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The Pioneer Press, and La Moure Chronicle, state, apparently upon good authority, that Major Edward's would not accept a nomination as delegate to congress if it was tendered him unanimously. Perhaps, when the Argus block is completed, the gas well flowing, and the losses sustained in the late fire recouped, the wily and redoubtable journalist will take a hand, and get us all by the ears again.

The Valley City Times in its remarks on the "Bloody Fifth" says: "Hon. C. T. Kindred was made chairman, and Knute Nelson was renominated. What's the matter of giving Knute a title, too? You might, at least, call him Colonel."

Judge Gifford is enjoying a delegate boom similar to that of the lamented Raymond—as the man in possession, that it will not be policy to change. His boom, however, will undoubtedly prove abortive. True conservatism demands that we return each delegate to his home in good condition as soon as his term of office expires.

The term, "decayed politician," has generally been considered metaphorical; "but many a shaft at random sent," etc. Man is of few days, and chock full of trouble, if he doesn't behave himself.

The Edwards boom is growing. The Hanson County Advocate is the latest to add its voice to the clamor. The major may yet be compelled to yield to the expressed wishes of the people, and himself take the position to which he is honestly endeavoring to lift Gen. Allen.—Fargo Republican.

The Century.

The July number opens with a portrait of Frank K. Stockton, and acquaints us with the curious genius that the general public has hitherto known only by fantastic fiction. "Cross-country Riding in America," by Theodore Roosevelt and Henry Cabot Lodge, is a defense of the pink coated business which, to say the least, is more defensible than the coach and four insanity. Howell's "Minister's Charge" is developing finely, and shows the author's nice knowledge of human nature in the middle stratum of society. The story must give the aesthetic Henry James the horrors. "Two Runaways" is another delightful reminiscence of old-time slave life in the Sunny South. R. W. Guilder gives one of his finest poems, read by him at commencement of Smith college. In fact the magazine is full of the best matter. Address, Century Co., Union Square, New York.

Got It In the Neck.

Fargo Republican: In regard to the movement which has been set on foot to make Major Edwards the division and anti-ring candidate of North Dakota before the Yankton convention, it is only fair to say that there is no evidence that he had any part in it himself, or gives it his sanction. On the contrary, Mr. Edwards is the earnest champion—the steerer, as it were—of Gen. Allen's candidacy. That gentleman having come to Dakota, bringing in his pocket the endorsement of the chief magistrate of the nation, has, during his residence here as United States marshal, in the opinion of Major Edwards, shown his entire fitness for the position. So earnest, and so disinterested, is the Major in his advocacy of General Allen's claims that he is said to have "given it in the neck" to the editor who started the Edwards boom and took the first train for Fargo in expectation of being patted upon the back.

N. P. Earnings.

The Northern Pacific earnings for the month of June were \$1,045,547, against \$1,012,507 for the same month last year. This increase is wholly due to the freight department, as the commercial increase

shows \$89,337, and the express \$19,216, while the other departments show a decrease.

Land Decisions.

Complied by S. W. Snow, Land Attorney, Washington, D. C.

Homestead.—Widow.—Under the facts stated a widow cannot perfect her late husband's homestead entry, unless she actually resides upon and cultivates the land during the period of time required by law (residence not having been established by husband).—Com'r to Mrs. Sangstad, June 2, 1886.

Practice.—In contests, continuances should not be allowed on the mere request of attorney, nor should notice by publication be allowed on the affidavit of contestant's attorney, in the absence of any showing by the contestant himself. Contest is dismissed for want of notice and apparent collusion.—Com'r to R. R. Huron, June 18, 1886, case Bissell vs. McLeod.

Widow's Dower.—A widow having merely a dower interest in the original farm is not qualified to make an adjoining farm homestead entry.—Com'r to R. & R. Springfield Mo., May 15, 1886, case of Maxwell vs. Hilsbeck.

Pre-emption.—Soldier's additional homestead.—The filing, settlement and improvement of one who has exhausted his pre-emptive right, form no foundation for a lawful claim, and possession thereunder will not defeat the location of a soldier's additional homestead by another.—Sec'y to Com'r, June 11, 1886, case of Brooks vs. Toblien.

Homestead.—The right to file on a soldier's declaratory statement, and make homestead entry of land not covered thereby, within the life of such filing, was not conferred by the homestead law, nor has it been recognized by the regulations of the land department.—Sec'y to Com'r, June 14, 1886, case Roberts vs. Howard.

Shooting Affray.

The shooting affray occurred on the street yesterday. It appears that for some time there has been anything but a good feeling existing between the Padden family and Chas. Kinsel. They are near neighbors, a few miles east of the city, and over some trifling deal had a difference which eventually terminated in Kinsel shooting Patrick Padden. Three shots were fired, two of which struck Padden, one in each leg. The balls in both cases struck above the knee, one passing through without making a severe wound, while the other passed in at the front, going around the bone and lodging in the back part of the leg, where it still remains.—Valley City Times.

Padden seems to have insisted on being shot, and Kinsel had to accommodate him.

Notice.—U. S. Land Office, Fargo, D. T., June 28, 1886. Complaint having been entered at this office by Victor K. Anderson against Luther T. Sowell for failure to comply with law as to timber culture entry No. 6,807, dated May 21, 1882, upon the n-w 1/4 section 8, tp. 144, r. 62, in Griggs county, Dakota Territory, with a view to the cancellation of said entry; contestant alleging that the said Luther T. Sowell has failed to comply with the timber culture law by not breaking, or causing to be broken, five acres of said tract during the first year of said entry ending May 24, 1883, and has also failed to break or cause to be broken five acres thereof, or cultivate to crop or otherwise five acres during the second year of said entry ending May 24, 1884, and also failed to plant or cause to be planted five acres of said tract to trees, tree seeds, nuts, or cuttings during the third year of said entry, and also failed to plant or cause to be planted five acres or any part thereof to trees, tree seeds, nuts or cuttings, during the fourth year after entry; that said failure so exists at the present time; the said parties are hereby summoned to appear at this office on the 15th day of August, 1886, at 10 o'clock a. m., to respond and furnish testimony concerning said alleged failure. E. C. GEAREY, Receiver.

Notice of Final Proof.—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., June 11, 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 that said proof will be made before the judge of the probate court, at Sherbrooke, D. T., on July 30th, 1886, viz: John P. Pease, H. E. No. 11,352, for the n-e 1/4 of sec. 38, twp. 136, r. 26. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz: H. B. Randall, James Sweetland, James H. Steadman, William Sweetland, all of Pickert P. O., Steele county, D. T. HORACE AUSTIN, Register.

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THEO. F. KERR, M. D. Physician and Surgeon. Cooperstown, Dakota.

Notice to Creditors.

Territory of Dakota, County of Griggs, ss. In Probate court. In the matter of the estate of Platt S. Buell, deceased. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed executor of the last will and testament of Platt S. Buell, deceased, and has been duly qualified as such. All persons having claims against the estate of said Platt S. Buell are hereby notified and required to exhibit the same, with proper vouchers therefor, to the undersigned, in the office of the judge of probate, of the county of Griggs, aforesaid, within four months from the first publication of this notice, which is made on the 2d day of July, A. D. 1886. Dated June 18th, 1886. WALLACE P. BUELL, Sole Executor.

Contest.—U. S. Land office, Fargo, D. T., June 29, 1886. Complaint having been entered at this office by Thorbjorn Anderson, against Perez B. Grow, for failure to comply with law as to timber culture entry No. 6573, dated Mch. 11, 1882, upon the n-w 1/4 section 14, township 148n, range 58w, in Griggs county, Dakota Territory, with a view to the cancellation of said entry; contestant alleging that the said Perez B. Grow has failed to comply with the requirements of the timber culture law; that he has wholly failed to plant the second five acres to trees, tree seeds, nuts, or cuttings, since making said entry; and up to the present time that the present condition of said tract is wild, uncultivated prairie. The said parties are hereby summoned to appear at this office on the 15th day of August, 1886, at 10 a. m., to respond and furnish testimony concerning said alleged failure. E. C. GEAREY, Receiver.

Notice of Final Proof.—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., June 29, 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: Knud Anderson, D. S. No. 15342, for the n-w 1/4 section 17 of sec. 3, and w 1/2 of section 2, tp. 148n, r. 60w, and names the following as his witnesses, viz: John H. Paulsen, C. H. Johnson, Anton J. Stromme, and Peter A. Lesney, all of Griggs county, Dakota Territory. The testimony of claimant and witnesses to be taken before Geo. B. Clark, judge of probate and ex-officio clerk of probate court, at Cooperstown, Griggs county, D. T., on the 7th day of August, 1886, at 10 o'clock a. m., to respond and furnish testimony concerning said alleged failure. HORACE AUSTIN, Register. J. N. Jorgensen, atty.

Notice of Contest.—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., May 26, 1886. Complaint having been entered at this office by Elizabeth Brown against Jesse Berch, for failure to comply with law as to timber culture entry No. 5448, dated Jan. 21, 1883, upon the s-w 1/4 of section 8, twp. 146n, range 59w, in Griggs county, Dakota Territory, with a view to the cancellation of said entry; contestant alleging that the said Jesse Berch has wholly failed to break, cultivate, or plant to trees, tree seeds, nuts or cuttings, any part of said tract since making said entry; or cause the same to be done up to the present time; and that the condition of said land at the present time is wild, uncultivated prairie, in its natural state, except five acres, which were broken in the year 1882, and never cultivated. The said parties are hereby summoned to appear at this office on the 15th day of July, 1886, at 10 o'clock a. m., to respond and furnish testimony concerning said alleged failure. E. C. GEAREY, Receiver.

Contest.—Fargo, D. T., May 26, 1886. Complaint having been entered at this office by Peter P. Moeing against John P. Cornell for failure to comply with law as to timber culture entry No. 5412, dated September 25, 1882, upon the n-w 1/4 of section 22, township 142 n, range 59 w, in Griggs county, Dak., with a view to the cancellation of said entry; contestant alleging that the said John P. Cornell failed to break or cause to be broken five acres of said tract during the first year of his said entry ending September 25, 1883, that he failed to break or cause to be broken a second five acres, and also to cultivate to crop or otherwise five acres as required by law during the second year of said entry ending Sept. 25, 1884, that he failed to cultivate the second five acres and to plant to trees, tree seeds, nuts, or cuttings, five acres of said tract during the third year of said entry, ending Sept. 25, 1885; that said failure to comply with the law exists at the present time; the said parties are hereby summoned to appear at this office on the 15th day of July, 1886, at 10 o'clock a. m., to respond and furnish testimony concerning said alleged failure. E. C. GEAREY, Receiver.

Contest.—Fargo, Dak., May 19, 1886. Complaint having been entered at this office by Peter P. Moeing against John P. Cornell for failure to comply with law as to timber culture entry No. 5412, dated September 25, 1882, upon the n-w 1/4 of section 22, township 142 n, range 59 w, in Griggs county, Dak., with a view to the cancellation of said entry; contestant alleging that the said John P. Cornell failed to break or cause to be broken five acres of said tract during the first year of his said entry ending September 25, 1883, that he failed to break or cause to be broken a second five acres, and also to cultivate to crop or otherwise five acres as required by law during the second year of said entry ending Sept. 25, 1884, that he failed to cultivate the second five acres and to plant to trees, tree seeds, nuts, or cuttings, five acres of said tract during the third year of said entry, ending Sept. 25, 1885; that said failure to comply with the law exists at the present time; the said parties are hereby summoned to appear at this office on the 15th day of July, 1886, at 10 o'clock a. m., to respond and furnish testimony concerning said alleged failure. HORACE AUSTIN, Register.

Notice of Final Proof.—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., June 22, 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 that said proof will be made before the Register and Receiver at Fargo, D. T., on August 6, 1886, viz: Ole S. Moen, for the n-e 1/4 sec. 10, twp. 147, r. 59. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz: John Fosholdt, Andrew Mikkelsen, Edward Ikeland, Torkle Fosholdt, all of Cooperstown, D. T. HORACE AUSTIN, Register. Iver Jacobson atty.

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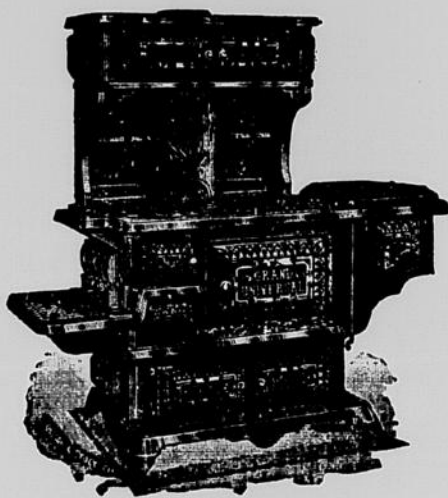
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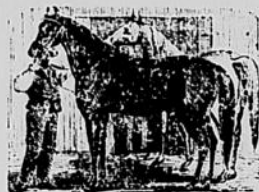
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