole, the following orders issued by district No. 4, to-wit: Jan. 2, 1883, order No. 1, to J. M. Burrell, for \$1,650, for site. Jan. 2, 1883, order No. 2, to Geo. L. Lenham & Co., for \$2,000, for building. Jan. 2, 1883, order No. 3, to Geo. L. Lenham & Co., for \$2,000, for building. Jan. 2, 1883, order No. 4, to Geo. L. Lenham & Co., for \$1,500, for building. Jan. 2, 1883, order No. 5, to Geo. L. Lenham & Co., for \$500, for building. Jan. 2, 1883, order No. 6, to Cooper Bros., for \$400.84 for freight. Nov. 3, 1883, order No. 7, to Geo. L. Lenham & Co., \$1,750, for freight.

ANDREW BENSON, Director. ANDREW JOHNSON, Clerk.

Centist—U. S. Land office, Fargo, D. T., Mar. 24, 1886. Complaint having been entered at this office by Thorbjorn Adelson, against Perez B. Grow, for failure to comply with law as to his her-entrance entry No. 6533, dated Feb. 11, 1885, upon the 1/4 section 14, township 148N, range 58E, in Griggs county, Dakota Territory, with a view to the cancellation of said entry; contestant alleging that the said Perez B. Grow failed to plant to trees the first five acres by or before the end of the third year, and also on the 12th day of March, 1886, for not planting the second five acres in trees during the fourth year. The said parties are hereby summoned to appear at this office, on the 25th day of June, 1886, at 10 a. m., to respond and furnish testimony concerning said alleged failure.

19-24 HORACE AUSTIN, Register.

ANNUAL STATEMENT for the year ending Dec. 31st, A. D. 1885, of the Condition and Affairs of the FIRE ASSOCIATION

Of Philadelphia, organized under the laws of the State of Pennsylvania, made to the Auditor of the Territory of Dakota, in pursuance of the laws of said Territory. President, Jesse Lightfoot. Vice-President, E. C. Irvin. Secretary, W. S. Winship. Organized or incorporated, March 27th, 1880. Commenced Business September 1st, 1881.

Table with columns for Amount of Capital Stock actually paid in cash, PROPERTY OR ASSETS OF THE COMPANY, and LIABILITIES. Total assets: \$4,350,564.07. Total liabilities: \$3,466,711.99.

Table with columns for Amount of losses yet unpaid, Amount of claims for losses resisted by the company, and Total income during the year 1885. Total income: \$1,759,577.77.

Table with columns for Whole amount of each premium received, Whole amount of interest money received, and Total expenditures during the year 1885. Total expenditures: \$1,679,967.87.

Table with columns for Gross amount of risks taken during the year 1885, Whole amount of risks out-standing, and Number of Agents in the Territory of Dakota.

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA, County of Philadelphia, J. Lightfoot President and W. S. Winship Secretary of the Fire Association of Philadelphia, do hereby affirm and depose and say that the foregoing is a full, true and correct statement of the affairs of said company; that the said insurance company is the bona fide owner of at least ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS of actual cash capital, invested in the State and United States Stocks and Bonds, or in Bond and Mortgages of Real Estate unincumbered, and worth double the amount for which the same is mortgaged, and they are the above described officers of said insurance company.

TERRITORY OF DAKOTA, Auditor's Office. I, E. W. Caldwell, Auditor of the Territory of Dakota, do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the original statement now on file in this office.

Whereas, the said company has filed in this office a copy certified copy of its charter, with certificate of organization, and has fully complied with the requirements of the insurance laws aforesaid; Now, therefore, I, E. W. Caldwell, Auditor of the Territory of Dakota, pursuant to the provisions of said laws, do hereby certify that the above named company is fully empowered through its authorized agents to transact its appropriate business of Fire Insurance in this territory, according to the laws thereof until the 31st day of December, A. D. eighteen hundred and eighty-six.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal at Bismarck, this 28th day of April, A. D. 1886.

JOHN N. JORGENSEN, Land Attorney! CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT. Final Proofs Contests and Conveyancing Attended to.

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