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H. G. PICKETT.

Office in Lawrence's Bank.

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Now that prohibition is found to prohibit the no license element has braced up, and it is extremely probable that the county will go against license this fall by a large majority.

"An exchange unlimbers in this style for the fourth: "Suddenly the hallow calm is spluttered by ragged globules of inharmonious sound hurried through space from the brazen throats of the village band, and peace inspiring silence gets a sudden move on and hies herself on swift and tireless wings, into the arms, of fathomless oblivion which yawned to embrace her beauteous form." A lucky thing for silence that it got away."—Ex.

Rain is not only needed to check the rapid burning of grain, but to check the ravage of the gophers. The continued dry weather has cured the grass and the gophers are pouncing down upon the green fields of grain in droves of millions. It is the universal verdict of farmers in this section that the daily damage to their growing grain from the continued excessive heat is fully equaled by the ravages of the gophers. Some farmers report that at least 25 per cent. of their grain has been cut off by these little pests. They are so numerous that in many places they are looked upon as a plague—just as much so as the visit of grasshoppers a few years ago. They come from long distances and breed like rabbits. A good rain now would be a great relief. It would be a double blessing—scatter the gopher and revive the drooping stalks of grain now faltering between life and death. A week ago no grain ever looked better than that on the Missouri slope. But excessive heat with no moisture has changed the picture. It is not so rosy now, yet there is much good grain left. Root crops are looking fine. It is astonishing how much punishment the soil on the slope will stand, but there must be rain soon or the power of endurance will be exhausted.—Bismark Tribune.

The Meanest Man in Dakota.

It does not always pay to try and beat the printer out of his hard-earned ducats; and a man not a thousand miles from Gary has found it out to his cost. He was proving up on his claim, and the notice was published in this paper. On the day for the hearing before the landoffice, instead of calling and getting our affidavit of publication of his notice, he took a file of the six papers containing his notice to the land-office to prove the publication. When he presented his six copies of The Inter-State to the register, a great large democratic smile, that could have been heard four blocks, illuminated the register's face, and he informed the application that he must get an affidavit from the printer, and pay him, before he could make his proof. A new notice will have to be published, appointing another hearing, both notices will have to be paid for, a second trip to the land-office by himself and witnesses, besides the delay in his proof, all because he tried to beat us out of six dollars and fifty cents!—Gary Interstate.

Barnes County Court.

In opening court Judge Francis intimated his intention of cleaning the calendar, not by allowing technicalities to prevent justice being done, but by hard earnest work.

The school cases, similar to the Griggs county cases would not be tried but would be held until the decisions in the cases of districts Nos. 53 and 85 were announced by the supreme court. The cases were, he said, practically decided but the formal announcement and publication of the opinion would be made possibly not earlier than February 1899.

In the railroad tax cases justice, not prejudice should rule. The land grants were good things and the corporations were entitled to the same fair dealing expected by persons. A half million of dollars had been demanded of the counties along the line of the N. P. R. R. as reimbursement for money paid out for worthless tax titles. The supreme court he said had affirmed his decision in the famous Jamestown action whereby \$36,000 was sought to be recovered. He had granted judgment for plaintiff with 30 per cent. interest and the supreme court had affirmed the decision. He hoped Stutsman county would take the case to the U. S. supreme court, which the Judge complimented highly as the highest court and the most learned in the world not excepting any English court.

He spoke pointedly of the usurious

money loaning sharks, and hoped they would compromise their tax money cases at a less rate than 30 per cent.

Married.

Ruggles—Brown—at the home of the bride, Louis Ruggles and Miss Elizabeth Brown, on Thursday at 2 p. m., by Rev. O. D. Purinton.

Valley Farmers.

Bring in a wagon load of green boughs, branches, trees, etc., for the celebration. The committee will thank you heartily for your kindness in helping them to decorate the grounds.

Badly Mixed.

The tug T. T. Worford pulled out from its moorings at about 4:15 o'clock yesterday evening from the foot of Washington street containing Mayor Roche and the following Aldermen: Hildreth, Mueller, Badenoch, Sheridan, Resch, Horn, Deal, MacGregor, Moner, Webber, Wheeler, Ernst, Clark, Fredemann, Whelan; City Clerk Nickerson, "Uncle" Phil Hoyne, John P. Barrett, electrician, Hugh declare again our detestation of that system of government under which such crimes are made possible." After denouncing the Coercion act, the resolutions conclude with the assurance of moral, financial, and, if necessary, physical support to the Irish in "whatever measures of resistance they may see fit to adopt to save themselves from complete extermination. Speeches were made and a parody on the jubilee ode was read.—Chicago Tribune.

Good Templars.

The lodge attended en masse at the Congregational church last Saturday evening, at the invitation of the North Dakota Baptist Association to listen to the discussion of the temperance question by Rev. J. H. Hartman, and others. The solos by Mrs. Merry and Rev. Hartman, of Jamestown, rendered during the intervals, were very fine.

The lodge on Monday last took up the new enactment in regard to the liquor question to be voted on next November and decided to push forward the petitions and secure the necessary signatures.

Prof. Hodge thought the question should have a "square deal" and give everybody a vote on its merits.

A. N. Adams smiled approval on these sentiments and advocated immediate action.

W. R. Whidden yelled hear, hear, and said "take it easy" and we shall get there all at the appointed time.

John Glass, Harry Pickett and Capt. Haskell each expressed themselves in favor of putting the question to the test.

Jimmey Walker, after being assured that red lemonade was not included in the issue, remarked "Let 'er go Gallagher."

After a warm discussion committees were appointed and the petitions are now being circulated.

Mr. N. Swenson, of Dazey, favors us with his subscription.

Ponoma Valley Storm.

A report was brought into LaMoore last Friday noon that on the previous day a cyclone had damaged the farm property of Sheriff C. W. Oakley and seriously injured his aged father.

Just as dinner was ready on Thursday a very black and threatening cloud was seen to come off of the Coteaus at the southwest. It traveled rapidly toward the northeast, assuming a distinct funnel shape—the eye about a hundred feet across at the top and narrowing to a point at the ground. The approach of the storm was watched by all until Chris. Young's house, a half mile away, was seen to go to pieces, when the whole family, except Mr. Oakley's father, took to the cellar, Mr. Bert Wyman, who was present, also going below. Suddenly a crash was heard and the house was seen to move from its foundation. Instantly the Oakley family, but a moment before covered with a big house, found themselves in the open air subject to the rain which fell in sheets, but thankful that none of the party had been injured. As all had stood in the center of the cellar they escaped being struck by several large stones which rolled in from their positions under the sills, when the house moved. The grandfather's whereabouts was unknown until his voice was heard asking to be assisted into the cellar. He, it seems, did finally conclude to join the family, and was in the act of stepping down the stairway when the sudden blast struck the house. He was thrown under the house and dragged a short distance, when the structure lifted and passed over him, leaving him with sufficient vitality to crawl back to the cellar, and with help join the rest. In a few minutes the storm had gone and all came to the surface of the ground to take in the situation, and if possible, enter their home. The house, 28x30, two stories in front, was found to have been carried a hundred feet directly east, passing entirely over the well, and had been jammed into the earth at the rear as if banked up for a cold winter. The old claim shanty, which had been attached to the house for summer kitchen purposes, had disappeared altogether. The walk from the kitchen to the well had been jammed through the back of the house, crushing it in, while half the north side of the building was spread out of place, evidently by the wind. Doors and windows were blown out. The furniture was, of course, piled in heaps and nearly every article was broken in some manner, half a dozen mirrors being (queer enough) about the only things which escaped breakage, though stoves, marble topped tables, dishes and chairs seemingly strove to outdo each other in that line. Outside the house many queer and unaccountable events transpired during the storm. The barn, old, and slightly constructed, 120 feet to the west of the house, was unharmed save the loss of a dozen or two shingles, being clearly out of the narrow path of the whirlwind. A heavy lumber wagon near the house, was smashed to pieces, one wheel "dished," and the spokes pulled loose, while the whole box and top was carried a quarter of a mile into the field. An anvil was found fifty feet away from its position before the storm, which was on the ground quite a distance south of the house. Several hens had their wings broken, one turkey lost nearly all its feathers, and numerous small chickens and turkeys were killed.—Progress & Chronicle.

Black Billy—Polled Angus.

Having just purchased a fine full blooded Polled Angus bull, I can accommodate a limited number desiring the use of the black rascal, at \$3. R. C. COOPER.

Willow.

Some of our people are cutting quite an amount of hay as an inducement for it to rain.

Jol Geddes goes to Grandin this week where he will run a threshing machine during the season.

Mrs. Woodworth and Mrs. L. Reed departed for Fort Dodge, Iowa, last Monday. Mrs. Reed has been an invalid for some months and returns to her old home to recuperate.

How long since Nelson county was annexed to Willow? Most of our people haven't heard of it; let us have peace. CURTIS X.

Sports.

BASE BALL.

Entrance fee 10 per cent. If more than two clubs enter, the games will not exceed five innings. Entries may be made with secretary until noon of July 4th. The clubs to play first to be decided on grounds by committee.

TRAP SHOOTING.

The trap shooting rules of the National Gun Association will govern the trap shooting contest, except that only one trap will be used and tin birds in place of clay pigeons. Order of shooting, ties, etc., will be arranged for at time of shoot.

RACES.

1. Free for all running race, half mile and repeat.
2. Three minute trot. Mile heats.
3. Pony race, half mile and repeat.
Judges selected on ground. Apply for entrance at Hammer & Condy's stable.

The Pavilion in charge of the Ladies' Aid society, will be a desirable place for rest and refreshments on the Fourth, near the grand stand. Ice cream, cake, coffee, sandwiches, pickles, lemonade iced tea, and peanuts will be for sale. Roeking chairs will be provided for the weary.

See Ford & Lukken's new machine ad.

Attorneys Bartlett, Jacobson and Adams have attended court at Valley City this week.

The ladies of the Baptist denomination will set ice-cream, lemonade, cake etc., on the Fourth at their hall on Burrell avenue, where the hungry and thirsty can be supplied with refreshments.

A new grand stand is being erected on the race course under the direction of J. H. McDermott. Treasurer Thompson says it is being built solid from the ground up and will stand a pretty good windstorm.

At the invitation of Mrs. Frost, the Rev. Mr. Kleins, of Bismarck, Baptist, occupied the pulpit in the Congregational church on Sunday morning last. Rev. A. N. Allyn, of Tower City preached in Mr. Purinton's stead, Sunday evening.

E. C. Ward says he is going to freeze up twenty-five or thirty gallons of cream—pure cream—on the Fourth, and all patriotic citizens should not miss the opportunity of getting a dish of simon-pure ice-cream.