

Official Directory.

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Secretary—M. H. McCormick, Bismarck.
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COUNT OFFICERS.
Commissioners—R. C. Cooper, chairman, John Ogensen and Ole Halvorsen.
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Surveyor—Martin A. Ueland.
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Judge of Probate—Geo. B. Clark.
Coroner—Dr. G. F. Newell.
Commissioners of Insanity—Geo. J. Clark, T. F. Kerr and David Bartlett.
Justices of Peace—P. A. Melgard, Cooperstown; Harry Clark, Willow; Andrew Johnson, M. Davidson, Galtstad.
Constables—J. H. Atchison, Allan Pinkerton, C. H. Johnson, M. L. Michaels.

The Fargo Sun wants a railroad to Alaska. We thought the Sun was ahead the late election.

Our Washington correspondent is after the seal of President Cleveland. If Mr. Cleveland wishes to explain, he can have the use of our columns.

The Valley City Times is suffering from an alleged boycott. Well, the election is over, and the boycott ought to be raised, if it amounts to anything.

The Tribune rises up and extends its congratulations to the Hon. F. H. Adams and Hon. D. W. Soragone, our next representatives. The Eighteenth district has in them two gentlemen of sterling worth—men who will always be working for the interests of the people.—Mayville Tribune.

The Peronto case, involving the Fargo township, has been decided by the supreme court of the United States against Peronto Buttz. The decision is supposed to affect the rights of settlers on railroad lands, generally, and the case is supposed to have been engineered by the Northern Pacific, to establish the law.

The Traill County Times states that the delegation from the North in the legislature will be weaker than usual, although the new members may develop a little intellectual power, and that the material is "almighty poor" for development. In another editorial it is stated that "the next legislature will be composed very largely of farmers." Isn't that something like an attack on the wheat raisers, colonel? A wheat raiser ought to rank with an ordinary legislative hell-raiser any day.

Ex-President Arthur was born in Vermont, and at death was fifty-six years of age—a widower with two children, who survive him. He was a lawyer of good ability, and was formerly a prominent factor in New York politics. He was made vice-president on the Garfield ticket to conciliate Roscoe Conkling, and, succeeding Garfield, made a conscientious president. His administration is not more marked than that of Franklin Pierce or Millard Fillmore and will be remembered chiefly for the brilliant gaiety of the White House during its continuance. He was a "high-flyer," and his early demise is attributed, in a measure, to this.

The COURIER, after two years and a half, has a county correspondence that makes it proud. "Chris X" stirs them all up in good English, and perpetrates some mighty good things.

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say that the COURIER will always keep pace with the advancement of the town and county, and will average up well with any paper that has no broader field to work in.

One of our leading merchants is authority for the statement that thousands of dollars are thrown away annually by the farmers of Griggs county in the manufacture of butter. The farmer, after using his own butter, made in an unscientific and soverely manner, and which he himself is used to, brings his surplus to the store. The merchant cannot get enough really good butter, at the highest market price; yet he is obliged to affront good customers by refusing to purchase their wares rather than offer them soap grease or cracker butter prices. For soap grease, or to sell to the manufacturers of sweet crackers, butter is worth from 2 1/2 to 3 cents per pound. The expenditure of a few dollars for a well house, a water tight box, in which to keep the creamery cans while the cream rises, and a proper attention to the ordinary details of butter making will certainly pay. In the language of the merchant, good butter cannot be made from cream kept in "the same room where food is cooked, and in which the mercury is ninety degrees above zero half the time, and below zero the balance. The housewife may be exceptionally neat, the pans may be upon the clean shelf, and the snowiest curtain of muslin may protect them from dust, but the gases evolved in cooking, etc., will be absorbed by the lactical fluid, and if the greatest care is not taken in other respects the product is not marketable.

Our Newspapers.

The Independent and Clausen's Druggist appear about the same time. The Independent, after long delay, issues us a neat, seven-column folio with patent inside. We gladly welcome all signs of prosperity. If our advertisers and subscribers "carry double," we are certain they can afford it, and, if they can afford it, the COURIER has no reason to complain. If a boom has struck us without our knowing it, it is no less welcome because unexpected. Under such circumstances we cheerfully welcome a new paper, and place the Independent on our exchange list. The new paper is independent in politics or—mug wump. Clausen's Druggist is a neat, five column folio, all printed abroad. It seems to be well patronized, and contains some good reading matter. The Independent thinks N. L. Sifton is backing the Druggist, but even a blind man ought to know better than that. We understand that a Democratic paper is seriously talked of—a dyed-in-the-wool, fearless exponent of democratic principles. Such a paper will certainly command the respect of all good democrats.

THE LATEST.

Henry Ward Beecher. The reason that Henry Ward Beecher was so coldly received in England is that he was the only gentleman in England who wore a slouched hat. Henry could afford to have a few of his brains knocked out with a brick. He would then average up with the English nobility.

The Derby Winner. Richard Swegert, of Lexington, purchased in England, by cable, the celebrated stallion, King Craft, winner of the Derby, in 1880, for \$17,500.

Funeral of the ex-President. The funeral of ex-President Arthur, was quietly and unostentatiously conducted; the funeral cortege left the house on Lexington avenue, at 8:30. Great crowds surrounded the house, and the Church of the Heavenly Rest, where the exercises were held. President Cleveland and cabinet, arrived before the procession, and Hon. James G. Blaine, a few moments later. The service of the Episcopal church, was read by Rev. Morgan, who delivered a brilliant eulogistic address. Among the guests of distinction present at the funeral were: James G. Blaine, A. Logan, Gen. B. F. Butler, Henry Ward Beecher, Hon. S. D. Dewey, Senator Evarts, Hon. J. Astor, General Schofield, Senator John Sherman and Hon. R. B. Hays. Special cars served on the 10:30 train, for the mourners.

elections nearly every Republican candidate is on foot in New York, to be the Judge Graham the Republican candidate for the presidency. He is said to be the only Republican who can carry Indiana.

Hon. Charles Francis Adams, died in Boston, Nov. 21. He was born in 1807.

At the burial of ex-President Arthur, Bishop Doane, read the burial service of the Episcopal church.

Senator Vest wishes to fight Postmaster General Vilas, without gloves, to a finish, under the civil service reform rules. Cleveland is backing Vilas.

Marshall McClure, formerly of the Jamestown Alert, is trying to capture the Fargo Sun. If he does, he will make it pay or—drop it.

Bob Burdett, has given the snap of how he "became a humorist" away. "Twas money did it."

The Anarchists are going to destroy Chicago, by blowing up the water works, and then firing the city.

Gen. Miles, has arrived in Washington, and says the Apaches are practically lamstrung.

Gov. Pillsbury, has sued the St. Paul Globe, for lying about him, during the late unpleasantness. Damage, \$100,000.

Jimsonweed and the Angels.

"Well, Mr. Jimsonweed, how have you and your wife been since I last saw you?" "Don't mention it; I have been horse-shod too much; every office-seeker has been here and ate a dozen times—all my pork and potatoes is gone, and all I've got to show for it is empty bottles and whisky—bottles enough to start a drug store, and over fifty half-pints of 'rat pizen.' Every man thought he could get my vote for a half-pint; so finally I adopted that rule, and told 'em that was the argument that appealed to my better nature." "It ain't just the thing to keep house on but it's the best I've got; and the old woman tuk sick. She had the fever, and then the delirium tremens set in and—"

"Jimsonweed," shrieked a shrill voice from the other room, "don't you be tellin' as I've had the delirium tremens. You know better than that. It was plain delirium and no tremens about it; I'm a church member and a temperance woman, and I don't want any such story started about me."

"Well," said the old man, thoughtfully, "it is all the same thing. If I had looked outen the window and seen the wild geese hover'n around and hollered: 'The angels is comin.' you'd swear it want no plain delirium, but the regular jim-jams. I told her they wan't angels you could tell that by their squawk. I shot some one mornin' and I didn't know but she'd object to me pickin' the bones, but not an object. Did I kill many this fall? Thousands on ten thousands. Shot 'em with barley kernels, pitch-forked 'em—well good day—come, agin. The old women gets rattled when I speak about her havin' the delirium, but it improves her health to stir her up occasionally."

What's in a Name?

"I want to settle my account," said a cross-eyed farmer in Lawrence Bros' store yesterday. "Very well," said the genial Lawrence, "step up to the bookkeeper's desk and Mr. Seigner will show you the account."

"What is the name?" asked the genial George. "John Smith, is my name," said the farmer.

"Smith? Smith? We have seven John Smiths on the book. Oh, here you are: Squint-eyed John Smith; \$19.40. That must be you," said Mr. Seigner pleasantly.

"That's me, is it? That's the way you put me down is it? I'm Squint-eyed Smith, am I? Probably if I get on your book again, I'll be Hoss-thief Smith." "Oh, no," said Mr. Seigner, pleasantly, "we have to have some way to identify our customers of the same name. Just run your eye down this page. Here we have Peg-leg Peter Peterson, Wart-on-his-nose Henry Johnson, Lop-eared Ole Johnson, and a-haired William Jones with red toes—you see there are two red haired Wm. Joneses, and one has his knees out of whack. Here we are again—Chris Keiser with the fat-wife, and Peter Krouse—that smells of cheese."

"I see," said Smith, looking at Seigner with one eye, and caroming on a barrel of crackers with the other. "Give me two pounds of crackers for cash, and five cents worth of cheese, and don't mention it on the identifyin' book. When I come again I'll bring a photograph and a club."

The Blizzard.

In the blizzard Monday night, to the surprise of everybody, the train arrived nearly on time, but the station was closed and the mail was not brought up until Tuesday morning. In putting the passenger coach on the switch, the signal lights not being distinguishable, the coach was run off the track and derailed, while the railroad boys, one passenger, in attempting to reach the hotel from the round house, turned south, and were saved by striking the court house, where Mr. and Mrs. Brophy, who reside

in the basement, kindly cared for them. It was at the risk of a man's life that he stirred fifty feet away from lights, as the wind was blowing a hurricane and the fine snow and sleet were blinding. In going from the Zimmerman house to the COURIER office, 150 feet, the editor brought up against the old congregational church, and had to try again to find the office. The merchants, generally, and their clerks slept in their stores. Tuesday the storm had somewhat abated, and Wednesday morning the sun rose bright and clear, but a little colder than the two previous days. It was the worst blizzard since Dec. 10th, 11th and 12th, 1879.

The glass doors in Clark & Smart's loan office, and that of the barber shop were blown in, and a memento of the blizzard left in the shape of a snow drift.

During the night Syerson & Co's. furniture store door blew open. The result was snow three feet deep on the level, Tuesday morning.

Hans Jensen, W. C. Jimison's efficient clerk, went to the depot after the Mail Monday night; but did not get back till Tuesday morning. He spent the night at J. J. Howe & Co's. office.

Mrs. R. C. Brophy was the Grace Darling of the storm of Monday night. She placed lights in the court house windows to guide the prairie mariners, and succeeded in piloting quite a number to a safe haven.

Later—Mrs. Brophy informs us that she, simply, hung two lanterns out, for Mr. Brophy's guidance, so we take it all back.

Had the blizzard and the Arctic wave, struck us together, there would have been plenty of cold meat on the prairie.

NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF.—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., November 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: Peder A. Grovo, D. S. No. 10580, for the ne 1/4 of sec. 2, tp. 148 n. r. 56 w. and names the following as his witnesses, viz: C. T. Bentley, Martin Skaldsgammen, Knudt H. Loberg and Gilbert T. Bentley, all of Northwood P. O., Grand Forks county, D. T. And Knudt Halverson Larberg, D. S. No. 10217, for the ne 1/4 of sec. 3, tp. 148 n. r. 57 w. and names the following as his witnesses, viz: C. T. Bentley, Hans T. Ohnsager, Torger A. Bergan, and Jul. Anderson, all of Northwood P. O., Grand Forks 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 Friday, the 31st day of December, A. D. 1886, at his office. MICHAEL F. BATTELLE, Register. J. O. Ole, Atty. 44-9

NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF.—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., Nov. 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 secure final entry thereof, viz: Louis H. Larson, D. S. No. 1740, for the ne 1/4 of sec. 2, tp. 147 n. r. 60 w. and names the following as his witnesses, viz: Andrew Hanson, John Paulson, Andrew Bendicksen and John K. Thuma, all of Joss, 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 Monday, the 10th day of January, A. D. 1887, at his office. MICHAEL F. BATTELLE, Register. J. O. Ole, Atty. 45-3

CONTEST NOTICE.—U. S. Land Office, Fargo, Dak., Nov. 23, 1886. Complaint having been entered in this office by John P. Larson against William E. Miller for abandoning his homestead entry No. 1254, dated April 19th, 1882, upon the north east 1/4 of section 24, township 15 n. range 62 w. in Foster county, D. T., with a view to the cancellation of entry; the said notice was hereby summoned to appear at this office on the 2nd day of December, 1886, at 10 o'clock a. m., to respond and furnish testimony concerning said alleged abandonment. MICHAEL F. BATTELLE, Register. A. B. Gupill, Atty., Fargo, Dak. 45-18

NOTICE OF CONTEST.—U. S. Land Office at Fargo, D. T., November 23, 1886. Complaint having been entered in this office by John P. Larson against William E. Miller for failure to comply with law as to timberland entry No. 1875, dated April 19th, 1882, upon the ne 1/4 of sec. 25, township 15 n. range 62 w. in Foster county, Dakota, territory, with a view to the cancellation of said entry, constant notice being first the said William E. Miller was notified to file a return of acreage to be broken any part of said tract excepted of said entry, and a return of this contest or part or cause to be paid for by trees, tree seeds, roots, pits or cuttings thereon during the same period; and that the whole of said tract is of the date of this contest, viz: January 18, 1882, the said parties are hereby summoned to appear at this office on the 21st day of December, 1886, at 10 o'clock a. m., to respond and furnish testimony concerning said alleged failure. MICHAEL F. BATTELLE, Register. A. B. Gupill, Atty., Fargo, Dak. 45-18

Mortgage Sale.

DEFAULT having been made in the payment of the sum of three hundred and sixty-five and forty-one hundredths dollars, which is claimed to be due at the date of this notice upon a certain mortgage duly executed and delivered by Joseph C. Valby to Mrs. Rachael S. Holmes, bearing date the 24th day of September, A. D. 1884, and duly recorded in the office of the register of deeds in and for the county of Griggs and territory of Dakota, on the 7th day of October, A. D. 1884, at 11 o'clock a. m., in book E of mortgages, on page 53, and no action or proceeding at law or otherwise having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof.

Now therefore, notice is hereby given that by virtue of a power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided, the said mortgage will be foreclosed, and the premises described in and covered by said mortgage, viz:

The northwest fractional quarter of section number two (2), in township number one hundred and forty-eight (148), north of range number fifty-eight (58), west of the fifth principal meridian, and containing one hundred and twenty-eight and two one hundredths acres, according to the United States government survey thereof, in Griggs county and territory of Dakota, with the hereditaments and appurtenances, will be sold at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash, to pay said debt and interest, and the taxes, if any, on said premises, and fifty dollars attorney's fees as stipulated in and by said mortgage, in case of foreclosure, and the disbursements allowed by law; which sale will be made by the sheriff of said Griggs county, or by his deputy, at the front door of the court house, in Cooperstown, in said county and territory, on the 4th day of January, A. D. 1887, at 10 o'clock a. m., of that day, subject to redemption at six times within one year from the date of sale, as provided by law.

Dated November 16th, A. D. 1886. C. M. MACLAREN, Mortgagee. Attorney for Mortgagee. 44-49

NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF.—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., Nov. 16th, 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 Schuier, D. S. No. 10542, for the ne 1/4 of sec. 2, tp. 148 n. r. 56 w. and names the following as his witnesses, viz: Albert A. Coleman, DeForest Conant, William Ripley and David Hennemann, all of Willow 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 Friday, the 31st day of December, A. D. 1886, at his office. MICHAEL F. BATTELLE, Register. J. O. Ole, Atty. 44-9

NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF.—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., Nov. 16th, 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: Asmund Pederson, D. S. No. 13341, for the ne 1/4 of sec. 4, tp. 148 n. r. 53 w. and names the following as his witnesses, viz: Sigvard Tandle, Ole Aslakson, Toller H. Tolhanson and Einar Larson, all of Lee P. O., Nelson 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 Friday, the 31st day of December, A. D. 1886, at his office. MICHAEL F. BATTELLE, Register. J. O. Ole, Atty. 44-9

NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF.—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., Nov. 16th, 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: David H. Heaman, D. S. No. 10091, for the ne 1/4 of sec. 28, tp. 148 n. r. 61 w. and names the following as his witnesses, viz: Charles A. Wright, John S. Inslund, Albert A. Calmer, Peter Schafer, all of Willow P. O., Griggs county, D. T. The testimony of claimant and witnesses to be taken before George B. Clark, Judge and ex-officio clerk of the probate court at Cooperstown, Griggs county, D. T., on Monday, the 3rd day of January, A. D. 1887, at his office. MICHAEL F. BATTELLE, Register. Glass & MacLaren, Atty. 44-9

NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF.—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., November 16th, 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: Jacob Oleson, H. P. No. 17070, for the ne 1/4 of sec. 2, tp. 144 n. r. 58 w. and names the following as his witnesses, viz: Stromme, John Fosberg, Gust Fosberg and Nels Ostlund, all of Cooperstown P. O., Griggs county, D. T. The testimony of claimant and witnesses to be taken before Hon. W. H. Francis, Judge of the sixth judicial district, territory of Dakota, or in absence before John N. Jorgensen, clerk of the district court at Cooperstown, Griggs county, D. T., on Friday, the 31st day of December, A. D. 1886, at his office. MICHAEL F. BATTELLE, Register. J. O. Ole, Atty. 44-9

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