

THE COURIER,

ESTABLISHED EVERY FRIDAY EVENING By FRED'K. H. ADAMS.

Kansas, when it applied for admission into the Union, had a population of 2,501 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 Babel 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 practitioners 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 Haunfin, 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 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 drought of the "Oceaus" 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 commence to thrust its shining petals above the snow, and the old women get out in the back yard with their clothes tucked up, and boll bacon rinds, and abuse the neighbors—when the mealey dude changes his flannels, puts on a seven dollar suit of cream colored clothes, and goes out snuffing among the fair sex—when the bald headed widower hitches up the widow'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 \$200—when the wiley machine agent uses ten cents worth of red paint on a second hand, twelve dollar sander, 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 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 call the following "Facts about Dakota." The increase in population during the year ending Dec. 31st, 1886, was 116,000. 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, Delaware, 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 60.5; 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 Jersey, 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 together.

Dakota has more milch cows than Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, 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 country bonds is 90 cents, the highest \$1.07; the average has been \$1.04.

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

Dakota has 3,065 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 5,023 teachers, which is one-half as many as Massachusetts, 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 Louisiana, Oregon, or Rhode Island, five times as many as Colorado, six times as many 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 deposit; 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, Tennessee and Nevada combined.

Dakota raised in 1886, 30,700,000 bushels of wheat, 20,850,000 bushels of oats, 15,800,000 bushels of corn, and 2,600,000 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, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Carolina or Vermont.

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

She has more presidential post offices than any one of twenty states. These figures, remembered, do not include "star routes," but include only the regular service.—Ex.

ANNUAL STATEMENT for the year ending Dec. 31st, 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. Brown. Secretary, Philander Shaw. Principal Office, 16 Court St., Brooklyn. Organized or incorporated Sept. 19, 1854. Commenced business, Sept. 19, 1854.

Table with columns for financial items and amounts. Includes 'Amount of Capital Stock actually paid in cash', 'The value of its Real Estate', 'Loans on hand and mortgages', etc.

Table with columns for financial items and amounts. Includes 'Amount of losses yet unpaid', 'Whole amount of unearned premiums on outstanding risks', 'Total Liabilities', etc.

Table with columns for financial items and amounts. Includes 'EXPENSES DURING THE YEAR 1886', 'Amount of losses paid during the year 1886', 'Amount of taxes paid during the year 1886', etc.

Table with columns for financial items and amounts. Includes 'Gross amount of risks taken during the year 1886', 'Whole amount of risks outstanding', etc.

STATE OF NEW YORK. County of New York. I, Stephen Crowell, President, Philander Shaw, Secretary, and Wm. R. Brown, Vice-President, of the Phoenix 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 foreign bonds and stocks, and in Bond and Mortgage of Real Estate, and that the same worth double the amount for which the same are mortgaged, and they are the above described officers of said insurance company.

STEPHEN CROWELL, President. PHILANDER SHAW, Secretary. Wm. R. BROWN, Vice-President. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2nd day of January, 1887.

FRANCIS P. BURKE, Notary Public (1887). TERRITORY OF DAKOTA. 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.

THE TERRITORY OF DAKOTA. Office Territorial Auditor, Department of Insurance. Company's Certificate of Authority. Phoenix Insurance Company, a corporation organized under the laws of New York, has filed this office a sworn statement exhibiting the condition and business for the year ending December 31st, 1886, from which I have taken the foregoing as a full, true and correct statement of the affairs of said company, and the financial standing of said company, conforming to the requirements of the laws of this Territory providing for the business of insurance; and 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 provisions of the laws of this Territory in relation to the same. Now, therefore, I, E. W. Caldwell, Auditor of the Territory of Dakota, pursuant to the provisions of the laws of this Territory, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct statement of the affairs of said company, according to the laws thereof, until the 31st day of December, A. D. 1886. In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal at Washington, this 7th day of January, 1887.

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Notice of Final Proof—Land Office D. T., April, 8th, 1887. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed a claim and secure final entry thereof, viz: Robert C. Busse, H. E. No. 6219, for west quarter of Sec. 30, Tp. 145 N., R. 10 W., names the following as his witnesses, Allen Laddery, Neil R. Peterson, Charley John Jackson, all of Gallatin P. county, D. T. The testimony of claimant and witnesses to be taken before H. W. E. of the probate court at Sherbrooke, St. D. T., on Tuesday, the 5th day of April, 1887, at his office.

MICHAEL F. BATTLE, Andrew Johnson, Atty.

NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF—Land Office 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: John E. Warner, H. E. No. 6209, of sec. 26, Tp. 144 N., R. 10 W., and names the following as his witnesses, Wm. Laddery, Fred Laddery, Charley of Damsy P. O., Barnes county, D. T. The testimony of claimant and witnesses to be taken before R. W. Berry, Judge of court at Sherbrooke, Steele county, D. T., on Tuesday the 25th day of April, A. D. 1887, at his office.

MICHAEL F. BATTLE, Andrew Johnson, Atty.

NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF—Land Office 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. 6209, of sec. 26, Tp. 144 N., R. 10 W., and names the following as his witnesses, Wm. Laddery, Fred Laddery, Charley of Damsy P. O., Barnes county, D. T. The testimony of claimant and witnesses to be taken before R. W. Berry, Judge of court at Sherbrooke, Steele county, D. T., on Tuesday the 25th day of April, A. D. 1887, at his office.

MICHAEL F. BATTLE, Andrew Johnson, Atty.

NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., March 24th, 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: Amund Pederson, D. S. No. 10641 for the S 1/4 of section 4, Tp. 145 N., R. 10 W., and names the following as his witnesses, Sigvard Thomsen, Ole Anslon, Tuller H. Tobiasen and Sigvard Larsen, 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 Wednesday, the 25th day of April, A. D. 1887, at his office.

MICHAEL F. BATTLE, Register.

NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., Feb. 22d, 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: Edwin Laddery, H. E. No. 6206, for the southeast quarter of Sec. 6, Township 144 N., R. 10 W., and names the following as his witnesses, Wm. Laddery, Fred Laddery, Charley of Damsy P. O., 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 15th day of April, A. D. 1887, at his office.

MICHAEL F. BATTLE, Register.

