

Official Directory.

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COUNTY OFFICERS.
Commissioners—R. C. Cooper, Chairman, John Hogenen and Ole Halvorsen.
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Judge of Probate—Geo. B. Clark.
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Commissioners of Insanity—Geo. B. Clark, T. F. Kerr and David Bartlett.
Justices of Peace—P. A. Melgard, Cooperstown, Harry Clark, Willow; Andrew Johnson, M. Davidson, Galletin.
Constables—J. H. Atchison, Allan Pinkerton, C. H. Johnson, M. L. Michaels.

Judge Francis, in opening court at Jamestown on the 9th inst., remarked that the calendar would be cleared if possible—that it was a good time to indulge in litigation—that no grand jury would be called, in order to save time and expense, inasmuch as there was nothing for them to do. The judge excused one juror with the remark that "agriculture is the main stay of the country;" another because he was a married man and lived on the prairie, which appealed to the judge, "home nature." Another man expected an arrival in his family, which his honor said were "the forces of nature" decided the matter. In fact the court was as pleasant as a summer breeze and excused everybody who could frame a plausible excuse. He occasionally would, in the course of business, give the attorneys a little friendly advice, as to practice, retainers, etc. The judge believes in retainers—always; but thought it the duty of an attorney to take a case without money and without price where a wronged man had no money with which to hire counsel. He thought, however, that no attorney was bound to defend a man whom he believed guilty of a crime—a proposition upon which nine-tenths of the bar would disagree with him. The judge is giving general satisfaction.

The Tichborn claimant, in spite of the fact that he has been proven an imposter before a competent tribunal, has yet among the credulous devotees to romance, many believers. He is in limbo now for endeavoring to palm himself off as a dead soldier, to defraud the pension department. If this case against him is proven it will be a death blow to his Rogership.

The vote in Steele county resulted in a majority for Harstad, over Selby, of 70. The vote on license throughout the entire county shows a majority against license of 42. The board of commissioners are also anti-license, Traill county is reported as a no license county hereafter.

The Legislative Ticket.

Traill county gives Harstad 100 majority over Selby, Adams, 2,000 and Sprague 1,600 majority.
Griggs county gives Selby 200 majority, and a solid vote for Adams and Sprague.

The vote in Steele, between Selby and Harstad, is close, with chances in favor of Harstad having a small majority. The result in the district, will be so close, that it will require the official vote to determine the result. Sprague will have about 600 majority in Steele, and Adams about 700 majority. Both are elected.—Hope Pioneer.

There is talk of organizing a republican party. That's business. A good many voters believe in the party, and if the attempt to organize will succeed so far as making a man have some respect for his political faith—it will be well. It is time the guerillas were shot.—Argus.

Holbrook is elected register is deeds of Pembina county over Appleton (democrat) by twenty-nine majority. Holbrook is the only republican elected. Two years ago, Appleton made a special fight on Harry Stong, for the legislature—without cause—so Harry says—and this year—Harry gets even. It won't always sometimes do, to dig up snakes—you can't kill.—Argus.

The Governor's Thanksgiving Proclamation.

During the season that has passed, the people of this territory have been abundantly blessed with health, and free from distressing calamities.

The hand of justice, has not been stayed.

The laws have been observed.

No social disturbance has afflicted us.

No angry turmoil has rent communities in twain or called for force, to maintain order.

Though the fullest fruits of American citizenship have not yet been attained, no people are less burdened with legal restrictions and no freer breath is drawn, than that enjoyed by the citizens of this commonwealth.

Safe in his home! Safe in his liberty! Safe in the enjoyment of his conscience and God!

For these, and for kindred blessings, it is becoming that we raise our voices in gratitude to the Almighty.

Therefore, in conformity to the president's proclamation I commend to the people the observance of Thursday, the 25th day of November, as a day of thanksgiving and prayer.

"With malice toward none, with charity for all," remembering the needy and afflicted, and beseeching the Divine blessing on the future of this land, let us meet in church and home and celebrate this annual festival—a season associated with sacred memories and hallowed by the custom of our fathers.

"Under God, the people rule."

Witness my hand, and the great seal of the territory, this 4th day of November, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-six.

(L. S.) GILBERT A. PIERCE.
By the Governor:

M. L. McCORMACK, Secretary.

The November Century

Contains the commencement of a history of Abraham Lincoln, which should be in every house in the land. It is by John G. Nicolay and John Hay, the president's private secretaries, who have the advantage over the ordinary biographer in knowing something about the biographee.

In "The Minister's Charge," Lemuel succeeds in giving Statira a hemorrhage of the lungs which will probably relieve him of an "entangling alliance," and shorten the realistic story.

Mary Mallock Foote, the artist authoress, has a short story—"The Story of a Voice," which would attract attention independent of its superb illustrations.

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Ole Serungard, was elected treasurer of Ramsey county by a good majority.

The Mexicans have been shooting a few revolutionists. Some got away.

The robbed express messenger, Frothingham, is indicted for complicity in the robbery.

G. A. Harstad, is undoubtedly elected councilman, over J. F. Selby, by a small majority.

Fred Adams goes to the legislature this year without a struggle, without a scratch, and—without an enemy—so far as we know.—Valley City Times.

Some interest is still manifested in the license question. The license men failed to connect in the First district, so that we cannot see that the situation is at all changed. The people of the first and fifth districts, have voiced their sentiments, and the voice of the people in their districts, is the voice which the new commissioners undoubtedly, will obey, while the old commissioners will exercise their own good judgement.

Devils Lake Inter-Ocean: On Nov. 4 the quiet little town of St. John, in Rolette county, was thrown into a state of great excitement by a shooting aff air in which John Mullett received a serious wound from a pistol ball fired by T. T. Tillotson. Tillotson and Mullett were running for the same office, district attorney. About two weeks ago it is claimed, Mullett circulated what is said to have been a campaign story reflecting severely upon Tillotson. On Monday, the 4th, the two men met, and the shooting took place. The ball entered Mullett's right side and passed through the muscles of his breast and into the left arm. According to the last authentic account Mullett was not dangerously wounded. Tillotson was arrested but secured bail and was set at liberty on Tuesday. A report reached the city yesterday that Mullett was dead and that Tillotson had been lynched, but the report is believed to be untrue. Tillotson was formerly a resident of this city, doing business as an attorney. He came here from Kansas.

Commissioners' Proceedings.

Convened Oct. 16th, 1886, at 1 p. m. Present, Comrs. Cooper, Hogenen, Halvorsen and Mosely.

Comr. Cooper presiding.

Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Upon motion ordered that Dist. Atty. Iver Jacobson be instructed to prosecute all cases of violation of law regulating sale of intoxicating liquors and continue such prosecution until such violations cease to exist.

Upon motion ordered that the application of Rollef Berg for the abatement of taxes upon valuation of \$1,100 for year 1885, be rejected.

Application of Hans Olson for refunding order for taxes of 1883, upon property not assessed April 1st, 1883, was rejected in accordance with the order of this board already passed.

Upon motion ordered that the bids of the Gull River Lumber company to furnish egg coal at \$9.75 per ton, and stoye coal at \$10.00 per ton, cash, be accepted.

Ordered that one car load of egg coal be purchased.

Upon motion ordered that the treasurer be instructed to redeem the following tract of land from tax sale for year 1883, by payment of interest at the rate of twelve per cent per annum, said sales having been wrongfully made, and said tract all lying within the boundaries of Steele county, Dakota, viz: E 1/2 of E 1/2 sec. 30-147-57. SE 1/4 sec. 22-145-56. S 1/2 of ne 1/4 sec. 2-147-56. SW 1/4 sec. 21-148-56.

Upon motion ordered that the following bills be allowed, viz: H. Osmundson, road work, Dis. No. 3, \$2.80.

John Hogenen, services as commissioner, \$24.00.

Ole Halvorsen, services as commissioner, \$19.00.

Ole Halvorsen, labor on bridge, Dis No. 7, \$17.00.

T. F. Kerr, per diem and mileage supt. of schools, \$33.80.

T. F. Kerr, third quarter salary, supt of schools, \$87.50.

T. F. Kerr, fees coms. insane case M. T. Rogue insane, \$9.00.

T. C. Knapp, V. S. service B. B. Brown's horse, \$10.00.

Application of Erik Heyerdahl for abatement of taxes for year 1883, and for a reduction of assessment for year 1886, was presented.

Upon motion ordered that Erik Heyerdahl be granted an abatement of taxes for year 1883 tax \$9.39, and that the valuation of personal property assessed against him for year 1886, be reduced \$175.

Upon motion ordered the steam apparatus be used to heat the offices in the court house for the coming winter, and that the application of W. E. Hyde be accepted without condition.

The treasurer's report for quarter ending Sept. 30th, 1886, was examined and approved.

On motion adjourned to meet Nov. 6th, 1886, at 1 p. m.

ROLIN C. COOPER, Chairman.

H. P. SMART, Clerk.

Notice of Final Proof—Land office at Fargo, D. T., Oct. 27, 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: Charles Johnson, D. S. No. 17731, for the sw 1/4 of sec. 14, tp. 148 n. r. 29 w. and names the following as his witnesses, viz: Henry Olsen, Hans H. Moen, Jon G. Lee and Peder Erikson, all of Ottawa P. O., 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 30th day of December, A. D. 1886, at his office. HORACE AUSTIN, Register. JOHN O. OIB, Attorney. 42-47

Notice of Final Proof—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., Nov. 2nd, 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: Iver Johnson, D. S. No. 16988, for the w. 1/2, ne 1/4 and w. 1/2 sec. 24, tp. 147 n. r. 50 w. and names the following as his witnesses, viz: Adolph Hezre, Tobias Thime, Arne Thompson and Ole S. Moen, all of Cooperstown P. O., 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 21st day of December, A. D. 1886, at his office. MICHAEL F. BATELLE, Register. J. J. O. OIB, Attorney. 42-47

Notice of Final Proof—Land office at Fargo, D. T., Oct. 26, 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: Fridof Gronland, D. S. No. 18547, for the southeast quarter of sec. 24, tp. 145 n. r. 50 w. and names the following as his witnesses, viz: Matthias E. Fjelstad, Edward Stai, Simon J. Ouren, August Johnson, Griggs county, D. T.

The testimony of claimant and witnesses to be taken before Hon. W. H. Francis, Judge of the sixth judicial district, at Cooperstown, Griggs county, D. T., on the 16th day of December, A. D. 1886, at his office. HORACE AUSTIN, Register. IVER JACOBSON, Attorney. 42-47

Notice of Final Proof—Land office at Fargo, D. T., Oct. 21, 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: James P. Van Voorhis, D. S. No. 15517, for the southeast quarter of sec. 24, tp. 146 n. r. 60 w. and names the following as his witnesses, viz: A. B. Cox, James Christie and L. Hubbard, Henry Fenner, all of Cooperstown, Griggs county, D. T. The testimony to be taken before John N. Jorgensen, clerk of district court at Cooperstown, Griggs county, D. T., on the 10th day of December, A. D. 1886, at his office. HORACE AUSTIN, Register. IVER JACOBSON, Atty. 41-46

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