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R. R. Guide.

The Cooperstown train leaves for Sanborn at 8:15 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 7:30 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.

It is said that the Argus is "agin" division. Why is it Major? Is it because the anti-divisionists will win—and win this winter. Dakota is on the verge of admission and—a boom. Division is preferable to "admission as a whole" but either is better than nothing. We are in the clutches of the democratic party, and they will admit the territory rather than await the result of the election of 1888.

After the careful compilation of abusive articles directed against Judge Francis, in the last issue of our "esteemed cotemporary" it is extremely probable that he will resign. The Judge is a bad man. He will neither let men attend his court in *dishabille* nor will he hesitate to nip monkey business and fraud in the bud. He is quite popular in Griggs County nevertheless.

In our old home paper the *Vergennes Vermonter* we notice the professional card of a dozen physicians and the card of only two law firms. Here we have only one physician and several lawyers. There the people die; here they fight. They have neither the time nor the climate to die in.

The Northern Pacific has reduced the freight on wheat 2 cents per 100 pounds! and it is extremely probable that the elevators will meet them half way and reduce the price two cents so that the farmers will not be affected.

The Fargo and Casselton races commencing Sept. 13th, will be the principal sporting event of the northwest since 1882. Grand Forks also promises to have a good fair. We acknowledge complimentary to all of them.

The St. Paul Globe has Ex-Governor Pierce by the heels, while Gilbert in the *Pioneer Press* has Judge Spencer and Gov. Church bucking the tiger with \$90,000. We never heard of the jedge and Church bucking the tiger, but if they do they will loose—sure.

Cleveland's conscience will not permit him to come to Dakota. When he goes home he will know no more of Dakota than before, and he can sit on our expectations without a pang.

Musical Contortions.

The Anglican church when it divorced itself from Rome, yet cherished the appropriate Gothic style of architecture and something of the ritual of the mother church. The dissenters from the English church took care that no outward and visible sign should be left of what they deemed the inward and spiritual disgrace. They built their meeting houses like dry goods boxes, abandoned a ritual, and made many innovations. The meeting houses of New England certify to this. To the credit of taste and utility the churches are all coming back to the old style—the style of architecture suggested by the interlaced branches of giant elms in a forest glade, and are reviving what was unobjectionable in the early churches. One little innovation, that obtains from New York to Sitka, which might well be abolished is the location of a church choir in front of the congregation and in one corner of the church. The Roman Catholics in whose churches you hear the most celestial music keep their choir in the back ground. The minister must be seen because he preaches to the eye as well as the ear. A thorough pulpit orator might be half understood if not a sound escaped his lips. If the singers acted out the anthems and hymns like an opera company, the same appeal to the eye of the congregation might be made. On the contrary it is sound alone that is expected from, and appropriate in, a church choir. No musician would select a corner of a church, upon the level with the congregation as the best point from an acoustic point of view from which to be heard. To obtain the best effect the musicians should be raised above the level of the audience

and be in the centre of the front or centre of the rear. Why this modern notion? Is it to gratify the vanity of the singers? If so it is a mistaken notion. The lovelest soprano is not an object of beauty as the liquid notes ripple about a wide margin of shore. The handsomest tenor is not altogether lovely as he strains his neck to high C. The most melodious basso gives one a pain as he turns gobbler red in his effort to reach the sub-cellular of his lungs. The awkwardness of the long callow youth with his hair stuck down with molasses is not gracefulness when displayed in a choir. To be sure the working of the vocal machinery is amusing, but it distracts attention from the music and from proper devotion. At a concert or an opera pains is taken to gratify the eye. Nothing of the kind is to be supposed in a church choir. It is music, and music alone that is to be expected. Singers need not necessarily be invisible; neither should they be too conspicuous. The objection that the congregation is always turning around if the choir is located in the gallery has no weight after one attends a cathedral a few times, and sees the quiet and orderly demeanor of the Roman Catholics from whom other denominations may learn many valuable lessons. If the design of a choir is simply to lead the public in Congregational singing the very centre of a church would be an appropriate place for it.

ARMAND AND WINNIFRED.



The pale moon threw a soft lustre on each waving leaflet as it fluttered in the warm delicious midsummer night's breeze. The very stars shone with a mild peaceful joy as they looked down on the earth and beheld, in the dim shadow, lovers exchanging delirious confidences and stealing innocent caresses. Armand had just whispered in Winnifred's roseate ear: "Oh if I could only call you my own. If I could feel your loving kisses and know they should be for me alone through all eternity. That you moon should visit us a thousand times and find us ever together hand in hand." "Yes" said Winnifred, "it might be very nice; but you must leave me." "Leave you!" said Armand growing pale with emotion. "Can it be possible! You cannot love me." "Oh yes I can," said Winnifred trembling, "but if you will oblige me by leaving me to—to compose myself—you will oblige me." Armand's voice grew hoarse with repressed feeling as he said coldly: "I will oblige you. I will trouble you no more with my protestation of affection. I too have a pride—it is not like yours, a pride of wealth and station. I leave you—forever." "Oh, Armand, you do not understand me. You must come back again." "Never!" and Armand strode silently away. Winnifred was telling her chum Arabella De Vere, about it the next day, and said, between her sobs, "What could I do? I knew that hideous wire bustle was loose and had worked around in front but (boo hoo!) he wouldn't understand me. Men are so stupid."

NEW RAILROAD.

A Minneapolis Tribune telegram of Aug. 29 says: A corps of railroad surveyors reached this city today from the east. The new branch of the Northern Pacific crosses the Red River at Caldonia, thence due west to Mayville, Sherbrook and Cooperstown, thus tapping the richest county in Dakota and giving the Goose River valley a direct outlet to Duluth and provide for our farmers an excellent wheat market. Mayville, undoubtedly, will be made division headquarters, which will make it one of the liveliest little cities in Dakota.

North Dakota Division Convention.

Pursuant to the instructions of a conference of the friends of the division of Dakota on the seventh standard parallel, held at Fargo, Aug. 5, the committee appointed for that purpose, and the signers before, hereby announce that a delegate convention of counties lying north of said parallel, in furtherance of that object, will be held at the court house in Fargo, Tuesday, Oct. 4, 1887, at twelve o'clock M. with a view to organized action at the coming election in November. The ratio of representation will be one delegate for every two hundred votes cast for delegate in congress at the election in 1886, and one for every fraction of one hundred and over from each county—all organized counties to be entitled to at least one delegate.

AROUND TOWN.

[A young gentleman who was married last season sends us the following beautiful domestic poem for publication. It seems to us that the writer is not altogether blameless for the state of affairs existing in the household. Young Domestic should take warning, and be careful how they injure their mother-in-law's feelings and ankles by the careless use of barbed wire and ball dogs.]

I married a dainty darling
 Also a mother-in-law;
 My birdie's lips are the ripest,
 Her mother's the strongest jaw.
 She runs over to see to the cooking,
 She runs over with horrible galls;
 She says I'm a brute and a scoundrel
 And her daughter'll go home in the fall.
 She calls me George Henry and "monster,"
 And birdie her "innocent child;"
 And says if her daughter was buried
 She'd try to be reconciled.
 My wife is eternally crying
 Because we cannot agree;
 But I didn't intend to marry
 And start with a household of three.
 I'm a meek and lowly young fellow,
 It is I she has tried to provoke;
 Though I strung a barbed wire before her
 And, in tumbling, her ankle she broke.
 It is true while the honeymoon lingered,
 I purchased a bull dog white,
 That chased her away from our doorstep
 Out in the starry night.
 I'm a meek and lowly young fellow,
 And I thought I'd give her a hint
 That she'd lost her own wee birdling
 When the ball dog for her went.
 Oh, she is the most unreasonable woman!
 Abusing me to my wife;
 I shall have to have her arrested
 I'm getting a afraid for my life.
 Wheat 35 cents.
 A good top buggy for sale at the Couriers office.
 Anton Enger is about to build a fine residence on Park hill.
 The Virgo homestead will be 30 feet square one of the largest houses in town.
 The Christie residence on Church street will be one of the handsomest in the city.
 The courthouses weeds ought to be cut before going to seed. Whose business is it?
 Attorney Bartlett says he is not stuck on Bismarck—it is too much like Sanborn. He was glad to finish his legal business and return to the terminal town where grass does not grow in the streets.
 Prof. Enger responded to an urgent invitation from the first regiment band to join them and proceed to the Haron encampment Saturday. The Prof. is an old band leader, a thorough musician, and the Valley City boys will find him a valuable acquisition. The organization of the Cooperstown band will be due in a great measure to the well known abilities as a leader of Mr. Enger.
 Northern Pacific preferred stock is tumbling; catch on to some of their good lands.
 Treasurer Thompson is going into the land business.
 There will be a boom in brick in the spring.
 Many letters of inquiry are being received relative to lands and lots in Cooperstown.
 Rev. O. D. Parinton preached a good extempore sermon to a fair congregation, Sunday evening.
 John O. Ole is improving his cozy house.
 Joel Jameson's cottage took fire, in the roof, Sunday. Mrs. Van Dusen, of Hope, mother of Mrs. Jameson, fortunately observed it and saved it. Jo thinks there is nothing like a mother-in-law.
 We are indebted to John H. McDermott for a sulky whip with which to pound Joe B. on the back. It is a fine article mounted in ivory and gold, and if it is anything like John's harnesses it will never wear out. Years ago we bought a harness of the gentleman. In the course of time we traded it off. This spring it is offered as a harness, nearly new, which the owner is forced to sell because the Dakota water disagrees with his wife. It looks as if it just came out of the shop.
 Contractor Muir has gone to reading French novels on Sunday. He ought to know better.
 Charles Allen, who left for Indiana last winter, returned Saturday.
 Lawrence Bros. have adopted a new rule; they will sell for cash hereafter.
 L. L. Hubbard's wheat average is 18 bushels on 150 acres.
 Wheat averages better this year than was expected. The straw is short but the heads are full.
 The COURIER is pleased that the Johnson-Vallandigham war is ended.
 Col. Frost was held up in broad daylight within a half mile of town, Saturday. The parties are well known; one used to paint the town red while the other sold stale eggs. The doughty Colonel drew his pocket book on them as if it was a revolver when they fled. No arrests yet. If the egg man doesn't come in and subscribe for the COURIER we shall be compelled to publish his name.
 Joe McCulloch has a fine new buggy and a complete horse.
 Miss Frankie Bernard returned from her visit at Tappen, Saturday.
 Col. Frost brought in some fine garden truck on Saturday, among which were some fine cabbages, the smallest of which weighed 25 pounds.
 Ask Willis Lawrence, Hammer or Pete Nelson what they think of those itinerant horse traders. Hank Hetzlaff says the Lawrence purchase can chew tobacco as well as anybody, while the Hammer grey has every symptom of having visited the blind pig too frequently—staggered off as blind as a bat. Peter's horse is all right except that he don't hold wind enough—when you speed him he falls on his nose until the wind strikes him again. S. B. Langford acquired the fast pacer that could beat any horse in town for \$100. "This," said the jockey, jabbing a gunny sack between his ribs so the hay would not fall out, "is a pacer—all wool and a yard wide, warranted not to run away or kick over the dash board."

DR. VIRGO'S New Drug Store

Will be open with a new and complete line of DRUGS, PATENT MEDICINES, DRUGGISTS' SUNDRIES, and EXTRAS, DYE COLORS, WINES and LIQUORS (for medical purposes), LEADS, WINDOW GLASS, PUTTY,

Mixed Paints, Oils, Varnish, Wood Stains.

A new and complete line of fifty patterns of WALL PAPER. Stationery, Paint Brushes, Rubber Goods

A large line of cigars. Agent for "TANSELL'S PUNCH," 5c 10c and 15c cigars. Call and see the five

HANDSOME PRESENTS

to be given the smokers of Tansell's Punch, etc. [Notice—Dr. Virgo wishes it understood in order to save the unpleasantness in the future of the last two weeks, that brandy, whisky, gin, wine or alcohol can be procured at his drug store only for medical purposes and then under prescription.]

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 (DAKOTA STYLE SEPARATOR.)

Record made in 1886, on Trull farm of 2837 bushels of wheat, and 3923 of oats on Child's farm, at Crookston. The simplest and best straw burning engine on wheels. Samples will be in Cooperstown about June 20th. For sale by

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 COOPERSTOWN, D. T.

This house is one of the most commodious between the Red and James River Valleys, and it will be the aim of the manager to make it a pleasant home for residents, and a convenient hostelry for the traveling public. The patronage of the public is solicited that the house may be kept up to a first class standard.

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