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R. R. Guide.

The Cooperstown train leaves for Sanborn at 8:30 a. m.; arrives 11:10 a. m., connecting with the Jamestown Accommodation, west. Train leaves Sanborn for Cooperstown 4:30 p. m. Pacific Express leaves Sanborn for Bismarck 7:02 a. m. Express trains leave Sanborn for Fargo 10:10 p. m. and 4:25 p. m. Fargo Accommodation leaves Sanborn 8:30 a. m.

AROUND TOWN.

Wheat 63 cents. John Syverson is repairing the Frankhan-White house, for rental. President McCulloch, of Jesse, came to town with the simoon, Saturday. There was a disappointed fellow in a neighboring town last Thursday. Mrs. Dr. Newell returned Friday evening, and the Dr. is feeling "more chipper feeling." Miss Grace Van Voorhis was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Christie, the first of the week. A. Marquardt has commenced the erection of an addition 16x22 in the rear of Ward's restaurant. M. E. Walks has purchased the old White residence from John Syverson, and will soon occupy the same with his family. Geo. B. Clark, our whitem county judge, and now blooming merchant, is back from Michigan. George goes to Michigan pretty often. We have heard the patter of rain on the shingles; but the blow that ripped the shingles off the Couriers roof, Saturday, beats any patter, all hollow. M. L. Michaels in driving in from Helena Saturday night, had a horse knocked down by a thunderbolt. The strap from the neck yoke was broken, and a whiffletree cracked. Invitations are out announcing the marriage of Mr. A. Beecher Cox to Miss Grace Van Voorhis at the home of the bride's parents, on May 25th. It is understood that Mr. and Mrs. Cox will make their home in Sanborn. The gentlemen whose names appear on the hand bills, announcing a grand Scandinavian ball, at the school house, on the evening of May 17, wishes it understood that the parties getting up the same, were unauthorized to use their names in any connection whatever. It was reported here last week that Supt. Graham had been "resigned" as superintendent because of his orders to close the saloons at Jamestown at 11 p. m. and Sundays. The report is probably not true. If true it does not speak highly for the N. P. company. Monday evening Rev. O. D. Purinton narrowly escaped meeting with a serious accident while removing the storm sash from his residence, by the removal of a ladder giving away and letting him fall about fifteen feet to the ground. Mr. P. was considerably shaken up, but was so as to be out the next day. The Couriers office turned out wedding invitations, etc., last week by the wholesale. Our job department is well equipped for anything from a circus poster, to a lady's stylish visiting card. It costs no more for a fine specimen of work at the Couriers office, than for a rag tag, seven by nine, bobtail job printed elsewhere. Mr. Joseph Buchheit asserts that he is a married man, and a certain contract for the erection of a house, with James Christie, goes far to prove Jo is dead earnest. Jo has li-prevaricated so much about this business that we should not be surprised to find out that he had a wife and seven children when he first struck the county. Treasurer Thompson took his family to Bald Hill creek, Saturday, to get some fresh air and catch some fish. He got plenty of air that wasn't any too fresh, but if he caught any fish the wind must have blown them up into Nelson county. Will our correspondents please notice if any shower of fish has occurred lately. David Bartlett, the pioneer attorney of Cooperstown, has, with the term of court, returned to his first love. Mr. Bartlett is highly spoken of by the old settlers; is a well read and creditable attorney, and we are glad to see him back again. The other attorneys must console themselves with the beautiful thought that "opposition is the life of trade." Tom Graver was nominated for watchman at Andrew Johnson's, Saturday. Andrew thought we needed a watchman to about if a fire came up in the night. It was proposed that Tom should daub himself with red paint, and get out in the street and yell murder, to show what he could do in case of emergency. He declined to demonstrate, and was not retained. The Cooperstown merchants should supply themselves with an invoice of the Mme. Dean corset, from the firm of Edwin Ridley & Sons., corner Grand Allen and Orchard streets, New York city, as there is a great demand for that portion of a lady's "makeup," as was seen by an "open letter" left in the postoffice by a young lady of Cooperstown, Monday. As was announced last week, the ladies of the Congregational church will serve a "May supper" at their church, this (Friday) evening, in connection with a literary and musical concert. Mrs. J. W. Christie has kindly volunteered her services and will render several choice selections from the piano. The entertainment to conclude with a laughable and original charade. Supper will be served from 6 to 8 o'clock. All are cordially invited.

Ward is buying gopher tails from the kids. Theo. Drax came up on bank business, Tuesday. Look out for Lawrence Bros. big "ad" next week. The best laid plans o'men and mice gang art' aglee. H. Gillespie and Hary Blow have returned from Minot. The new Baptist church is being rapidly pushed forward. A fire at Minot last Monday destroyed about one half of the town. Postmaster Atchison, of Gallatin, made us a pleasant call, to-day. Mrs. Ed. Selwood, of Helena died Monday and was buried Wednesday. Mr. John Vogle, an old settler of Valley City, 75 years of age, died Sunday. E. C. Butler made us a pleasant call Saturday. Mr. Butler is one of the most active and bustling farmers in western Steele.

Uncle Hiram Williams brings in a magnificent sample of red top grass that is ten inches high. Drouth and cold weather agree with it in Dakota. The Congregational Sunday school convention will be held in Cooperstown on June 7th, and extensive preparations are being made for the occasion. This weather will give us 30 bushels to the acre. Wheat will be high, and Cooperstown will have three elevators, probably at war. We shall all wear diamonds yet. Jake Martin, formerly of Sanborn, who was acquitted of the murder of Back Moore, is said to be dead in Nebraska, of typhoid fever. Jake may be dead, but the fact isn't yet well established.

The first number of the McLean County Mail, a seven column folio, is on our table. Its birth place is Washburn and it is edited by J. E. Britton, late of the Steele Herald. The gentleman is one of our veteran editors. The paper indicates that it will live and prosper. A young daughter of Andrew Benson died last Monday, of consumption. Mr. and Mrs. Benson have lost three of their children since coming to Dakota, by the same scourge. They have the sympathy of the entire community. Messrs Gray, Carlson, Weiser, Thomas, Simons, O'Malley, Bergreen, C. A. Benson, Kellogg, and other good citizens of Valley City, kindly favor us with renewed subscription, and back dues. May they live long and prosper—they can't help it.

The Hope Pioneer claims that the Hope road is going on. A large invoice of blankets has been received. With due deference to the opinion of Brother Simpson, we do not believe the report. Perhaps the blankets were for a camp meeting. The Farmers Alliance says we have to come to patent insides at last. The mendacity of the hearing press is astounding. To call our ready print a patent inside is an unprecedented outrage. By the way, he didn't notice our neaparell local columns. The Times-Record noticed that owing to the provisions of the I. S. C. law, we came into Valley City on a coal car last week. We are glad it was noticed. Now if a Valley City editor came to Cooperstown on a coal car the fact wouldn't attract much attention.

There will be a union memorial service held at the Congregational church Sunday, May 29, at 11 o'clock, and all are cordially invited. Come one, come all. All soldiers are requested to meet at the residence of B. B. Brown at 10:30 sharp. All veterans coming from the country can have lunch at the veteran's home, B. B. Brown. Singing by the Union Band. Soldiers will form in line and march to the church. The 17th of May is near at hand. Many of the surrounding towns will celebrate the day as the anniversary of Norwegian Independence, and a celebration at Cooperstown would be interesting and instructive. Some narrow minded people consider such a celebration disloyal and in bad taste. The same people might possibly object to celebrating Christmas because the Savior was a Jew. An oath of allegiance does not wipe out memory. "Though lost to sight, to memory dear," is the home of a person's childhood. Even in the glorious climate of Dakota there are many old men and women whose eyes are ever looking to the old country—who can not replace in their hearts the hills and lakes of Scandinavia with the rolling prairies of the west. The dance is not the proper celebration. Speeches, recalling the life of the old country, Norwegian songs, games, etc., is that which marks the day, with perhaps a dance in the evening. It is to be hoped that some of our enterprising Scandinavian citizens will make a little effort for the occasion.

A CARD. The following card, dated at Mardell, was sent to the Couriers for publication: Resolved, That the Sheyenne Valley Temperance Society extend a vote of thanks to Rev. Geo. B. Frost, and the Good Templars of Cooperstown, for their efforts in routing out the illicit liquor traffic, and assure them of hearty co-operation. [Signed.] THOMAS SANDGARD, Pres. S. C. GUNDERSON, Sec.

The Sheyenne Valley Temperance Society will meet at Balkan's school house, Sunday, May 15th at 2 p. m. Everybody cordially invited to attend. To the Farmers' Mutual Insurance Company of Griggs county: Gentlemen: S. B. Langford, F. Greenland, and C. Balkan, your adjusters were at my place to-day, and adjusted my loss by lightning, which occurred on May 2nd, to my entire satisfaction. One binder.....\$100.00 One mower and rake..... 66 00 One seeder..... 45 00 One cultivator..... 4 50 One hay rack..... 4 50 Dated on Sec. 9, Tp. 148, R. 58, this 9th day of May, 1887. C. H. FRASER.

BOYS TAKE NOTICE— I will pay three cents a piece for all gopher tails—Griggs County gopher tails—brought to my store between May 13 and the 1st of July. H. C. WARD. (Additional local in Supplement and on 8th page)

Saturday. Dr. Kerr—This is regular boom weather. Dr. Newell—Yes, a great movement in real estate. Wm. Glass—It is a pity to have so much good soil wasted. Andrew Johnson—I told a man yesterday that the soil was fine. To-morrow there will be nothing but sub soil. Banker Lawrence—See the security drift is. St. Black—Don't talk any more about my complexion. Knud Thompson—Who wants to buy a good careful black horse. Attorney Bartlett—This is a regular dust blizzard.

PUBLIC OPINION. Ole Halvorsen: I do not believe in the retail whisky business with every other building in a small town a saloon. It costs the people too much. The custom of treating is the worst thing about the saloon. Many a man gets drunk because of it, who would otherwise take a drink and go about his business. Whisky never helped me or my neighbor. Claus Jackson: It makes no difference to me; if I should say I was against license the people would think I was fooling; if I said I was in favor of license, they would say, "tell us something new." For my part they can fight it out.

NEIGHBORING TOWNS. Hannaford. Seeding is about finished. Our bump of perseverance is about developed, and we deserve full granaries and good prices next fall. Thus far the prospect is encouraging of the result. A fine drove of cattle (300 head), is chewing the verdure of our hills and vales, and the quid of contentment, under the watchful care of herdsmen Syverson and Braake. Brophy & Co's. unexhaustable well is finished and none are obliged to leave town athirst. E. H. Grover is excavating for a cellar on his land just south of the town site, and will move his residence. He prefers town to country life. Geo. B. Custer has purchased a team and is now a full fledged farmer. John Lundgusel, of St. Paul, is planting his tree claim, two miles south of the station. Thomas Jones has resumed work on the section regardless of the loss of his pedal extremities. Nelson Kill has arranged to move his blacksmith shop from Cooperstown to Hannaford, which we think will prove a wise step for him, as it will be a very beneficial one to our farmers. UNCLE RASPER.

Willow. Talk fast, I am in a hurry. Wasn't that bee hot, though, and how it did buzz about poor Rip Vanwinkle's ears. Now listen for something else to drop. Saturday last was a bad day for fires. T. O. Torgeson's house caught fire but was extinguished before doing much damage; G. W. Pratt's wood pile caught fire from sparks from the chimney but by some lively work was prevented from spreading to adjoining buildings. The summer term of the Willow school opened last Monday, with Miss Jennie Johnson as teacher. He is a "brave soldier" that has to get a woman to fight his battles for him; well, Jeff Davis thought petty-coats a safe refuge, too, once on a time. He is safe as long as he clings to apron strings. We war not with women; no, not even with Dr. Mary Walker who wears cross pencils in a heated controversy; there is neither honor or glory in it. Neither do we endeavor to make a merchantable commodity of wind taffy. Several of our young men are about clogged on that kind of feed, and are experiencing a nauseous sensation from its effects and the prospects of another dose through the Willow column of the Independent. Mrs. Woodruff came in from Des Moines last Saturday, and will remain here some time with her daughter Mrs. O. L. Reed, who has been ill for some weeks. Nate Sifton's grab car arrangement, applied to our school house, would help Sister X out of her difficulties in that direction, I think. CHRIS X.

Gallatin. Some of the lads say I use tambourines in my garden. It won't be long before there are bass drums. Some folks know very little about gardening, and they never will learn by using those covers. I raise the best of melons. We saw one of the eagles to-day. We would like to have some of the careless farmers around here to take to their guns and help slaughter some of the gophers that have got to be so troublesome in this neighborhood. We have been at it for five years, and have killed thousands of the little pests; it's hardly fair for one man to kill them all. We get a much needed rain, Saturday night, but had it come before the wind storm, it would have saved much grain from being uncovered. Some of the wheat is looking quite green. John Syverson thinks it is a mighty queer country where wood can be taken out of the snow and brought to town on a wagon. Ha! ha! who pays for the segars. I crossed the river on ice the other day, but it came from the ice house, and was No. 1 and a yard wide. There is a great blow about high license. High license would be more of a robbery on a drunkard's family than it was before. Sheyenne water would make good wholesome beer were it not for the dead cows, etc., somebody has deposited in the river. J. F.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS. In the matter of the estate of Frank Hunter, deceased. All persons having claims against said Frank Hunter, deceased, are hereby notified and required to exhibit the same, with proper vouchers therefor, to the undersigned administrator of said estate, at his office in Cooperstown, in the county of Griggs, territory of Dakota, and that four months have been limited as the time for creditors to present their claims against said estate. Dated the 25th day of March, 1887. WILLIAM GLASS, Administrator.

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