

## Republican County Convention.

Notice is hereby given that a delegate convention will be held at the court house in Cooperstown on the 9th day of October, 1886, for the purpose of putting in nomination a full county ticket, and that said county is divided into caucus precincts as follows: One in each commissioner district; and each are entitled to the following representation:

District No. 1, 5 delegates.  
District No. 2, 8 delegates.  
District No. 3, 6 delegates.  
District No. 4, 5 delegates.  
District No. 5, 5 delegates.  
And that the caucuses will be held as follows, on the 4th day of October, 1886: Commissioner district No. 1, at the school house near Alex. Chalmers.  
District No. 2, at the court house in Cooperstown.  
District No. 3, at the school house near Isaac E. Mills.  
District No. 4, at the Helena P. O.  
District No. 5, at the house of Wm. C. Jineson.  
And that each of said caucuses be held at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m.

IVER JACOBSON, Chairman.  
KNUD THOMPSON, Secretary.

## Republican Legislative Convention.

Notice is hereby given that the Republican Legislative convention for the Eighteenth council and representative district of the Territory of Dakota will be held at Reinhart's Opera house, in the city of Mayville, Traill county, D. T., on Saturday, October 2d, A. D. 1886, at 2 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of nominating candidates for election to the next general assembly, as follows:

One member of the Council.  
Two member of the House of Representatives; and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before it.

The counties of the district are entitled to representation, as follows:

Traill county, 16 delegates.  
Steele county, 6 delegates.  
Griggs county, 5 delegates.

The basis of representation in this convention is one delegate for each 120 votes, or major fraction thereof cast for republican candidate for delegate to congress at the last general election.

The Republican County Central committees of the respective counties are to designate the time, place, and manner of choosing the above number of delegates.

Dated at Buxton, Dak., Sept. 17, 1886.  
By order of the Republican Central committee of the Eighteenth Council and Representative district.  
LOUIS THOMPSON, Chairman.

## AROUND TOWN.

Wheat 56 cents.

Mrs. C. W. Hodge is sick.

Capt. Patterson was in town Monday.

C. C. Bennett has been in town this week.

Miss Ida Currier has been at the Palace several days.

C. C. Platt is mentioned for commissioner on the river.

Mrs. Rollef Berg, presented her husband with a bran-new son, Saturday.

Subscribers are respectfully informed, that the harvest is ended, the summer is done, and the COURIER has not received much of their money. Endeavor to start fair, November first, gentlemen.

Dr. Kerr is in the field again for the office of Superintendent of Schools. As the Doctor has no opposition it is extremely probable that he will, as heretofore, faithfully look after the educational interests.

A suit is brought by the Duluth National bank against Assignee Draz, to compel the assignee to allow the claim of \$5,000, the same being upon a draft drawn on the Bank of Cooperstown, a few days prior to the failure of that bank, by N. L. Lenham. The assignee claims the draft is void for fraudulent representations to Stevens & Pickett by the drawer. Gen. J. B. Sanborn and C. M. MacLaren appear for defense.

All the boys are out hunting for-for-ducks-and chickens-and votes. Owing to business at the office, we are unable to get out, but remark generally,

Howdy, howdy, howdy-do!

How is your wife, and how are you?

A letter from a farmer, recommending a farmer for the legislature, and Joseph Buchheit for Register of Deeds, is unavoidably crowded out this week.

Sheriff M. L. Michaels, is generally expected to succeed himself in his own office, as he is a good officer, and has not enjoyed a full term. Ex-Sheriff Johnson, however, is after his scalp, and as Andrew has run for office before, and is a good figurer, it is likely he will make a close fight.

M. F. Williams, collector for the Northwestern Mfg. Co., has had a little friendly contest with some of Sifton's men, to see which shall have possession of \$146., owing from Henry Pinkerton to N. L. Sifton. It was a sort of referee business, and Mr. Williams does not see how he can get even with the referee, except by subscribing for the COURIER, and then stopping it.

(Since penning the above, we learn that the machine man won, and the workmen lost. The next time we give gratuitous advice in such case, it will cost the advisee a crisp \$10. bill, and then to get even, he will take the advice.)

The territorial auditor's report shows an increase of about ten per cent in the scales of valuation of lands and live stock over 1885. The total valuation of property in the territory has increased from \$106,007,807 to \$132,000,000—about 24 per cent. Our acreage has increased from 16,066,041 to 17,703,331; while the average price per acre is \$3.37 against \$3.53 in 1885. Capital in manufactures has more than doubled, and the value in merchandise and town lots show a marked increase. We have 40,000 more horses than in 1885, at an average valuation per head of \$51.02. The number of cattle has increased from 136,961 to 132,581; the number of sheep show a small decrease; in swine there is an increase from 158,633 to 173,123.

The average levy for the territory at large is, this year, only two mills and four-tenths—a reduction of twenty per cent from the rate of 1885, and of about thirty-five to forty per cent from anything levied previous thereto. The law provides that the territorial board shall equalize this levy among the several counties—not by changing the amount of assessment returned by any county, as is done in nearly all the states, but by varying the rates of taxation in the different counties, in case said board of equalization are satisfied that the scale of valuation has not been adjusted with reasonable uniformity by the various assessors."

The Auditor further remarks: "As was the case last year, the rate levied in 1886 for any county has been determined by accurate mathematical calculation, based upon the scale of valuation, at which property was listed. Those counties which refused to adopt a fair scale as required by law, but listed property at figures representing only a percentage of its actual value, get a rate of taxation which is by no means creditable to them; and as the same assessment must be taken as a basis for all the taxation in the county, the rate in some cases will be so high as to deter investments, and bring discredit on the county. The adoption of a low scale of valuation brings no advantage whatever. It does not relieve the county from a single penny of its tribute to the territorial treasury. The possession of a certain amount of property, whether it be rated high or low, means the payment of a proportional sum as taxes to the territory. If the county adopts a low scale of valuation on property, the total amount of the assessment is low and in order to realize the proportional sum referred to above, the rate levied upon this assessment for territorial purposes must be correspondingly high. It seems strange that after all that has been said in regard to this matter, there are some counties which persist in scaling property low in order to shirk their share of territorial taxes. Not one of them has saved anything by it, and no county which has adopted a high rate of valuation has lost anything by it."

That the readers of the COURIER, may know who are running for office, we present the following table of candidates.

Register of Deeds: H. P. Smart, Present incumbent, R. Berg, Farmer machinery, Joseph Buchheit, Farmer.

District Attorney: Iver Jacobson, Present incumbent, Chas. M. MacLaren, Attorney.

Treasurer: Anton Enger, Present incumbent, and Hardware, Knud Thompson, Farmer machinery.

Assessor: J. W. Fiero, Present incumbent, and Farmer, A. Haskell, Farmer.

Judge of Probate: D. R. Swartout, Farmer.

Commissioner: Dist. No. 1 C. A. Platt, Farmer. Dist. No. 4. C. H. Mosely, Farmer. Dist. No. 5 A. Coleman, Farmer.

Sheriff: M. L. Michaels, Present incumbent, and Farmer, Andrew Johnson, Insurance Agent.

The prospectors of the Hudson bay railway, have bought their rails in England, and have shipped them, so the work on that far northern line, will probably be commenced soon. Arrangements have also been made to run a line of steamers between Hudson's bay and England. The line of steamers will not go into operation before next year. All the data obtained about the straits show that they cannot run through except in July, August and a portion of

September, and open water is not assured every year, even in these months. The company are making arrangements on a comparatively uncertain basis.

## Gallatin.

Iyer Thompson's bull got out, and got at Martin Ueland, and bruised him up to some extent.

Pigs, and horned stock, are running at large, as if there was no room to herd. It gives us a chance to play dog.

It is reported that the surveyors are running north from Romness.

Mr. Frost, the wide awake farmer, was at my place with his gun, drumming up some game.

Another pair of quails, have arrived at my place. I saw them on the 21st. I have killed a half dozen weasels, and I think the quails will winter.

Mrs. Atchison had all the surveyors at her house for three days, and they said it was the first square meal they ever got on the frontier, and hoped they would always fare as well.

Plowing is about done, and threshing is taking the same course.

Ducks are quite plentiful on the river, at present.

## Ottawa.

John Sleten is up and around again.

The Manitoba surveyors are at work between Hope, and the river.

I. E. Mills, sold 32 hogs to Jim Rankin. They are fine ones, and will average about 275 lbs. each.

It is reported that the surveyors of the Fargo & Northwestern, are at work about 9 miles southeast of here, and will probably run through the vicinity of Lee. Q. D.

## Announcements.

REGISTER OF DEEDS.  
Register Smart wishes it distinctly understood that he is in the field for re-election, and shall be until the polls close on the night of November 2, 1886.

To the Public,  
I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of Register of Deeds for Griggs county.

JOSEPH BUCHHEIT.  
Cooperstown, Sept. 22, 1886.

To the Voters of Griggs County,  
I wish to announce that I, the undersigned, am a candidate for the office of Register of Deeds for Griggs county, subject to your decision.

HOLLEF BERG.

FOR SHERIFF.  
The undersigned is a candidate for the office of sheriff of Griggs county, and would respectfully ask the support of all qualified voters for the office.

M. L. MICHAELS.  
I do hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of sheriff, and respectfully ask the support of my friends, and all qualified voters of Griggs county. ANDREW JOHNSON.

COUNTY TREASURER.  
The undersigned hereby announces himself a candidate for the office of county treasurer, subject to the decision of the voters of Griggs county.

KNUD THOMPSON.

FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY.  
To the voters of Griggs county.

The undersigned is a candidate for district attorney of Griggs county. Many of my friends have pledged me their support, and it is at their request that I make this announcement. Being aware, however, that as a newcomer among you, I am unknown to many, I respectfully ask all such as may feel inclined, to make inquiry of others about me, and if I shall prove to be a proper man for the position, to aid me by their influence and their votes.

Very respectfully yours,  
CHARLES M. MACLAREN.

To the Voters of Griggs county.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for re-election to the office of district attorney for Griggs county; and as to my past record I refer to the public records. They are open for inspection to any who wish to investigate my official transactions. Your Obedient Servant.  
IVER JACOBSON.

Dated Sept. 23, 1886.

FOR PROBATE JUDGE.  
I respectfully announce myself as a candidate for Judge of Probate of Griggs county, and ask the support of the citizens for the office at the poles.  
D. R. SWARTOUT.

ASSESSOR.  
J. W. Fiero hereby respectfully announces himself to the citizens of Griggs county as a candidate for re-election.

## A Gullible Farmer.

WATERLOO, Iowa, Sept. 25.—A most daring robbery was perpetrated near Vinton yesterday morning. Three fellows visited a farmer, and succeeded in getting him to draw cards for a prize. They then told him he had drawn a large sum of money, but that he must

give them \$1,000 first. He went to his house and got \$800. He then got into a buggy with them, and after giving them the money, he drew another card, when they told him he had lost it. He reached for his revolver, but was not quick enough, for they drew revolvers and covered him. He jumped out of the buggy, and they drove rapidly towards Center Point. The sheriff of Vinton, was here to-day, and he thinks the fellows belong to a gang which has made Waterloo its headquarters, and one of them is a pal of Sullivan and Wyman, the postoffice robbers.

## Crater Lake, Oregon.

A party sent out under the command of Captain Clarence E. Dutton, of the army, has succeeded in making a complete survey of Crater Lake, in Oregon, a body of water whose shores, with the possible exception of one point on the south, have never before been touched by the feet of white men. The party's boats were hauled 100 miles by mule teams, dragged by a detail of soldiers up the snow-clad sides of the ridge which surrounds the lake, and lowered by ropes from the crest to the water, 900 feet below. One hundred and sixty soundings were made, the result of which gives the general character of the bottom. Two large submerged chimneys were found, respectively 500 and 1,200 feet high, the rest of the bottom being flat. Capt. Dutton believes this to be the deepest body of fresh water on the continent. The greatest depth attained by the sounding line, was 2,005 feet; He writes to Director Powell, of the Geological Survey.

## A Victim of Lightning.

SOUX FALLS, Dak., Sept. 25.—During the thunder storm last night Abram Durksen, a Mendota farmer living in the southwest corner of the county, was struck by lightning while on his way home from Harford. His body was found this morning, and the corner notified, who went out and found the body lying in the road where it had fallen from his buggy. The horse was also dead in the shaft. The lightning entered at Durksen's right ear, and passed down the body and right leg, leaving a hole in the bottom of his hat and disfiguring his body. His clothes were partly burned, and some silver and copper coins, in his pocket book, were melted together. There were no marks on the horse. Mr. Durksen has been a resident of the county for eight years, and was well known.

A new gas-light has recently been introduced in Germany, which bids fair to rival the electric light in brilliancy, and equal kerosene in economy of cost. The Aver burner is made by soaking a cylinder of coarse cotton cloth in solutions of certain metallic salts, as zircon, magnesia, etc., which, when ignited, do not fuse, but become incandescent. This cylinder is placed over the flame of an ordinary Bunsen burner, which, as is well known, consists of gas mixed with sufficient air to give a complete combustion, as is evinced by the disappearance of the luminous flame and the formation of a blue one. The cotton burns off in few seconds, leaving the metallic salts and the ash in the form of a coarsely woven cloth. This mineral wick is heated to a white heat by the flame, and becomes strongly incandescent, sending out a light, which, in power, resembles the electric light. The light of the Aver lamp is from 600—1,000 hours. An ordinary bat-wing gas burner consumes, when giving a flame of 11-14 candle power, about 5-7 feet an hour, and an Argand of 14-16 candle power consumes from 6-8 an hour, while the Aver burner, consuming but 2-3 feet an hour, yields a light of 20-30 candle power. Another very important point in relation to the invention is the fact that the burner may be used with gases which are of little value, such, for instance, as are obtained toward the end of distillation of coal, or indeed, with natural gas.—Ee.

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NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF.—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., Sept. 24, 1886. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of a claim and secure final entry thereof, viz: Joel Jimeson, D. S. No. 16,178 for the n. w. & n. e. 1/4 of sec. 34, tp. 18 n. r. 60 w. and names the following as his witnesses, viz: Wm. Stringer, Peter Cameron, Harrison Clark and Gideon Sheldon, 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 the 5th day of November, A. D. 1886, at his office.  
And you, Andrew A. Berg, who filed D. S. No. 16,028, on the 23d day of May 1884, are hereby notified to be and appear before the U. S. land office at Fargo, D. T., on the 19th day of Nov. 1886, and show cause, if any you have, why said Joel Jimeson should not be allowed to make final proof and payment for said land.  
H. J. J. HORACE AUSTIN, Register.

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NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF.—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., Aug. 18, 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: Halvor S. Halvorsen, D. S. No. 16,033 for the s. w. 1/4 of sec. 20, tp. 14 n. r. 60 w. and names the following as his witnesses, viz: Isaac Isaacson, Toller Hanson, Erick Heyerdahl, Lars Pedersen, all of Dazezy P. O., Barnes county, D. T. 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 15th day of October, 1886, at his office.  
HORACE AUSTIN, Register.  
Glass & MacLaren, att'y.

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Attorney  
And Counsellor at Law,  
COOPERSTOWN, DAK.

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NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF.—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., Sept. 8, 1886. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of a claim and secure final entry thereof, viz: Nelson D. S. No. 15,516 for the n. w. 1/4 and s. w. 1/4 of sec. 12, tp. 18 n. r. 61 w. and names the following as his witnesses, viz: P. T. Scotland, Halvor M. Wangnes, Wm. Healy, and John K. Quirk, all of Willow, P. O., Griggs county, D. T. The testimony of claimant and witnesses to be taken before Hon. Register or receiver of U. S. Land office, at Fargo, D. T., on the 24th day of Oct. A. D. 1886, at his office.  
HORACE AUSTIN, Register.

And you John Clark, who filed D. S. No. 16,022 on the 16 day of Feb. 1886, upon said lands are hereby notified to be and appear before the Register or Receiver of U. S. Land office, at Fargo, D. T., on the 29 day of Oct. 1886, and show cause if any you have, why said Knud Nelson should not be allowed to make final proof and payment for said lands.  
HORACE AUSTIN, Register.  
J. O. Oattonary.