

# THE COURIER,

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By FRED K. H. ADAMS.

President Harper of the fidelity bank has gone to states prison for ten years.

The Belfast spider, Weir, pounded the face off of Tommy Warren, the Chicago bantam, at Minneapolis Monday night. The brutal fight however was declared a draw and will be repeated.

Jenks is to settle the indemnity land business. The Attorney General has referred the whole matter to him. Jenks will hold the railroad companies title good. The administration seems a little squint-eyed. While Cleveland desires to tickle the dear people by restraining corporate power he also wishes to be solid with all the western railroads.

The Farmers Mutual Insurance Co. has been a good thing for Griggs county. It has kept at home in two years about \$10,000 which would otherwise have been paid out to outside corporations. In the mean time its members have been protected as well as the patrons of any other insurance company. A great deal of credit is due to the secretary of the company for his painstaking and efficient work. The company increased its membership largely this year, and we hope to see it do better in the coming year. While we have heard complaints of the business methods of several companies we know of no dissatisfied with the Farmers Mutual of Griggs county.

Arensdorf has been acquitted of the murder of Haddock. It is a wonder Bill Irwin did not establish the fact that Haddock shot himself.

Thirty thousand dollars expended by Griggs county for flour each year, and every pound of it is manufactured abroad! This money ought to be kept at home and it could be by the expenditure of \$2500. A future awaits any man with a capital of \$2500, who will erect a small custom flour and feed mill at this point. It would not only be a profitable investment for the miller but it would be a good thing for the farmer. A lot, with plans and specifications for a convenient mill, will be furnished gratis. Lignite-coal can be laid down for \$4.50 per ton, while the best oak wood can be contracted for at from \$4 to \$5 per cord. Who will be the lucky mau?

This is a fine administration for confederates and rather a poor one for old union soldiers. The more undeniable a charge of disloyalty to the government, the more popular the office seeker with the administration. Mr. Lamar, as a justice of the supreme court of the United States, may yet have a chance to do yeoman service for the "lost cause."

The Sioux Valley News disclaims that its last issue is a boom edition, but it looks very much like it. It is as voluminous as the Sunday Pioneer Press, and writes up Canton in a very attractive manner.

The Independent kindly selects a COURIER editorial, republishes it, and credits it to the Minnewaukan Siftings. This ought to render it nearly original.

The people who complain of the water in this section are the people who dig their wells and cess pools so near together that they can hardly tell them apart. A man ought to be indicted for digging a well within a hundred feet of a manure heap or a water closet.

**Anti-Division Convention.**  
No call having been made for the election of delegates to the Aberdeen convention, some of our active citizens called a meeting Tuesday evening at Enger's hardware store—Mr. Enger being strongly opposed to division cheerfully tendered the use of his spacious bazaar. The meeting was called to order at 8:15 p. m. Dr. T. F. Kerr was made chairman and R. C. Busse, secretary. A committee of three was appointed to select six delegates to the anti-division convention. F. H. Adams, Julius Stevens and R. C. Busse were appointed such committee. The committee reported the following names: Henry Betzlaff, Anton Enger, P. A. Melgard, J. H. Vallandigham, Geo. F. Newell and Maynard Crane. The report of the committee was accepted and adopted. Resolved: That the sentiment of this convention is against the abandonment of the division question. That the delegates today elected be instructed to do everything in their power looking to a division of the territory on the 7th standard Parallel and to make that their mission at the Aberdeen convention. The motion was seconded by Mr. Stevens and declared carried. The

meeting then adjourned. The convention was characterized by a spirit of fairness which was pleasant to behold. While the delegates are all democrats and presumably anti-divisionists so that the "admission as a whole" party is satisfied, the delegates are instructed for division first, last and all the time, thus satisfying the divisionists.

When the division resolution was carried in the anti-division meeting, Enger, Melgard and Busse shouted "division!" "division!" "Yes," said chairman Kerr, "I thought you would be for division before you got through. You don't seem to know exactly what you do want. Probably you have heard from the division vote and want to get on the right side. The meeting stands adjourned sine die."

Prof. Enger was elected a delegate to the anti-division convention. The Independent has F. H. Adams on the delegation—a mistake—for which Mr. Enger is probably to blame. The delegates were Retzlaff, Newell, Melgard, Enger, Vallandigham and Crane.

## The Creamery.

The following letter received from F. A. Dawes, secretary of the Redfield Creamery Co. to Bartlett & Glass explains itself:

REDFIELD, Dak., Dec. 8, 1887.  
BARTLETT & GLASS.

Gentlemen: Replying to yours of 5th inst., I would say that Davis & Rankin put us in a first class creamery here and while we do not think it cost them quite \$5,000 yet it was worth fully what we paid them to have them put up the building and start the creamery and get it to running in good shape. If we had attempted to start it in good shape we would have made a mess of it. We do not run in the winter and a creamery cannot be run successfully in the winter in Dakota. I think a creamery run only in the summer will pay. The farmers here are ticked to death over our creamery. We gather the cream ourselves. The price of our butter ranges from 18 to 30 cents per pound. We calculate on 1,500 cows next season where we only had 700 this year. We employed only one man in the creamery this year and part of the time six men gathering cream. Anything else I can give you information of let me know. Yours,

F. A. DAWES.

The creamery meeting held last evening at Bartlett & Glass office was called to order by Knud Thompson.

On motion David Bartlett was made chairman and H. G. Pickett, secretary. On motion Knud Thompson was made a committee of one to ask the county commissioners for the use of the courthouse for a meeting of the general public to be held Saturday, Dec. 31st, at 2 o'clock p. m. for the consideration of the advisability of building a creamery at this point at once.

It was moved and supported that Mr. Thompson be further instructed to provide and distribute suitable posters to advertise the above meeting.

It is the earnest request of this meeting that every man in Griggs county make it a point to give this matter his attention and attend the meeting prepared to state the number of cows he could milk and the amount of stock he could take. It has been thought advisable in event of building to issue a number of fractional shares of stock so that farmers might become stock holders with a small outlay.

On motion adjourned to meet at the courthouse Dec. 31st, at 1 p. m.

H. G. PICKETT, Sec.

The following list of milch cows has been obtained without effort this week and it is evident that we have within reachable distance of town about 2,000 cows:

S. B. Merryman, 5; C. C. Platt, 6; G. W. Bathey, 2; James Gimblett, 3; H. G. Homme, 8; Wm. McCulloch, 5; R. C. Cooper, 200; H. Fenner, 10; Ed. Hanson, 5; Arne Luckason, 10; D. F. Conant, 9; John Fiero, 40; Maynard Crane, 50; M. A. Ueland, 50; D. Nicoll, 7; Wm. Howden, 5; W. C. Jameson, 3; P. Rorvig, 25; P. Rorvig, 10; Jake Merriam, 20; Clark and Sheldon, 4; Ole Torson, 12; D. R. Swartout, 20; B. R. Climie, 7; M. F. Washburn, 7; I. E. Mills, 12; H. V. Safford, 4; Joe Buchheit, 5; Nels Gilbranson, 5; Ben Kuhns, 2; E. Hamilton, 3; Daniel Sinclair, 6; A. M. Sinclair, 3; Duncan Sinclair, 7; F. Greenland, 7; A. A. Armstrong, 4; John Mills, 3; A. Haskell, 3; J. L. Haskell, 2; E. W. McCrea, 12; S. B. Laugford, 8; Adak Gunderson, 6; T. A. Huso, 9; O. P. Anderson, 6; John Hogenson, 5; E. C. Butler, 10; W. A. Baker, 4; Helge Larson, 3; Richard Hall, 2; Charley Hall, 8; B. B. Brown, 3; J. N. Brown, 18; Henry Pinkerton, 3; S. Simpkins, 3; Rans J. Lund, 10; Mr. Fosholdt, 8; M. Sutherland, 6. The following list is furnished by Mr. Thor Serumgard: Thor Serumgard, 7; E. Monson, 10; Karl Opheim, 8; John Engen, 10; Andrew Carlson, 10; John

Mustad, 8; Ole Bjedstad, 8; Gunder Johnson, 10; John Arneson, 8; John Oudle, 10; Iver Seim, 8; Olson Bros. 22; John B. Olson, 10; Emil Carlson, 6; Hillstad Bros. 8; Ole Christofferson, 8; Andrew Knudson, 10; Harry Pashley, 12; Steen Nelson, 10; Gunderson Bros. 6; Peder Pederson, 8; Amund Fluto, 5; Ole Skein, 6; Ole Larson, 6; Ole Bolkan, 3; Chas. Bolkan, 4; Ole Halvorson, 10; A. Johnson, 6; Ole Fladland, 4.

The list must be filled up this coming week. If there are any mistakes in numbers given parties will please call in and correct. Now a creamery like the one proposed can utilize only the milk from a portion of the stock in the county. Farmers who wish to be patronized by the creamery will have to hurry up and get into the fold. Leave name, number of cows, and section at the COURIER office.

## That Right of Way.

Information reaches The New Era today that the contract for the grading of the Minnesota & Dakota railroad has been let to Job Vogt, of Massachusetts, the survey as made last month confirmed without material change and construction arrangements so far perfected that the tittle remains to be done before the opening of spring. Terminal facilities have been secured in Fargo and are so near the Fargo & Southern depot that the suspicion is awakened that the Milwaukee road figures in the construction of the new line. Minnesota & Dakota officials defy this conclusively, and there is no doubt that the corporation, as hitherto stated, is separate and distinct from any railway line and an independent association of Massachusetts capitalists. The grading contract as let is for a single track from Fargo one hundred and fifty-two miles due northwest to a point fifteen miles west of New Rockford in Wells county, passing through the three established towns of Ottawa, Sherbrook and New Rockford. The only noteworthy deviation from the original survey will be a turn to the south of half a mile to bring the first crossing of the James east, instead of west, of New Rockford, which will obviate the necessity of bridging the James river twice and the Sheyenne once. As stated by Gen'l Manager Britton it is the intention of the company to survey from New Rockford to the Missouri in the spring and have the road in operation the entire distance in time to remove next season's crop. Vice President and Secretary E. H. Cutler has gone to Wilbraham, Massachusetts, and will conclude the final financial adjustments of the company immediately.—New Rockford New Era.

## SEVEN ROASTED.

HURON, D. T., Dec. 12.—A terrible tragedy occurred fourteen miles from Wessington, this county, last Sunday night. Michael Harris, an Irishman, who located fourteen miles north of the town several years ago, has by diligent labor improved his farm until it has become very valuable, and he had come to be looked upon as one of the well-to-do settlers. Mr. Harris family consisted of himself, wife and seven children, the oldest of which was a girl aged fifteen years. Sunday night the wind was blowing stiffly from the north and was bitterly cold. The family retired leaving a brisk fire of soft coal burning in the stove in the sitting room. About midnight Mr. Harris was awakened by smoke that had filled the room occupied by himself and wife and a baby a few months old. He sprang from the bed and attempted to arouse his wife who was probably unconscious, and after dragging her from the bed he was so overcome by the smoke that he fell to the floor, and in a half-dazed condition made his way through the kitchen and into the yard, where he fell unconscious on the snow. The eldest daughter, who slept up stairs, jumped from a window in her night clothes, and found her father lying in the snow. The house was in this time in flames, and the poor girl in her frenzy endeavored to arouse her father from his stupor, not thinking of the unfortunate inmates of the burning dwelling, and when she had succeeded the flames had so far destroyed the building as to make it impossible to save any other member of the family. The daughter ran through the cutting wind and snow in her night clothes two miles to the nearest neighbor and gave the alarm. When the neighbors reached the scene of the holocaust the father was walking around the smouldering pile wringing his hands and calling out the names of his dear ones. He was taken to a neighbor's house and cared for. He recovered from his excitement sufficiently to tell his experience. The daughter is nearly wild with grief. It is supposed the fire caught from a defective flue.

## News Notes.

The third class postmasters are on a strike. Delegate Gifford says that a visit of the Aberdeen mob to Washington this winter will prevent either division or admission. That is evidently its purpose. Powderly, the head centre of the Knights of Labor, is dying of consumption. The Bismarck water works are a success. The territorial Farmers Alliance is in session at Huron. Churches Ferry is being gradually destroyed by incendiaries. Fifty liquor dealers are in secret session in Aberdeen now. The admission convention meets today.

## "Out in the Streets."

The I. O. O. T. entertainment and supper, Friday evening last, netted the lodge about \$40—gross receipts \$61. The play itself, even for amateur use, is rather weak. Amateurs instead of requiring a colorless and plotless play succeed better in farces or melodramas with humor or plot enough to render the play interesting even if read. With due allowance for the lack of rehearsal, the representation was creditable. Mrs. J. N. Brown's sketch "Too Late For the Train" was well rendered and liberally applauded. The vocal music was good what there was of it and the supper first-class. The orchestra was conscientious but lacked numbers and drill. We understand the company will next produce "Our Boys." This is a beautiful little play and will carry itself.

## Contributed Notes.

It was the best performance of the season. It was pretty rocky. C. T. W. The supper was fine. We all had the belly ache next day. Whidden's reading was as good as usual. They ought to have had somebody to arrange the stage. D. B.: To a person not thoroughly conversant with the intricacies of the Chinese dialect Harry Pickett was sometimes not as intelligible as a cheese factory, although he got a good share of the applause. H. C. W.: Percy Trubshaw had his lines and business pat and appeared well on the stage. In the audience he was very pronounced and lacked repose, quiet, and location. He should cultivate it. Mrs. R.: Mr. Whidden must have had some of the Courier manuscript, which worried him considerably. P. T.: Frank Cowen made a sweet and recherche lover. J. M. H.: Alex. Glass ought to be constable or sheriff. Nobody got away from him. Miss B. C.: Charley Fairbanks is just too lovely to be a villain.

The ladies not only had their lines but understood them. It's a mean man that will roll up a curtain without warning to those behind it, but Alex. did not look at it that way and up she went on the final act much to the delight of the audience and the discomfort of the actors.

## Town Talk.

J. S. Byington was among the Hannaford contingent to be seen on our streets, Monday. J. S. says he is in favor of a creamery, but he would rather some one else did the milking. Asak Gunderson: I will put six cows into the business and if they pay a good price for cream will put in more. A creamery would help the farmers considerably. S. B. Langford: The creamery business is the best move that the people can make. I have eight cows and if they will give me 10 cents a pint for cream I will increase my stock to twenty. E. W. McCrea: I think it is just what the farmers want. I will put my cows into the pool. E. W. Hagerty: If a creamery started here and would pick up cream I would keep ten or fifteen cows. John H. Aichison called Tuesday. Mr. A. thinks the creamery is bound to be a success. John Hogenson: I have five cows will get five more if a creamery is started. T. A. Huso was a caller at the office, Saturday. He thinks the creamery business a good scheme. Put me on the cow list for 9 cows. Olaus P. Anderson was proving up before Judge of Probate Nelson, Saturday. John O. Ole was his attorney. Mr. Anderson is in favor of a creamery. E. C. Butler: A creamery will give us a little money when we need it. In Maine, where I come from creameries have raised the price of real estate and helped the country wonderfully. Robt. Withrow, of Willow, made a substantial call Wednesday. He says I have two cows now; if a creamery is put in I shall have five. The cows in the county come in all right, and we wish their owners would come in and report them. Mankota, Minn., put \$25,000 additional capital into the creamery last week. The Redfield creamery started in business with 700 cows. Griggs county will show up at least 1,800. The Redfield people are very much pleased with their creamery, and Griggs county would be tickled to death.

## Gallatin.

S. J. Pound was down for wood and says the stumps will have to take it. Tax title men on 15 are as busy as bees posting notices at every stump. Its all foolishness now that the timber is all gone. C. Arastad has lost a number of sheep and is at a loss to know what killed them. Foxes and a prairie wolf, and the next you will see will be dogs. Halvor Arastad made us a call Sunday and also visited his parents. The Nimrods are trying their hand at the jacks and report their shot poor. The grouse law is out and so break up the traps and let the birds increase. They are the farmers friend. Gallatin mail runs regular nowadays. What has become of Simon Ouren nowadays. Don't see him down here as usual.

## Willow.

Where could one go to find better winter weather than we are having right here in Dakota. The creamery project is looked upon with favor by most of the farmers around here and many of them will add a number of cows to their stock if the creamery is started. C. A. Wright is quite lame and sore from getting badly mixed up with a spring tooth harrow. It happened in this wise: He was moving some logs with the aid of a horse and rope when the horse became frightened and started on a run, the rope taking a twist around Wright's leg throwing him down and the horse dragging him about lively by making him over the harrow and other farm implements. Only for his presence of mind and quick wit it might have had a serious termination for Charles. However he cut himself loose letting the horse go with his blessing. He will come out all right in a few days but says he wants no more such rides. There is a certain quite prominent business man in Cooperstown that is getting so smart that I am afraid he will have to have his head bathed in soft soap to save him from having a bad attack of meedlesome fever. If he has brains enough to properly run his own business it will be a good thing for himself and others. Lou Buchheit has his new house nearly completed. Mrs. Root goes to Chicago for the winter. Collins Root will stop in St. Paul. David H. Henman starts out soon on a canvassing tour and expects to be gone all winter. Success David. Mrs. Rickard is very comfortably fixed for the winter on her own claim in the east part of the town. She intends proving up in the spring. A. D. Ellis says that he has chores to do until he can't rest.

## Ashtabula.

Taking a ride through the country will prove to the traveler how busy the farmers are in this country. One place you will see a plow left in the ground under the snow drift, just where they took the team off; another place a mower and horse rake is left just where they happened to stop and unhitch,

and never had time to come back and catch up. They find them again in the spring when the snow disappears all safe and ready for work. Your correspondent had three tame rabbits missing after this last storm. They used to stay under a big brush pile where they seemed to be at home and enjoy the bark on the brush or limbs, but Sunday morning after an all night snowdrift, a bank of snow about 5 feet high had collected around the brush heap. Thinking the rabbits had taken shelter in the barn or some other place no attention was paid as to their whereabouts. Monday and Tuesday they were still missing. Wednesday morning we thought we would find them dead under the brush in the spring when the snow went off but Wednesday afternoon they came digging out through the top of the snowbank all safe, fresh and lively.

A lot of stock and farm implements were sold at auction at Mr. Ed. Wylie's house near Ashtabula. Mr. P. P. Peasants being the principal buyer and the mortgagee.

The echo of some far away music and many voices appearing to be a happy and jolly spirit has just reached the ear of your correspondent and we understand the jollity took place at Gallatin postoffice Nov. 25th. A large number of friends and neighbors had gathered to greet Mr. and Mrs. Aichison upon their 20th anniversary of united wedlock, and as your scribe has known the couple for over five years he wants to join in with the many friends who were present in wishing them all possible success, prosperity and happiness the remainder of their days and hoping that when five years more does elapse, John will give us a wink and we will all be on deck. John Aichison is one of those jolly sort of fellows always ready to accommodate a neighbor or friend and can entertain anyone with a good old chat and if he gets well started he is liable to talk all the buttons off your clothes. Mrs. Aichison is like her John, with a big heart and always ready to help where help is needed. They have a large number of friends but few enemies, being one of the first settlers at Gallatin their names are well known—incidents of their earlier pioneer life further north before they came to Gallatin proves the fact that they have had their share of hardships, struggles and trials but his wife has stood by his side and batted the foe, and today they are on the side of victory and their labor is crowned with success. No wonder their home was full on the evening of the 25th, and that they all went home rejoicing. DAD.

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