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## H. G. PICKETT.

Office in Lawrence's Bank.

### THE COURIER,

PUBLISHED EVERY FRIDAY EVENING  
By FRED K. H. ADAMS.

The speaker of the late house, Geo. B. Cross, sends us the following clipping with some kind expressions of regard:

"Gov. Hill, of New York, has signed the bill which prevents railway companies in his state from heating their cars with stoves, the example some other states should not be slow in following."

Though the generosity of St. Paul and Minneapolis added to the energy of her own enterprising citizens, Grand Forks is coming on all right with the territorial fairs—the buildings destroyed by the last storm will be replaced by better and more commodious ones and everybody hopes Grand Forks will realize fully the expectations of her venture—Argus.

Two laws that have just gone into effect in New York have for their purpose the lessening of the liability of the traveling public to sudden cremation. One requires the proprietors of hotels to place in every room above the ground, a rope securely fastened at one end, of sufficient length to reach to the ground and capable of sustaining a weight of 400 pounds. The other provides that after May 1 next it shall be unlawful for any railroad to heat its passenger cars by any stove or furnace kept inside the car, or suspended therefrom, penalty of \$1,000, and \$100 a day during the continuance of the violation. These regulations are both to be commended, and that public opinion regarding the safety of human life is having its influence.—Pioneer Press.

The railroad commissioners of Dakota have now got down to honest work. Up to this date it has undertaken and completed two enormous tasks, one of which was to organize and elect a secretary for itself, and the other was to recommend that the Milwaukee road establish a station between Andover and Langford, Day County. The commission is now rolling up its starched sleeves and is getting ready to consult with the governor and the attorney general as to the prop-

riety of enforcing the grain and warehouse law, as passed by the Dakota legislature. Even if the members of this body do consider life a burden, they should not engage in any great amount of labor during this hot weather. Dakota is a generous country, and it does not expect its public officers to wear themselves out in performing the duties of officers.—Free Press.

Many complaints is being made in regard to the ravages of gophers. Already a great many acres of grain have been destroyed by these little pests, and their destructive work has only commenced. If ever Gov. Church made a mistake he made one when he threw the bill providing a bounty for the killing of gophers in the waste basket. Some idea of the enormous number of these animals that infest the country may be gained from the fact that in Griggs county about 40,000 have been killed under the stimulus of the bounty, and so well satisfied are the commissioners of the benefits resulting to the farmers therefrom that they have extended the time in which the bounty is to be paid fifteen days later. Mr. R. C. Cooper, chairman of the board and one of the largest farmers in Griggs, is of the opinion that money was never better invested. As long as bodies of land remain uncultivated, the isolated effect of individuals farmers count for but little. A simultaneous movement throughout a county may check the ravages for a season, but to effect a permanent cure the dease must be eradicated, and this can only be effected by a measure that will reach every part of the territory.—Hope Pioneer.

The present year in this territory was expected to be devoid of political excitement. The local option bill, however, proves to be a brand that will create quite a blaze. Fargo is trembling with the thought that the farmers have prohibitory blood in their eyes, will carry Cass county against no license, and send the liquor business over to Moorhead. Valley City and Jamestown are likewise a little nervous. Irrespective of the merits of "license" and "no license" it is but fair that upon the liquor question in our small Dakota town the country people and farmers should have their say. No saloon in a small town is supported by town trade—it is the honest farmer, his boys and his hired men that drink the liquor, and they pay dearly for the right they now have to control the traffic. The argument that

each town and city should govern itself in this matter is fallacious. Let the town have the privilege of the traffic; let the farmers vote on local option and bar themselves from selling liquor, and the result will be a complete farce.

#### The Century.

The July number contains one of John Burroughs' charming articles—this time on mid-summer wild flowers handsomely illustrated. The Hundredth Man drags his slow length along and, while original and characteristic of the writer, Frank Stockton, it is getting monotonous. Frank better go the sea side and rest his curious brain. The short stories are, as usual, good. "The war of the Tweedledums continues. Gen. Sherman appears with some remarks concerning the march to the sea. The Potential Energy of Food, by Prof. Atwater, and Animal Locomotion are valuable articles. The poetry is good, the editorials original and sound, while "Bric-a-Brac" is limitable.

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#### Hear 'em Squeal.

In a private communication from W. D. Kirk, cashier of the Capital Bank of St. Paul to the editor of this paper, there is, among other things, a reference to the question now pending between the Capital Bank and several of the school districts of Barnes county with reference to the legality of certain school orders. As the people of these districts are interested in this matter, we take the liberty to publish a brief extract from Mr. Kirk's letter. Referring to these school orders he says:

"We bought these orders for almost their face value. Banks deal in this sort of paper because of the faith that they place in the citizens' back of it. We find that it is claimed in many instances that there has been frauds in issuing this paper. Of that we who live in St. Paul can hardly be expected to make enquiry. The paper is all in regular form under the law, and we bought it in good faith, relying on the honesty of your people who permitted it to be issued and sold without objection. Test cases have been tried and are now pending in the supreme court in two of the Barnes county districts and we are now awaiting the decision of that court with great interest and confidence. These cases are tried in no spirit of unfriendliness, but simply because it seemed inevitable. It we are successful

as we expect to be the district will still find us friendly, and willing to be fair and just with them, and no doubt are equally willing to deal fair with us. We are not after the "pound of flesh" but we only want what is right.—Times Record.

#### Gets His Answer.

While I am anxious to get the school cases settled, I have stated that the attorneys in said cases were under contract and that ought to suffice. If any one knows anything to the contrary let him prove it or keep his mouth shut. Mr. Adams has not got \$1,600 nor one-fourth part thereof to the present date. I did not vote for 15 mills tax in 1886 and as for 1886 when I did vote for it everyone knew the condition of affairs and the school township treasurer has yet failed to receive from the county treasurer more than necessary to defray the running expenses. See report to county commissioners.

It makes me disgusted to hear the editor and business manager (as the thing calls himself) of the Independent vomit such stuff through its columns as he has been in a habit of doing lately. He antagonizes one citizen after another, and backs down just as quick as anyone answers him. Now if you want to be fair pay up the December rent for the Independent, and if you want to be real neighborly what is the matter with letting me wear my own buffalo coat next winter, you have had it two. Jo, don't be hogish. I would prefer the money though.

ANDREW JOHNSON.

"GREENEY GRAVEL GREEN,  
How Green the Gravel Grows."  
Let her go once more Gallagher, and  
"Skip by the light of the moon."

#### Grand Bowery Dance

AT  
COOPERSTOWN,

SATURDAY AFTERNOON AND EVENING, JULY 9th.  
Commencing at 3 P. M.

Game of Ball at 1 O'clock. All Hand Around.

The celebration committee lack funds to meet their bills in total. A bowery dance will be held Saturday afternoon and evening of this week, the proceeds to be devoted to the payment of 'Fourth' obligations. Those interested or on the look out for fun please take notice.

Mrs. Harry Adams, of Vermont, mother of the Coeuraine editor, arrived Thursday night, and will spend the summer in Cooperstown.

G. E. Vallandigham, of the Democrat, and U. S. revenue collector, came to town Thursday.

Rev. J. W. Donaldson sends the following item: The people south of Sanborn joined a few from the village—100 in all—in a picnic at Sweet Water Lake on the Fourth. They had a good time, plenty to eat and drink, boating, bathing, swinging and croquet amusements, singing, reading and remarks by Mr. Donaldson, ringing cheers for America, and all was well.

G. W. Barnard lost two calves lately by eating strychnine put out for the gophers.

Cash Yancey took a drive up to Aneta this morning.

R. A. Hornby, who has been foreman of the Coeuraine for the past eight months, departed for his home at Fargo, Wednesday morning, and will reside on the farm until his health improves.

Farmers lately in town report that the rains of last week have set the crops booming, and that a fair yield is now apparent.

The commissioners were in session Tuesday.

Treasure Thompson says that if there was not 6,000 people in Cooperstown on the Fourth, "the truth is not in him."

We understand that the poles for the telephone line between Sherbrook and Portland are all in place ready for the wire, which will soon be strung. The completion of the line will prove a great convenience to the people of Sherbrook.—Hope Pioneer.

A game of base ball is being talked of between the old bachelors and the married men. It promises to be of great interest. The game was played last evening and resulted in a victory for the bachelors. Score, 36 to 6.

The juveniles are getting up a matched game of ball.

Land Attorney Wm. Glass took a trip to Fargo Wednesday morning.

School closed last Friday afternoon, and the scholars will now have about two months vacation.

Remember the bowery dance tomorrow.

Work on the new church is being pushed.

The ladies of the different Churches made a snug little sum from their booths on the 4th.

Miss Jennie Sheeley had the misfortune to lose a diamond collar button on the Fourth.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Burrell and Mr. and Mrs. A. Beecher Cox came up from Sanborn Saturday, remaining over Sunday to participate in the Fourth of July celebration.

There is no one in town that has more lucky escapes from serious injury than Harry Pickett, for he seems to bear a charmed life. Last winter his horse fell on him and broke his ankle, from the effects of which he has not fully recovered, and Wednesday morning while washing the horse's leg, the animal raised its knee and struck Harry square in the eye, shivering his glasses to pieces but luckily with no other damage. They say an insurance agent is the hardest man on earth to kill.

Miss May Lawrence arrived in Cooperstown on Monday morning from St. Joseph's Academy at St. Paul, where she has been studying. She will now enjoy the freedom and ozone of Dakota for awhile.

Two balloon ascensions will take place at the bowery dance on Saturday "Let 'er go Gallagher."

Robinsons target does a very good business. Simington and Blackwell manage to hit the ball's eye occasionally.

Messrs. J. A. and M. W. Lawrence and families, and Mr. and Mrs. Harry McGuire, start for a week's camping at Devils Lake, on Sunday. An enjoyable excursion will no doubt be the result.