THE COURIER,

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By FRED'K. H. ADAMS.

Kansas, when it applied for admission into the Union, had a population of 8,601 souls, and every democrat howled for her admission—*as a slave state*. Dakota has a population of 600,000, and, let her knock as loudly as she please at the portal of the Union, the knock is drowned in a Bable of democratic voices which shout "keep her out because she is—republican."

A correspondent wishes to know if a man has to be an attorney at law to take final proofs, and conduct contests. Ans., No. Many of the best land lawyers and practicioners before the land office have never studied law nor been admitted to the bar. A certificate from a judge, of the reliability of the party desiring to do business before the office. is all that is required under the late order of the Commissioner of the general land office.

The San Francisco Daily Report names Wm. T. Coleman, of California, for the presidency. The principal qualification of William is that he has never had an office, but has declined hundreds of offices. If Mr. Coleman is so modest and indifferent it would be a very cruel thing to shove him forward for the presidency; and then again it is quite probable that he would not accept a nomination. Governor Hannifin, of Bismarck, would make a more available candidate.

Over 1,000 chattel mortgages have been filed with the register of deeds since Jan. 1st. The habit of giving chattles is more ruinous than whisky drinking. It is like the morphine habit. It grows on a person. Men who can pay cash, or stand off their creditors, will rush in and chattel up their live stock, in a dull time, just for the sake of doing business. This idea that a yearling heifer is no good until she gets buttons on her horns and a mortgage on her back is all nonsense. Uncle Hiram Williams had a two year old steer that was so wild that you could not get within half a mile of him although the animal had been brought up a pet by the man that raised him. Hiram didn't know what the matter of the "critter" was until he examined the record. He then discovered that the animal was so encumbered with chattel mortgages that it was ashamed to look an honest man in the face.

In answer to a letter of inquiry from Flint, Mich., the COURIER recommends Griggs, Steele and Barnes counties to all eastern parties desiring to settle and grow up with the country. The reasons are: These counties are neither subject to the overflows so destructive in the Red river flats, nor the drouth of the "Coteaus" of the James and Missouri rivers. The crops never fail; small grains are a certainty—cattle thrive in the timber without shelter—railroad communication is not problematical but the roads are built, and all stations are established. Land titles are settled, and a very small sum of money will lay the foundation for a fortune in the rise of land itself. These counties are new and offer extraordinary inducements to settlers, and yet they are civilized with railroads, churches, schools. elevators, etc., etc. What is known, east, as "the west," never before offered such inducements. To-day 340 acres of first-class cultivated wheat land, with hay meadow, etc., all within sight of two elevators, are offered for $1,600, spot cash. Illinois, Wisconsin or Nebraska never offered such inducements to settlement before.

The new printing law provides that when two newspapers are published in the same congressional township, the proceedings of the board shall be officially printed in but one. Council bill 225.

Spring has come. Apropos of spring it may be said that spring is the time to make love and soap. It is then that the tiny oyster can commences to thrust its shining petals above the snow, and the old women get out in the back yard with their clothes tucked up. and boil bacon rinds. and abuse the neighbors—when the measley dude changes his flannels, puts on a seven dollar suit of cream colored clothes, and goes out snuffling among the fair sex—when the bald headed widower hitches up the widows's grey mare colt, and puts a string on the widow herself—when the twenty-seven dollar horse that has been feeding at the straw stack all the winter is polished up with oil cakes and a curry comb and sold to the hard working farmer for a chattel mortgage worth $300—when the wiley machine agent uses ten cents worth of red paint on a second hand, twelve dollar seeder, and sells it to the unsuspecting granger for seventy-five dollars—half cash, with a mortgage for the balance on the flour barrel and the baby's cradle. Yes, spring is the time when the beautiful promissory note shoots forth its delicate leaves. It is a delicate plant but it always matures in this climate, and is as poison as wild turnip, in the fall.

A subscriber who is on the war path and desires an immediate settlement of the school district suits, wishes to know what the Barnes county cases have to do with our Griggs county matters, inasmuch as in the Barnes county cases fraud is charged. The gentleman further alleges that there can be no fraud in the Griggs county cases, as the principal tax payers in the county, Cooper Brothers were the prime movers in building the school house. This latter fact may have great weight in raising a presumption against fraud, and, perhaps, justly; but, all fraud eliminated from the cases, the law is the same in the cases of school districts No. 53 and 85, in Barnes county and the Griggs county cases. In the case of school district No. 85, in the late argument before the supreme court, the question of fraud was not touched upon, but the district based the defense upon the doctrine of *ultra vires*—that is, that in issuing any warrants whatever for the purpose of building a school house the school board exceeded its authority. The statute in force at the time simply authorizes the issuance of bonds for that purpose, and bonds could not exceed in amount $1,500. The statute moreover, does not permit the issuance of warrants as against a fund not in existence. The Barnes county cases will be reargued before the supreme court next term.

KEEP IT BEFORE THE PEOPLE.

From the official bulletin of the commissioner of immigration for the Territory of Dakota for January, 1887, we cull the following "Facts about Dakota."

The increase in population during the year ending Dec. 31st, 1886, was 115,000.

The vote for delegate in Congress on Nov. 2d, 1886, was 104,831.

Dakota appropriated $650,000 for the support of educational institutions during the year 1887.

Dakota had, on Dec. 31st, 1886, 3,491 miles of railroad.

The assessed valuation of real and personal property in the territory for 1886, was $132,062,905, an amount greater than that of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Colorado, Delaware, Mississippi, Nebraska, Nevada, Oregon, or Vermont, greater than all the other territories combined, and as much as South Carolina or West Virginia.

Dakota has 325 newspapers, 25 of which are daily and eight are published in foreign languages. This number is more than in any one of 32 states and territories; more than in two states and eight territories, more than in five states; as many as in Minnesota, and as many as in Vermont, Deleware, South Carolina, Oregon and Nevada combined.

The mean daily range of temperature at Fargo, was, for April, 1886, 23.5 degrees; for July 1886, 24.8 degrees; for October 1886 2.3 degrees, and for December 1886, 19.2 degrees. The mean temperature of the same months was, April 45.6; July 69.5; October 48.4; December 0.3. The number of inches of rain during the same months was, April 5.5; July 5.4; October 2.2 December .53. The number of clear and fair days was, April 22; July 30; October 10; December 21.

Dakota has more horses than Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Jursey, Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas, West Virginia, Oregon, Nevada, or than any other territory, and as many as North Carolina, South, Carolina, Rhode Island and Arizona togeher.

Dakota has more milch cows than Maine, New Hampshire, Massachuetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, South Carolina, Florida, Louisiana, West Virginia, Oregon or Nevada, or than any other territory. In oxen and other cattle, she has more than each of 27 states.

In sheep, she has more than any one of twelve states; in hogs, more than any one of fourteen states.

The total county indebtedness of Dakota is but a little over $2,000,000.

The lowest price for county bonds is 90 cents, the highest $1.07; the average has been $1.00¼.

The total bended debt of the territory is $568,000; the bonds bear 6 per cent interest, and sold at $1.03.

Dakota has 3,095 public schools, more than either Alabama, Colorado, Delaware, Louisiana, Nevada, Oregon, California, Connecticut, Florida, Maryland, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont or any territory. Eight per cent of the total enumeration attended school during the year 5,052 teachers, which is one-half as many as Massachuetts, five-sixths as many as Minnesota, twice as many as Arkansas, Connecticut, Maryland, New Hampshire, New Jersey, or South Carolina, four times as many as Louisana, Oregon, or Rhode Island, five times as many as Colorada, six times as Florida, ten times as many as Delaware, twenty times as many as Nevada, and 1,000 more than Vermont, or all the territories together, Indian Territory and the District of Columbia. The receipts for schools expenditure during the year, ending June 30, 1886, were $2,349,265.

Dakota has 252 banks of depo sit; more than any southern state; or California, Colorado. Connecticut, Delaware, New-Hampshire, Maine, Nevada, New Jersey, Rhode Island, Vermont, or Wisconsin, than Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, North, and South Carolina, Tennssee and Nevada combined.

Dakota raised in 1886, 30,700,000 bushels of wheat, 20,650,000 bushels of oats, 15,800,000, bushels of corn, and 2,500,000, bushels of flax seed. In wheat she stands sixth on the list, raising more than Wisconsin, Illinois, Michigan, Ohio, Kansas, Nebraska or Mississippi, or than 30 other states and territories.

Dakota has 1,021 post offices, more than Colorado, Connecicut; Delaware, Florida, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersy, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Carolina or Vermont.

She has seven post offices of the second class, more than Georgia and Tennessee combined, more thon Virginia, as many as Minnesota, and only exceeded by thirteen af the states.

She has more presidential post offices than any one of twenty states.

These figurs, remembernd, do not include "star routs," but include only the regular service.—Ex.

ANNUAL STATEMENT for the year ending Dec. 31st, A.D. 1886, of the Condition and affairs of the

PHENIX INSURANCE COMPANY,

Of Brooklyn, organized under the laws of the State of New York, made to the Auditor of the Territory of Dakota, in pursuance of the laws of said Territory.

President, Stephen Crowell. Vice-President, Wm. R. Crowell. Secretary, Philander Shaw. Principal Office, 16 Court St., Brooklyn.

Organized or Incorporated Sept. 10, 1853. Commenced Business, Sept. 10, 1853.

CAPITAL.

Amount of Capital Stock actually paid in cash.	$1,000,000 00

PROPERTY OR ASSETS OF THE COMPANY.

The value of its Real Estate is	$1,023,727 53
The cash on hand in its office is	265 65
The cash on deposit in bank is	494,570 15
The cash in hands of agents and in course of transmission is	470,106 77
Loans on bond and mortgage, being the first lienon Real Estate worth double the amount of the sum loaned thereon	294,900 00
Stocks and bonds owned by the company, to-wit:	
As per schedule C. filed in this office, par value, $2,841,638 33. Total carried out at market value	2,807,108 90
Stocks held as collateral security for loans, to-wit:	
As per schedule D. filed in this office, amount loaned, $80,758 76; on collateral security, par value, $87,225 00; market value, $100,100 00. Total carried out at market value	100,100 00
All other sums due the Company: Bills Receivable, $140,234 55; Interest, $11,716 49; Rents, $3,367 81; Office Premiums, $211,576 88	366,895 69
Total assets	$5,307,695 29

LIABILITIES.

Amount of losses yet unpaid	$ 336,343 82
Amount of claims for losses resisted by the Company	29,411 00
Whole amount of unearned premiums on outstanding risks	2,466,236 97
Amount of all other existing claims: Commissions, $14,658 71; Ret. Prem., $231 54; Re-Insurance, $2,656 46; Rent, $3,000 00	19,891 31
Total liabilities	$2,840,536 61

INCOME DURING THE YEAR 1886.

Whole amount of cash premiums received	$5,559,576 72
Whole amount of cash premiums received on polices written in the Territory of Dakota	$ 79,225 57
Whole amount of interest money received	133,531 42
Whole amount of income received from all other sources	72,591 13
Total income	$5,739,909 27

EXPENSES DURING THE YEAR 1886.

Whole amount of losses paid during the year 1886	$3,542,301 96
Amount accrued prior to preceding statement	$ 344,473 63
Amount accrued subsequent to preceding statement	2,197,888 33
Amount of losses paid upon risks taken in the Territory of Dakota	35,276 00
Amount of losses accrued prior to preceding statement	674 43
Amount of losses accrued subsequent to the preceding statement	25,201 65
Amount of dividends paid during the year 1886	100,000 00
Amount of commissions and fees paid to officers and agents during the year 1886	974,921 21
Amount of taxes paid during the year 1886	69,196 86
Amount of taxes paid the Territory of Dakota during the year 1886	1,585 61
Amount of fees paid the Auditor of the Territory of Dakota during the year 1886 (not including taxes)	580 00
Whole amount paid for salaries of officers and agents during the year 1886	220,236 67
Whole amount of all other expenditures during the year 1886	305,250 70
Total expenditures	$5,402,506 81

RISKS.

Gross amount of risks taken during the year 1886	$675,988,238 00
Gross amount of risks taken in the Territory of Dakota during the year 1886	2,498,941 00
Whole amount of risks outstanding	540,015,881 00
Whole amount of losses incurred during the year 1886, including those claimed and not yet due	3,551,588 16
Whole amount of losses incurred during the year 1886, including those claimed and not yet due, in the Territory of Dakota	26,524 05
Number of agents in the Territory of Dakota, 146	

STATE OF NEW YORK, } ss.
County of New York, }

Stephen Crowell, President, Philander Shaw, Secretary of the Phenix Insurance Company, of Brooklyn, New York, being duly sworn depose and say that the foregoing is a full, true and correct statement of the affairs of said company; that the said insurance company is the bona fide owner of at least ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS of actual cash capital, invested in the State and United States Stocks and Bonds, or in Bond and Mortgages of Real Estate unincumbered, and worth double the amount for which the same is mortgaged, and they are the above described officers of said insurance company.

STEPHEN CROWELL, President.
PHILANDER SHAW, Secretary.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22nd day of January, 1887.

[SEAL.] FRANCIS P. BURKE, Notary Public (129), New York Co.

TERRITORY OF DAKOTA.
AUDITOR'S OFFICE.
Insurance Department.

I, E. W. Caldwell, Auditor of the Territory of Dakota, do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the original statement now on file in this office.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of this office at Bismarck, this 7th day of March, 1887.

[SEAL.] E. W. CALDWELL, Auditor.
F. B. MORSE, Deputy.

THE TERRITORY OF DAKOTA, Office Territoral Auditor, Department of Insurance. Company's Certificate of Authority.

Whereas, the Phenix Insurance Company, a corporation organized under the laws of New York, has filed in this office a sworn statement exhibiting its condition and business for the year ending December 31st, 1886, from which it appears that the capital, the character of the securities, and the financial standing of said company, conform to the requirements of the laws of this Territory regulating the business of insurance; and

Whereas, the said company has filed in this Office a duly certified copy of its charter, with certificate of organization, and has fully complied with the requirements of the insurance laws aforesaid;

Now, therefore, I, E. W. Caldwell, Auditor of the Territory of Dakota, pursuant to the provisions of said laws, do hereby certify that the above named Company is fully empowered through its authorized agents, to transact the appropriate business of Fire Insurance, in this Territory, according to the laws thereof, until the first day of December, A. D. eighteen hundred and eighty-seven.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal at Bismarck, this 7th day of March, A. D. 1887.

[SEAL.] E. W. CALDWELL, Auditor.

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NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF—Land office at Fargo, D. T., April, 8th, 1887. 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: Robert C. Busse, H. E. No. 3112. for the northwest quarter of Sec. 30, Tp. 145 n., r. 57 w., and names the following as his witnesses, viz: Lewellen Ladbury, Nels R. Peterson, Charles S. Palfry, John Jackson, all of Gallatin P. O., Griggs county, D. T. The testimony of claimant and witnesses to be taken before R. W. Berry, judge of the probate court at Sherbrooke, Steele county, D. T., on Tuesday, the 31st day of May, A. D. 1887. at his office.

MICHAEL F. BATTELLE, Register.
Andrew Johnson, Att'y. 13-19

NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF—Land office at Fargo, D. T., April 8th, 1887.

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:

Lewellen Ladbury, H. E. No. 6590, for the south west quarter of Sec. 30, Tp. 145 n., r. 57 w., and names the following as his witnesses, viz: Nels R. Peterson, R. C. Busse, Charles, S. Palfry, John Jackson, all of Gallatin P. O., Griggs county, D. T. The testimony of claimant and witnesses to be taken before R. W. Berry, judge of the probate court at Sherbrooke, Steele county, D. T., on Tuesday, the 31st day of May, A. D. 1887, at his office.

MICHAEL F. BATTELLE, ReEister.
Andrew Johnson, Att'y. 13 19

NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF—Land Office at Fargo D. T., March, 4th, 1887.

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:

John E. Warner, H. E. No. 6080, for the nw ¼ of sec. 32, tp. 144 n., r 56 w, and names the following as his witnesses, viz: William Soar, Edward Ladbury, Fred Ladbury, Charley Schultz, all of Daisy P. O., Barnes county, D. T.

The testimony of claimant and witnesses to be taken before Peter E. Nelson, judge of the probate court for Griggs county, at Cooperstown, D. T., on Tuesday the 26th day of April, A. D., 1887, at his office

MICHAEL F. BATTELLE, Register.
Glass & MacLaren, Attys. 9-14

NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., March 9th, 1887.

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. 10241 for the s ½ sw ¼ of section 4, Tp. 143 n., r. 59 w., and names the following as his witnesses, viz: Sigwart Tande, Ole Aslakson, Tollef R. Tobiason and Fingard Larson, all of Lee P. O., Nelson county, D. T.

The testimony of claimant and witnesses to be taken before John E. Jorgensen, Clerk of the district court at Cooperstown, Griggs county, D. T., on Wednesday, the 27th day of April, A. D. 1887, at his office.

MICHAEL F. BATTELLE, Register.
J. . Sto, Atty. 9-14

NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., Feb. 23d, 1887.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in suppert of his claim and secure final entry thereof, viz:

Edwin Ladbury, H. E. No. 6080, for the southeast quarter of Sec. 4, township 143, n., r. 58, w., and names the following as his witnesses, viz: Thomas Curtis, Edward Keyes, Charles E. Dennett and Charles Curtis, all of P. O. Asthabula, Barnes county, D. T.

The testimony of claimant and witnesses to be taken before judge of district court, or in his absence before Alex. McConnell, clerk of the district court at Valley City, Barnes county, D. T., on Thursday, the 14th day of April, A. D. 1887, at his office.

MICHAEL F. BATTELLE, Register.
H. Whitcomb att'y. 7-13