

The Steele county people seem well pleased to hold court with us, and the arrangement is equally satisfactory to our citizens. The animosities of the early days have been wiped out by time and better acquaintance.

We have received a complimentary to the Firemen's Tournament at Mitchell June 14, 15, 16 and 17. If the people are all as inflammable as our friend, the fire fighter, there will be a row sure, and a little cold water will not do any harm.

The Inter-state Commerce bill, aided and abetted by the N. P., C. M. & St. P., the M. & St. L., and other railroads, has entered upon its mission of developing the muscles of the human leg. The rich can still ride in chaises, but the poor hard working country editor will have to go afoot, or humiliate himself by putting his mileage book under the surveillance of the hiring and remorseless conductor. Can persecution go further?

Quinn, the versatile humorist of the Bismarck Tribune, is a promising candidate for the secretaryship of the railroad commission. If the gentleman wishes to degrade himself by entering official life, we hope he will be successful, for he is competent, popular and deserves recognition. If he will write up the biennial report of the commission in his usual vein, with such subjects as the genial and humorous Griggs, the popular Boynton, and the eccentric Smith, the report will find sale equal to that of the "Innocents Abroad."

We have received from President Loucks, of the Farmers' Alliance, a circular of the "Farmers' Alliance Hail Association," which is officially authorized by the Territorial Alliance. The incorporators are the following members of the legislature: Hons. Geo. C. Crosse, M. H. Cooper, Donald Stuart, D. W. Sprague, John Bidlake, Wm. Glendenning, A. A. Harkins, C. B. Hubbard, J. H. Fletcher, all good men and true. President Loucks is chairman of the board of directors. The insurance is confined to members of the Farmers' Alliance, and with such an organization the company can not but succeed.

Governor Church in a touching interview with the Argus man, denies that his salary is to be increased contrary to the organic law, by three dollars from each notarial commission. The aforesaid three dollars he claims will go to the auditor, who will pay it to his clerk. Inasmuch as the legislature has just raised the salary of the clerk to \$1,000, it would seem that that office is likely to be worth more than that of the governor, and should be filled by the president. The clerk should then select the governor. By a singular coincidence none of the bills increasing the perquisites, pickings, and emoluments of the office of the executive were lost in the shuffle.

The Sioux Falls Argus contains the following significant interview with Delegate Gifford: "I am glad to get back to Dakota and will have a good long vacation until the first of December. I do not expect to have much business at the capital, I have no office to fill now. Your side of the house looks after that part of the business at present. I am quite well pleased with Governor Church's appointments so far. It is a question who will have the control of patronage here, whether it will be Day, Church or Pat Kelly. I know of a number of instances when Day and McCormack recommended men for office that were letter from Pat Kelly settled the matter in their favor. Maybe Church and Kelly will work together in this business."

The present is not an age of or poetry romance. The earth with its unknown lands, its possible glades of light, or caves of stygian darkness, its wide, wide seas and devouring waves, its giants and goblins, its knights of the table round, and the fayre laydes, are a little "turrin" to our notions. The planet has shrunk. Around the world in thirty days is a feasible undertaking. The beasts of the field and the wild men of the woods do not annoy the passengers of a Pullman car to any alarming extent, and the waves of the ocean wash up against the side of the steamship City of Rome like the rifles of a duck pond against an old time brigantine. H. Ryder Haggard, an Englishman, has taken advantage of the tiresome length of the rule of the common place, and produced a temporary revolution. "She" is the revolutionizer, well seconded by "King Solomon's Mines," etc.; "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde," etc.; "A Fallen Idol," etc. Nothing goes in fiction with the people now, but the marvelous.

The Manitoba is going to do a great piece of railroad work this summer in building from Minot to Great Falls. It was the intention at first to build only from the east end, but it now has been settled that a part of the road is to be built at the same time, both from Fort Buford and from Minot, a distance of 143 miles. This contract for the whole work has been let to Shepard, Winslow & Co., and for several weeks the materials and supplies for the road have been going forward as rapidly as possible. They have been shipped to two points, part to Minot and a part to Castleton. The iron and other supplies shipped to Castleton will be transferred to the Northern Pacific, and shipped to the Missouri, where it will be placed on boats and moved up the river to Fort Buford. From the latter point the track will be laid eastward to meet the gang building west from Minot. A large supply of coal, iron, ties, rails, etc., has been shipped both ways, and as soon as the river is open and the frost sufficiently out of the ground, work will be commenced and hurried forward as fast as can be. When this part of the work is completed the Manitoba road will be 142 miles further west than it now is.—St. Paul Globe

**Auditor.**

Among other bills passed by the legislature is one authorizing the county commissioners of any county to appoint an auditor whenever they shall deem it necessary. In such case, an election to fill the office shall be had at the next annual or general election, and until the party elected shall qualify the appointee shall serve.

**The Swear.**

An affidavit of publication must now state the actual charge for the publication, and that no division of the spoils is made with the attorney running in the work, or anybody else. The attorney or principal must then put his signature on the back of the affidavit to a like sworn statement. Unless all these conditions are complied with the affidavit cannot be filed or recorded.

**Woman Suffrage.**

The woman suffrage bill in the last legislature would have passed had it not been for the women in the lobby, and the female clerks. The bill originally provided that "unmarried women over 21 years of age," should have the ballot and—anything else they wanted. It was amended by changing "unmarried" to "unmarriageable," and then the dear creatures fairly climbed over the seats to inform the members that were always "agin" the move anyhow.

**The Boom.**

The good times are coming. Already people and capital are upon our borders—St. Paul, Minneapolis, Duluth, Ashland, Sioux City, Sioux Falls, Yankton, have a revival of business, while agrarian immigration has begun to revivify the dead real estate ducks in Kansas and Nebraska. The east is crowded. Dakota has unlimited resources, and is the last rich tract that is open to the people out of all of Uncle Sam's enormous territory.

**Deadheading.**

"How many cards do you want?" said Deadhead, as he shuffled over his passes. "Don't want any," said the conductor. "It is after the 31st." "Stand pat, eh? well, I chip a quarter," said the d. h., as he turned his pocket inside out. "I'll have to rise you," said the conductor as he reached for the other's coat collar. "You can nip it," said the d. h., "if you want to make an unjust discrimination between me and a newspaper bull pirate. However, I'll just sit by and watch your game awhile." Here the conductor gave him the long haul towards the door and shoved him out into a snowdrift, where for half an hour he criticised the Inter-state commerce bill in language unfit for publication.

**The Swag.**

The Hillsboro Banner and Steele County Tribune very justly criticize the late legislature for postponing appropriation bills, etc., until the last minute, and then rushing them through. The stricture will apply to all sessions of the Dakota legislature for the last ten years, and, until the "North," the "South," and the "Hills" are separated, the same programme will be followed. Wolves, when they strike a quarry, do not leave anything for future consideration, and the feeling between these sections is decidedly wolfish. "Give us our share of the swag and we will not quarrel with you," is the motto, but the division is made with so much suspicion that the last day of the session is generally selected for the ceremony.

**The Inter-State Commerce Bill.**

The railroads are not only to treat their customers with unjust discrimination, but in the matter of arrangements

between various lines for the exchange of traffic, there is to be no discrimination against one road in favor of another. The railroads are to publish their rates both for passenger and freights, and from this published schedule they are not to vary. Every road is to keep the commission supplied with all information as to its rates and its contracts with other railroads. The commission can investigate the business of a railroad either with or without a complaint. It can at any time compel the attendance of any witness and the production of books and papers. When a complaint is made by a person who claims that he has been unjustly treated, the commission will investigate the complaint. If it finds that there is discrimination, it will at once notify the company, when all such discrimination must cease, or the company becomes liable for a heavy penalty for every day it is continued, and the company must also pay the complainant such compensation for damages as the commission may allow. Should the company decline to comply with the award of the commission, the commission will instruct the United States district attorney for the district in which the offense is committed, to institute proceedings against said company in the United States district or circuit court. The expense of prosecution will be charged to the appropriation of the United States Attorneys, and not to the appropriation for the maintenance of the commission.

**Sensation at Willow.**

WILLOW, D. T., Mar. 27, 1887.  
ED. COURIER.

H. R. Gillson dug a well last fall on the edge of a slough on home-stand and, coming to a layer of soapy clay, tried it for washing. He found it to be as good as soap, and he and his family (wife, nine girls and a boy), have used it all winter. The strange thing about it is that shortly after commencing the use of the clay soap a heavy coating of hair commenced to grow on the hands and faces of the whole family. For the first few weeks all of the family including the nine girls, kept down the growth of hair by shaving twice a week. Soon they were obliged to shave twice a day and neglect all other business. The old man did not care so much, so he did the housework, while the women folks shaved. They started with one razor; but, afterward, he got a half dozen more from Anton Enger. They used these razors up during the winter and the old man refused to buy any more. The result is that the family look like baboons; and none of them will leave the farm nor see visitors. When visitors come they lock the door. The hair is close and silky like mink fur. Dr. Kerr was up the other day, and said there could be no help for them unless the skin should be removed. The old man has sent some of the clay to Joe Buckheit, Mr. MacLaren and John McDermott, and, if it has the same effect upon them he expects to make a living off of the soap.

If you could advertise how family look and send paper to some dime museum I think they could all get a job. They are friends of mine and need help. I enclose affidavits about the truth of these statements from our postmaster, Mr. Clark, also Mr. Johnson, the store keeper. A box of the clay has been sent to a chemist in Minneapolis for analysis, and when his report comes back I will write again. Twenty people were at Gillson's yesterday, and saw enough to convince them that this statement is true.  
M. V. NELSON.  
G. R. HULFORD.

**Facts Worth Knowing.**

WILLOW, Griggs Co., Dak.,  
March 24, 1887.

Messrs. Simington & Miller, agents for the F. M. P. Association of Plankinton. Dear Sirs: Please receive my thanks for money received, and the fair adjustment of my losses for myself and the association. Respectfully,  
[Signed] Mrs. A. C. ROOT.  
Mrs. Root had a partial loss July 5th, 1886, on the 44 acres she insured, and received \$132, which was paid Nov. 15, 1886.

And still the F. M. P. A. of Plankinton receives praises. An extract from a letter from R. C. Cooper:

Office of COOPER BROS.,  
Cooperstown, Mar. 31, 1887.  
Messrs. Simington & Miller, Cooperstown, D. T., agents for the F. M. P. A. of Plankinton.

Gents:  
I candidly believe that we have one of the best companies in the northwest. At least it is good enough for me.  
Yours Respectfully,  
[Signed] ROLLIN C. COOPER.

R. C. Cooper in 1886 had 1750 acres insured in the Farmers Mutual Protective Association of Plankinton, D. T. See "ad" of Simington & Miller on third page.  
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Charley Miller boarded Wednesday's train.

Harry Pease, of Pickett, was in town Wednesday.

B. A. Clausen spent a few days in Jamestown this week.

John Williams has gone to his farm to commence spring work.

R. C. Cooper is getting ready for spring work, and predicts a good season.

A new side walk to the court house—the county, Treasurer Thompson, and Dr. Newell will build it.

Uncle Hiram Williams visited the terminal town Wednesday. He comes out of a hard winter as hearty as a buck.

Miss May Davis returned to Cooperstown Friday evening, having completed her engagement as teacher in the Sanborn school.

Mrs. Jno. N. Jorgensen & Co. will remove their millinery and dressmaking establishment to the old bank building in a few days.

A sensational report in another column is neither vouched for, nor disputed, by the COURIER, but is published for what it is worth.

Miss Isa Cowen, on receipt of a telegram from home, announcing the serious illness of her mother, left Saturday morning for Wisconsin.

Charley Fairbanks will leave in a few days for Fargo, where he has accepted a position. He has a host of friends in Cooperstown who will miss him.

Mrs. R. C. Cowen returned Wednesday evening from a pleasant visit among friends and relatives in Wisconsin. Rob is once more a happy and serene old benedict.

The mendacity of the hiring press caused the Enterprise of last week to state that the leading tonsorial artist of the terminal town was about to become a Sanbornite.

T. A. Olmstead, the elevator inspector visited his daughter, Mrs. R. C. Brophy, over Thursday. Mr. Olmstead has some of that choice Duluth property which has risen in value 200 per cent. this season.

Farmer Anderson, of Willow, is now located at Hammer & Condy's stables with a fine lot of horses, awaiting for the ground to thaw sufficiently to commence seeding on his farm near Cooperstown.

The Wisconsin settlement west of Hiram Williams' farm, is reported as well supplied with the needful, industrious and economical, and will make a success of agriculture. The Hubbard farm is the centre of the colony.

It is authentically reported that Pete Holland, after his retreat to Canada, last fall, while away his spare time by smuggling whisky across the Canadian border, but was finally caught and compelled to put up \$500 to get out of the scrape. In the meantime his associate, Andrew Kettleton, had disposed of some \$2,000 worth of stock, and came back to Dakota, while Peter wandered off to British Columbia, where he now is in a state of financial embarrassment.

**Health Notice.**

Notice is hereby given that all parties hereafter found dumping manure, garbage, dead animals or filth of any kind inside the limits of Cooperstown town-site, will be proceeded against according to the law respecting nuisances. Loud complaints are made against nuisances already existing and their increase must be stopped. By order of the  
BOARD OF HEALTH  
of Griggs County.

**Examination of Teachers.**

The regular examination of candidates for a teacher's certificate will be held in the office of the county superintendent, in the courthouse at Cooperstown, beginning at 9 a. m. Tuesday, April 5th, 1887. Candidates will be examined in reading, writing, orthography, arithmetic, geography, grammar and physiology, and should be prepared to remain two days if necessary. Paper, pens, ink, etc., will be furnished free.

THEODORE F. KERR,  
County Supt.

**LADIES' GOSSIP.**

Camel's hair shawls made into wraps will be very fashionable this spring.

Folds or puffs of silk net are more fashionable than ruchings for neck and sleeves.

The reign of brass continues, and every day something new in that metal seems to be introduced.

Young women, said to be religious enthusiasts, now carry the blackest kind of prayer books for Lent.

It is predicted that within a year walking skirts will be made long enough to "touch and drag" as well.

Corduroy jackets are among the newest shown for spring wear, and are recommended as jaunty and stylish.

White fox fur on a green plush wrap is very effective. The lining of white satin makes it more elegant.

Bogwood ornaments, bracelets, buttons and clasps are worn in mourning, and are sometimes very beautifully carved.

Full sleeves are worn by young girls from 10 to 14. They are formed into a wide cuff extending from the waist half way up the forearm.

The skirt of black chintilly worn with a basque bodice of black velvet makes a very stylish costume for receptions or small dinners and is always becoming and pretty.

Umbrellas, to be in English fashion, must have a "top coat" of red. These covers are very important to save the wear and tear which must come to an umbrella which is often carried.

A set of fur covered furniture was recently sent here as a gift from far away Russia. It is attractive in zero weather, but something one would rather not keep through the summer in this climate.

Very pretty little jackets for house wear are made of nested silk, strung with cut steel beads. The effect is not unlike the coat of mail. This is not a difficult sort of work, and if netting is not preferred, the jackets may be crocheted.

The Genista jacket is a favorite for both little girls and boys, and is somewhat like the Norfolk jacket so long worn and appreciated for a comfortable garment. It has two plaits in the back and two in front, being double breasted.

**BASEBALL.**

John M. Connell, formerly a league and association umpire, has been appointed as an umpire in the International league by Secretary White.

Morgan E. Murphy, of the Boston team, is the youngest catcher in the league, as he is but 19 years of age. He played with the Boston Blues last year.

Manager Harry Wright has definitely decided upon a southern trip, and his Philadelphia team is booked to play in Charleston, S. C., March 20, 28 and 29.

Kappel, Cincinnati's new third baseman, ranks with Fennelly and McPhee as a base runner. There is little doubt that he will play with the team in Carpenter's place.

The new league rules are severely criticised by Fogarty of the Philadelphia, who asserts that, instead of bettering the game, it will put it back to where it was ten years ago.

Manager Watkins says he would not trade Hardie Richardson, of the Detroit, for the great and only Michael J. Kelly. He says that Richardson can play in any position on the ball field.

The Detroit club management have made another appeal to the people of their city for substantial support. This, they urge, can be given by purchasing for \$25 a season ticket, entitling the holder to admission to 63 scheduled games.

It is rather early in the season to predict how the clubs of any particular league will rank at the close of the season, but a Syracuse manager says that the international clubs will come out of the race in the following order: Newark, Rochester, Syracuse, Jersey City, Toronto, Binghamton, Utica, Hamilton, Buffalo and Oswego. Doubtless, the Utica people will have something to say on this point.

The Baltimore Herald figures it out thusly: "It is a liberal estimate to say that Mike Kelly will play a total of 130 games during the season. They will average two hours each in length, or 260 hours. Two hundred and sixty hours will equal in round numbers eleven full days. For these eleven days this desirable exponent of baseball gets \$45.54 a day, or at the incredible rate of \$105,007.10 per annum, and Boston has bought this gold mine for \$15,000."

**SPORTING AND ATHLETIC.**

Slonson and Schaefer, the two great billiard experts, will again cross cues at Chicago in the near future.

betting on the race across the Atlantic ocean between the Dauntless and the Coronet is slightly in favor of the latter.

A fifteen ball pool match will shortly be arranged between Maloune and Frey. It will be for the world's championship.

Myers, the American sprinter, recently defeated Maloune in Australia at 150 yards, and was in turn beaten by Hutchens at 240 yards.

A match race for \$10,000 a side, between Jim Gray and Sir Joseph, to occur at the Washington Driving park, Chicago, this spring, is among the probabilities.

Robert Vint, the little Brooklyn shoe-maker, won the recent six days' go as you please race in Philadelphia, covering 550 miles. Hart, the colored man, was second.

The Turf, Field and Farm is authority for the statement that William Beach, the champion sculler, has been offered \$10,000 to come to this country to row Gaudaur, Teemer and Hanlan.

Covington, the celebrated jockey, who was seriously hurt at New Orleans last week by the accidental discharge of a pistol in his own hands, is rapidly recovering. Covington last year rode in over 400 races, winning seventy-five of them.

Evan Lewis, the "Strangler," defeated Jack Carkeek in a catch as catch can wrestling match at Milwaukee last Thursday evening, winning the first and third falls, Carkeek allowing the second one to go by default. It is feared that the injuries received will permanently disable Carkeek from wrestling.