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The most ridiculous thing in connection with our judiciary, is the rumored appointment of "Judge" Becker, to succeed Judge Church. In the course of democratic civil service reform, it may be expected that Cleveland will soon disperse with lawyers, altogether, in the judiciary. Mr. Becker may be a fine jurist, but he has never demonstrated it. The administration of Cleveland is getting farcical. Manning seems to have all the brains, and Cleveland the beef and blubber. Let us hope that the democrats will select better material next time.

The English and Canadians are getting excited over the fishing question. The Canadian coast is to be fortified, while line regiments from England are reinforcing the Canuck militia. If the attention of the administration could be distracted by a small war in the East, Dakota might accidentally slip into the Union. As it is every democrat in congress seems determined to show his patriotism by freezing out the future great republican state.

Many of our Dakota statesmen have been, and are yet, visiting Minnesota (according to their home papers), to post themselves on railroad and wheat legislation. Dakota, itself, is not such a bad school for instruction. The subject has constantly been ventilated for the last two years.

The Montana people expected Magnus for governor, but they got another man. There is talk of lynching the President, but it is thought that better council will prevail, and that he will be saved for trial at the next democratic convention.

A new type setting machine is now in operation. It is like a typewriter and one man can do the work of ten.

Wants his Money.

The editor of the Grand Forks Herald, has sent a circular to all delinquent subscribers, in which he says: Sir: Your arrears to this paper, are \$—, which you have often been requested to liquidate, and to which you have not responded, by word or deed. The Herald does not wish to bring you into trouble. It is not published merely for fun, but it costs money to supply you with such a paper. Unless at least a portion of your arrears are paid up, or some satisfactory excuse is rendered, the case will be put into the nearest United States commissioner, with instructions to prosecute as the United States law will justify.

Jake Martin.

R. J. Wilson, a leading attorney of Fairfield, Iowa, and son of Senator Wilson, of Iowa, is at the Windsor. Mr. Wilson is retained by the prosecution in the "Buck" Moore murder trial, which is called in the Ramsey county district court on Monday morning. Mr. Wilson is well posted on the facts in connection with the murder of Moore, and knows Martin, the alleged murderer. The case promises to be a very sensational one, bringing to light much of which the public has never heard. D. P. Stubbs, who was at first retained to defend Martin, has withdrawn from the case. The case promises to be lengthy and to involve many legal points, as the evidence against Martin, so far as known, is purely circumstantial.—Pioneer Press.

TRAIL COUNTY.

Hon. G. A. Harstad, councilman-elect from the Eighteenth legislative district; I. E. Smith, editor of the Mayville

Tribune; Ivir Larson, sheriff of Traill county; Ingabur Larson, Andrew Peterson, Andrew Hanson, M. B. Sullivan, O. E. Cackke, T. J. Kelly, superintendent of public schools; Patrick Kelly, A. P. Clark, district auditor; A. J. From; merchant, William Barnett, O. B. Olson, S. J. Abrahamson, J. Molstad, S. Smith, A. Myra, John Amm, Peter Hebrandson, H. Shuttleworth, and Budd Reeve; have been visiting St. Paul and Minneapolis.

Wheat Exaggerated.

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 21.—Thomas B. Oliver, returned to-day from a trip to the Northwest. He says: "The stacks of wheat in the elevators in Minnesota and Dakota, have been grossly exaggerated, as they do not exceed 10,000,000 to 12,000,000 bushels, instead of 22,000,000 bushels, as the millers have reported and the supply in the farmers' hands, do not exceed thirty per cent. New York experts bought 150,000 bushels of wheat, direct from Minneapolis dealers, which will be immediately forwarded to the seaboard by rail."

Yankton and Fargo.

HURON, Dak., Dec. 19.—To-day the Northwestern, and Northern Pacific railroads will begin running connecting trains from Yankton, via. of Huron and Oakes, to Jamestown, Bismack and Fargo.

The Farmers' Mutual, of Plankinton, have a meeting of the members, January 11th. The C. M. & St. P. R'y. will run special trains, with excursion rates to the members. The citizens of Plankinton, are going to have a grand blow out, in honor of the occasion. We are indebted to Simington & Miller, the agents of the company, for an invitation to the festivities.

Dakota Must Come Too.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The bill for the admission of Washington territory, has been reported by the house committee, with an amendment admitting Montana. This act caused considerable comment in the senate, and if the bill, as amended, passes the house it will be defeated in the senate. Dakota, having a greater population than both of the territories mentioned, combined, asks for admission to the Union, and is denied. Washington and Montana, are democratic, hence the effort to admit them. Dakota is republican; hence the determination to ignore her. On the face of it, the action of the house committee is partisan and unjust. Senator Harrison, who has long been the acknowledged champion of Dakota, says that he shall oppose the admission of any smaller territory, until Dakota is admitted with her half million of people.

An Editor Sent Up.

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 21.—For the publication of a scurrilous poem, reflecting on integrity of the court, in the trial of the riot cases, Judge Sloan, to-day sentenced Paul Geotkan, editor of the socialist organ, the Arbeiter Zeitung, to thirty days at hard labor.

COOPERSTOWN.

A Brief Mention of the Enterprising Business Men of This Thrifty Young City.

In the engraving of Coopers-town (necessarily omitted), it will be seen, that the waving wheat fields, encroach upon the village green,—that the suburban villas, are not as yet in ease,—that the city is immersed in an illimitable sea of pure air, resting upon a basis of vegetable loam, of unparalleled extent, and fertility,—that air and earth are shimmering continually in a paroxysm of mutual admiration. But for the necessary curtailment of the horizon, in the illustration the honest farmers might be seen to approach the great rural trading point, from the Mouse river, on the north, to the main line of the Northern Pacific, on the south; from the United States on the east, to where the foot hills of the great western watershed commence to pitch and roll—

Some in rags,
And some in tags,
And some in velvet gowns.

With a population of less than 1,000 souls, draining the trade of 1,000 square miles of richness, populated by an honest, industrious and thrifty people, it is not to be wondered at that its churches, banks, elevators, stores, hotels, newspapers, horse markets, lumber yard, coal and wood depots, architects, ministers, lawyers, doctors, milliners, dress-makers, blacksmiths, machine warehouses, are the best in the world.

Three better general stores cannot be found between Fargo and Helena than the Pioneer Store of Syverson & Co., Whidden Bros' store, and the Concrete Store of Lawrence Bros.

The lumber yards of the Gull River Lumber company, under the management of E. V. Blackwell, and that of J. J. Howe & Co., conducted by Maynard Crane, are extensive, and backed by such capital as to defy competition.

The elevators of Cargill Bros., Geo. N. Stork, manager, and that of R. C. Cooper, have a capacity of 100,000 bushels, with much additional warehouse room.

The hardware store of Anton Eger is one of the most complete and well ordered in the country.

The postoffice store of W. C. Jameson is a metropolitan establishment, where the leading periodicals of the day are always to be found.

Moore & Sunburn, and A. F. Gray are our blacksmiths, and are artists at the business.

Our drug stores (Dr. Newell and B. A. Clausen), are delightful repositories of cut glass, benzine, strychnine, quinine, and are no seven-by-nine establishments if they do not advertise.

C. G. Lande, is the watchmaker, and James Walker is the sewing machine fiend, while Prof. Black manipulates the razor.

Messrs Christie and Muir are the contractors, and with Wm McIntyre, A. Marquardt, etc., can duplicate Westminster Abby, on demand.

The attorneys are Messrs MacLaren, Jacobson and Adams, and are competent to do their own blowing.

John O. Oie and Simington & Miller, are engaged in collecting, insurance, lands and loans. All delinquent debtors hold up their hands as they approach.

C. A. Hunter is the proprietor of the Pioneer stables, and is always on deck attending to his own business.

In the newspaper line modesty forbids us to say much about the Courier. The Independent is a neat little sheet which will undoubtedly achieve greatness as the years roll on.

Halvor P. Hammer is proprietor of the Hammer livery and sale stable. He is also proprietor of the leading meat market, and what he has not on hand with which to accommodate the public, he is just the rustling business man to procure.

John H. McMormott is the only and original harness maker, and saddler, and it is said he injures the harness business by manufacturing imperishable goods.

H. Retzlaff is proprietor of the Union Hotel, and A. L. Bowden, of the Palace. John Pashley will succeed Mr. Bowden at the latter hostelry, January 1st.

Ford & Lucken, Berg & Larson and Merrill Bros. & Luce, are the machine agents—the business of the latter firm being represented by Wm. Retzlaff. The farmers are getting well supplied with machinery which detracts somewhat from the importance of the industry.

Glass & MacLaren are doing an extensive and general land business.

John N. Jorgensen, makes final proofs and conducts contests.

Lawrence Brothers' Bank of Coopers-town, is a solid and conservative institution in which the people have the greatest confidence. Such a bank cannot but be invaluable to the town.

The Griggs County Loan and Trust company of Messrs Clark & Smart, is a conservative, but wide awake institution that reflects credit upon its proprietors.

E. C. Ward and Mrs. Lloyd are the caterers of the city.

M. M. Robinson conducts a general repair shop.

Theodore F. Kerr is the pioneer physician in active practice. Geo. F. Newell attends only to office business, while J. A. Mesaire is the late comer. Knud Thompson it is impossible to classify—merchant, machine man, politician, it is difficult to tell what branch of business he will venture into next.

A. N. Adam and G. W. Greenbese are likewise out of active business at present.

Gilispie & Blow, and Jackson Bros, are also enjoying a season of rest.

Last but not least we come to the ladies. Mrs. M. Zimmerman conducts an elegant private hotel; Mesdames Jorgensen and Henry are active in the millery and dressmaking line; Miss Annie Stinson is engaged in dressmaking.

The masonic installation at Sanborn, with a ball and supper, Friday night, was a very pleasant affair. Past Master, John W. Scott, of Valley City Lodge, presided at the ceremonies; Rev. Sims, of Valley City officiated as chaplain, while P. H. Adams, of Coopers-town, welcomed the guests with a few remarks. Mr. J. F. Jeberg was installed as master; A. D. Maris, senior warden; J. M. Burrill, junior warden; D. F. Leigfried, treasurer; Vernon Shaw, secretary; and D. R. Swentart, N. Flagler, S. Thompson, and others in the remaining stations. At the close of the exercises the new master in a few well chosen words disposed of the public for the evening; the dancers could dance, the conversationalists could converse

and the hungry could eat; after which there was a general good time. About fifty couples attended the ball—twenty-five couples from Valley City, and several from Cooperstown—Miss Mary Davis, Miss Grace Van Voorhis, Mrs. Wm. Carlton, and Messrs. Blackwell, Cox, Simington and Adams. The supper was particularly elegant, the music good, and, from all indications, everybody enjoyed the occasion.

Land Decisions.

WASHINGTON, D. C.

Timber Culture.—Final Proof.—Whether the final proof be submitted on an early entry, made under the act of 1874, or one of the subsequent acts, it must be specific with request to the planting, cultivation and growth of timber trees. A written notice to a losing party, should include a copy of the adverse decision.—Sec'y to Com'r, Nov. 15, 1886, case Geo. Stearle.

Practice.—Appeal.—Certiorari.—A review of the commissioner's action cannot be secured by certiorari when the right of appeal is lost through failure to file in time.—Sec'y to Com'r, Nov. 15, 1886, case Cassidy vs. Arey.

Homestead Contest.—Abandonment is not established by evidence showing frequent and protracted absences following entry, where the entryman had, prior to the entry, resided upon and improved the land for a term of six years, under contract with a railroad company, for whose benefit the land was there withdrawn.—Sec'y to Com'r, Nov. 15, 1886, case Hong vs. Gilbert.

Timber Depredations.—Settlement of Claims.—A claim of the government arising from timber depredations, is for an unascertained amount which the interior may properly find, and determine, and effect settlement for, with the trespasser by receiving payment in full. The amount of such a claim, having been fully ascertained, there is no authority in the department, to compensate the same, by receiving in payment therefor, a less sum, than the amount found to be due.—Sec'y to Sec'y of Treas., Nov. 15, 1886.

Practice.—Motion to dismiss appeal on the ground that no specifications of error, were assigned, sustain and appeal dismissed.—Com'r to R. & B. Beatrice, Neb., Nov. 18, 1886, case Aldrich vs. Griffin.

Commissioners' Proceedings.

Convened Dec. 4th, 1886, at 1 p. m., in accordance with adjournment.

Present, Comrs. Hognenson, Halvorson, Moseley, and Cooper.
Comr. Cooper presiding.
Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Upon motion ordered that the following bills be allowed, viz:

C C McDonald, grading on road between secs. 21 and 28-146-59, \$150 20
A V Johnson, road work, dist. No. 2, 1 50
H V Lund, road work, dist. No. 3, 4 25
Gull River Lumber Co., lumber for bridges, 8 62
Gull River Lumber Co., coal, 274 63
Ole E Thorn, witness fees, case M T Rogner, insane, 2 00
Mads Neffhost, witness fees, case M T Rogner, insane, 1 50
J H Montgomery, road work, dist. No. 6, 1 50
A N Adams, repairs heating app. at court house, 21 74
John Torfan, road work dist No. 7, 22 25
Nels E Nelson, road work dist. No. 7, 26 32
W S Hyde, janitor's salary, etc., 36 40
M J Michaels, sheriff's election fees, 67 50
M J Michaels, sheriff's fees, case M T Rogner, insane, 12 25
M L Michaels, sheriff's fees in case Territory of Dakota vs. Miller and Lahr, horse thieves, 25 25
Upon motion ordered that bill of M. L. Michaels, for \$49.65, for expenses in capturing two horse thieves, Miller and Lahr, be allowed at \$99.65, and Mr. H. P. Hamner, owner of horses, is hereby requested to pay Mr. Michaels \$50, being the balance of said bill.

Upon motion ordered that bill of M. L. Michaels \$47.50 for dismount on bill of \$ 4.65 be allowed.

Upon motion ordered that the report of E. S. Hamilton, supervisor of dist. No. 4, be approved, and that he be paid \$1638, being balance due as per report.

Upon motion ordered that the report of H. J. Land, supervisor of dist. No. 13, be approved, and that he be paid \$2,700, being balance due as per report.

Upon motion ordered that the report of T. H. Dahl, supervisor of dist. No. 14, be approved, and that he be allowed \$1275, being the balance due as per report.

Attest W. B. Whidden, asking for an abatement of taxes for the year 1886, was presented.

Upon motion ordered that the taxes against W. B. Whidden upon personal property for year 1886, be abated to the extent of \$181.85.

Upon motion ordered that the following abatements be made, viz:

Knud Anderson, road poll tax, 1886, over age, \$1.50.
J. Sornia, personal property tax, 1885, assessed twice, \$2.80.
B. C. Bowden, tax upon personal prop-

erty for year 1885, payable to township No. 2, in error, \$3.02.

Iver L. Skaare, personal property tax upon valuation of \$210, for property not owned April 1st, 1886, \$9.47.

Application was made by Andrew C. Knudson for a refunding order for the value of a treasurer's certificate of tax sale conveying e. l. sec. 25, pt. 147-58, being for taxes for year 1885.

Upon motion ordered that the above application be laid upon the table to be disposed of as soon as a decision is rendered in cases now pending in Burzes county, Dak., in which the legality of similar tax sales is the question in dispute.

Upon motion adjourned.

ROLAND C. COOPER, Chairman.

H. P. SHANN, Clerk.

Notice.

Dr. Knapp, veterinary surgeon, can be found at Helena, at all times. A specialty of treating horses' teeth. Twenty years experience in all branches.

Notes Due.

We have left for collection with Clark & Smart. All parties owing us are requested to come forth and settle same without delay, and save cost.

Merrill Bros. & Luce.

Feed Mill.

Cooper Bros, are prepared to grind feed of all kinds at their elevator, in any amount, at reasonable rates.

Notice.

All farmers indebted to us, are requested to call and settle as early as possible, and oblige. Office in Palace Hotel.

Bowden & Buck.

Stranger, Pause!!

I have four valuable new milch cows, which I will sell together, or singly, cheap for cash, or on approved security. Address, N. C. RUCKE, Lee, Nelson Co., Dak. 46-59.

Notice.

The partnership heretofore existing between A. L. Bowden and C. C. Buck, has been dissolved by mutual consent. A. L. Bowden, assumes all liabilities of the late firm of Bowden & Buck, and will pay all out standing debts.

A. L. BOWDEN,

C. C. BUCK.

Dated, Cooperstown Dak., Nov. 27th, 1886.

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