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WEARY PILGRIMS.

Already California pilgrims are returning. There is neither work nor business for emigrants, and great suffering prevails at Los Angeles and San Jose.

THE BATTLE'S OVER.

Smith and Kilrain fought 106 rounds Monday, when darkness closed in on them and the fight was declared a draw. The men were about evenly matched, although Kilrain was the better wrestler.

DELEGATES AT LARGE.

Messrs. Johnson, of Ordway, McCormack, of Grand Forks, and Dodge, of Jamestown, are the delegates at large from the Aberdeen Basco. Editor Potter, the divisionist, alleges that Mr. Dodge, who is attorney for the Manitoba at Fargo, and who was the most active railroad man in the last legislature, is a candidate for Gifford's shoes. If the railroads can accomplish it Mr. Dodge may get there.

THE ANTI-DIVISION CONVENTION

Is over and the majority of the delegates have returned home, sadder and wiser men. But few delegates attended, and the honest ones discovered that a cold deck had been rung in on them. The convention endorsed a "memorial" to congress and elected "delegates" to worry the congressmen, and then folded its tent like the Arabs and as silently stole away. The delegates will probably, like a fly on a coach wheel, tell their children, twenty years later, that they secured the passage of an enabling act. Gifford, Ordway, Springer and the "fool congress" will have to take a back seat when the roster of great men who have helped Dakota is called. Griggs county showed its sense by its absence. Barnes county seemed tickled to death at the recognition it has had in the past, and was desirous of still keeping the territory (which has ignored its claims as a great, central, and populous county) intact.

THE BONDS.

The county commissioners at their last session found but one bid awaiting them for the proposed bonds to fund outstanding indebtedness. That proposition was made by Mr. Fulton and was to take bonds in the amount of $20,000 at seven per cent. and allow the county $285 premium on the issue. The commissioners desire to float the bonds at six per cent, and refused the bid. The next meeting will be in January when the subject will be again considered. The bonds will be gilt-edged securities, and we presume the commissioners know what they are doing. However, as the people desire to shift the burden of debt to the future, in order that all lands not now cultivated, and future incoming capital, may share in carrying it, we hope some action will be taken. If capitalists and bond buyers are not apprised of the sale further advertising should be resorted to; if they are apprised of the sale six per cent. bonds are not very marketable.

QUARRELSOME.

The Pioneer Press and St. Paul Globe each run a Saturday supplement which they call their Dakota edition. They are intended to be in the interest of the territory, and we are free to say that they are ably edited and have been the means of disseminating a vast amount of information about Dakota that would otherwise not have been known. Lately, however, they have been drifting into the course adapted by the Valley City press of a few years ago, which not only destroyed the usefulness and profit of the editors, but sunk the city itself into a hole from which it has with difficulty been able to extricate itself. The people are not particularly interested in the personal quarrels of these editors, and while the Enterprise would not presume to criticise those who are so much older and abler, we cannot but murmur under our breath that most expressive of all slang terms, "Come off."

Since writing the above, we find the same opinion expressed by the Canton Advocate, a South Dakota paper, and copied into the Minneapolis Evening Journal.—Sanborn Enterprise.

The Pioneer Press says: Maj. Edwards left for home to-night disgusted with the result. He said to the PIONEER PRESS reporter: "I'll bet $100 I can go to washington and beat any d—d committee they can send there." It was the opinion of a number of delegates that the whole business was prearranged in the interest of certain localities. Harmony was the prevailing sentiment of to-day, but it was a sort of harmony that is produced with a club. Every objection to the programme laid out was voted down in the interest of harmony, until the term became a veritable "chestnut," and provoked laughter at every reference to it. Marshal Maratta was on the ground all day as a member of the Cass county delegation. The Temporary Chairman Preston was one of the best things of the convention, being clear, concise and withal from a true Republican standpoint. The convention was not as large attended as its projectors had hoped but men present were enthusiastic. What it will accomplish at Washington remains to be seen. Springer's letter is considered to be a strong indication of the purpose of democrats, though some regard it as equivocal and in no sense binding on his party. The Washington delegation is more or less criticised on account of two or three objectionable men, who have been too prominent in past factional quarrels to properly represent a movement such as this is alleged to be. The divisionists present feel that the result of the convention will not prove a formidable obstacle in the consideration of their claims at Washington, and propose to meet all arguments there.

The Creamery.

According to the Enterprise at the Sanborn creamery meeting the following estimate was shown:

Daily expense of making 360 pounds of butter from 400 cows:

Four skimmers	$ 8 00
Butter maker	3 00
Superintendent	3 00
Salt and butter color	36
Six firkins at 23 cents	1 38
Ice $75 per annum	30
Fuel	75
Wear and tear	1 00
Interest on $4,000 at 10 per cent	1 35
Insurance $100	35
Sundry expenses	1 00
Total cost of making	$20 49
Freight to Chicago, ¾ of a cent	2 70
Commission for selling	3 60
	$26 75
Or an average of about 7½c per pound.	
The cream at 15 cents	54 00
Total daily cost	$80 79
360 pounds of butter at 24 cents	$86 40
180 gallons butter milk at 2 cents	3 60
Amount of daily receipts	$90 00
Daily profit	$9 00

Following committees were appointed:

On building—A. B. Cox, C. A. Van Wormer and A. Moffat.

Finance—D. F. Siegfried, Wm. Holliday and C. H. Bauder.

Number of Cows—S. Grannis, A. Djuberg, G. W. Orange, Fred Reidman, Henry Smith, N. Munson, Benj. Smith, O. L. North, John Holliday, H. Hilborn, Chas Flynn, D. R. Swartout, Henry Miller and John Shearer.

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. Piatt, 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. Jimeson, 3; P. Rorvig, 25; P. Rorvig, 10; Jake Merriam, 20; Clark and Shelden, 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. Langford, 8; Aslak Gunderson, 6; T. A. Huso, 9; O. P. Anderson, 6; John Hogenson, 5; E. C. Butler, 10; W. A. Baker, 4; Helge Larson, 9. Richard Hall, 2; Charley Hall, 3; B. B. Brown, 3; J. N. Brown, 18; Henry Pinkerton, 3; S. Simpkins, 3: Rans J. Lund, 10; Mr. Fosholdt, 8; M. Sutherland, 6; H. Larson 5; Edward Stai 6; L. O. Stai, 5; M. Filstad, 5; Chas. Lee 5; August Johnson 3; Retli Bros. 24; Wm. Arnd 4; Wm. Cook 4; C. H. Fromm 5, and his neighbors 24; Anna S. Halvorson 3.

The following list is furnished by Mr. Thor Serumgard: Thor Serumgard, 7; E. Monson, 10; Kari Opheim, 8: John Engen, 10; Andrew Carlson, 10; John Mustad, 8; Ole Bjudstad, 8; Gunder Johnson, 10; John Arneson, 8; John Oudle, 10; Iver Seim, 8; Olson Bros. 22: John R. Olson, 10; Emil Carlson, 5; Hilstad Bros. 8; Ole Christofferson, 3; Andrew Knudson, 10; Harry Pashley, 12; Steen Nelson, 10; Gunderson Bros. 6; Peder Pederson, 6; 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.

His Uther Nabirs.

I hav 2 mor nabirs which is in gret trubl. The wirld sems ful ov misri an disapointment. Tha air 2 young batchelers that bot a kat last sumr betwean thumb. Tha xpektd that kat to bord with 1 of thum 1 week and with number 2 the next wek like a skul mam an ketch the myse in both howsis but she want that kind ov a kat; an she nu a gud thing wen she saw it. Tha liv a litel way from helena P. O. The kat haz stad oll winter with numbir 1 an now he wants to colect haf the kats bord from number 2. Tha air gon to hev legil advis on the subjic and if tha go to law the wirld can find out what a kats bord iz wirth whitch hez always been a vext questin. Plese send a markt kopy ov this frendly notis to them at helena P. O. and oblig.

Tha tel me the hotl in Koperstown is toby clost az a hotel an ophend as a liver stabil. The box stals is thar but a god mewl would kick the el off the hows it is that porly repaid, or get drowdnd in the celir. Mister Eddv ov fargow betir com up an run it himself an we wil indite him fur caryn a conseled cess pool in hiz celir and a colt draft under his clabords. WILLUM WILLUMS.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

Convened Dec. 20th, 1887, at 2 p. m., according to adjournment.

Present Commissioners Cooper, Hemmingson and Hogenson.

Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

On motion road poll of Chas. Nelson for 1886 and 1887 was refunded, also road poll of William Green for 1886 was refunded and abated for 1887.

On motion refunding order was ordered issued for tax sale certificates on nw¼ Sec. 30. Tp. 145 R. 61 for 1884 and 1885 with 12 per cent. interest from date of sale and taxes abated on same land for 1886 and 1887 as same having been assessed wrongfully.

On motion the following gopher certificates and overseers receipts, clerk of courts certificates and bills was allowed

Gopher certificate of Nellie Suiherland endorsed to John Syverson & Co.	$5.16
A. A. Fluto, overseers receipts	3 72
P. Gunderson "	3 12
F. H. Adams, clerk of courts certificate	2 20
Wm. T. McCulloch, clerk of court's certificate	3 10
John Syverson & Co., mdse per bill	11 93
F. B. King, mdse per bill	18 20
Carl E. Skarie, roadwork	34 12
Rollin C. Cooper, service as commissioner	23 10
M. L. Michaels, janitor's salary	58 50
Albert A. Coleman, road work	13 13
Hans J. Lund, road work	13 50

On motion the following bills in case of Andrew Nelson, insane, was allowed and the clerk requested to forward statement of the amount to the brothers in Winnebago county, Iowa, and ask them to pay same to the county:

M. M Michaels, care, board, treatment, etc	44 65
Theo. F. Kerr, medical examination, etc	9 00
Iyer Jacobson; services as commissioner of insanity	4 00
Rollef Berg, witness fees	2 00
Thomas Troulson, witness fees	2 00
John Michaels, witness fees	2 00
Peter E. Nelson, commissioner of insanity	6 00
Theo. F. Kerr, cash paid for meddiine, etc	9 50

On motion proposition of H. G. Pickett to write $20,000 insurance on the court house and contents for the term of three years at a rate of 1½ per cent taking in pay county warrants at 85c on the dollar and to give the county the benefit if the county warrants can be sold for cash for more than 85c on the dollar at the time of issuing policies Jan. 5th, 1888, in the following companies: German Fire, New York German American, New York; Continental, New York; Washington F. & M. Boston; Springfield F. & M. Springfield; St. Paul Fire & Marine St. Paul; Phoenix Assurance London, England, was accepted.

On motion personal property tax of Hans L. Staie on page 34 in tax list for 1886 was stricken from tax list as he having been assessed twice.

On motion the following road overseers reports was accepted and each one be allowed $1.50 per day for their work: C. E. Skarie, Dist. No. 13, 17 days at $1.50 $25 was allowed in 2 orders viz; $11 and $14.50.

Henry Retzlaff, Dist. No. 6, 15 days at $1.50, $22.50.

John M. Dahl, Dist. No. 4, 14 days at $1.50, $21.

Hans J. Lund, Dist. No. 3, 13 days at $1.50, $19.50.

T. C. Knapp, Dist. No. 10, 9 days at $1.50, $13.50, and 9 days with team at $1.50, $13.50, total, $27.

Andrew Fortney, Dist. No. 14, 12 days at $1.50 $18.

Albert A Coleman, Dist. No. 1, 13½ days at $1.50, $20.25, 40 miles travel 5c $2, tototal $22.25.

Nels E. Nelson. Dist. No 5. 14 days at $1.50, $21, and use of plow 4 days at 50c $2, $23.

O. A. Johnson, Dist. No. 9, 14 days at $1.50, $1.

Olaf Ostlund, Dist. No. 12, 10 days at $1.50. $15.

On motion bill of Nels E. Nelson $8 for work as overseer Dist. No. 7 for the year 1886 was rejected.

On motion proposition of Fulton & Gousan per F. R. Fulton to pay $20,265 for $20,000 bonds of Griggs county bearing interest at 7 per cent. was rejected.

On motion adjourned.

ROLLEF BERG, Clerk.

WILLOW.

It's trying hard to give us a little winter but don't succeed very well.

O L. Reed started for Fort Dodge, Ia., last Monday to be gone a few weeks.

Lige Hamilton says he is going home this winter if he can get there in time to start back here again.

Wm. Healy still tarries with us. Expect that when he does go it will be for a year or two as he has let his farm to B. C. Bound for two years.

Mrs. H. V. Lafford holds the reins over the finest matched team of carriage horses in the town of Willow.

We think that Gov. Church's position in regard to horses condemned and shot on account of glanders is untenable, insomuch that if the law supports his position it would become necessary to condemn and kill perfectly sound horses in order to get a valid claim against the territory for them. No glandered horses need apply under Church's ruling.

Is the territory divided or not? We did not learn the result of their deliberations. The question of woman suffrage is to be settled this Friday eve.

Mrs. Buchheit will not go east until after the holidays we hear.

The little folks will have a Christmas tree at Postmaster Clarke's Saturday evening and are anticipating a pleasant time.

Annie Cameron, daughter of Peter Cameron, of Willow, died the 16th ult., at the residence of H. Reed at Fort Dodge, Ia.

A Merry Christmas to all and the Courier readers in particular. CHRIS X.

GALLATIN.

We wish to inform Ashtabula Dad, that our cow gives more than a cupful this fall and at this time gives a half bucket a day, and if you were here Olaf you could get some as I suppose your cow is about dry on account of the hail last summer. We throw away a paliful every other day and no babies to eat it.

S. B. Langford is jubilant over his success in shipping a car of wheat to Duluth. His whole car netted him 10c above our market price,—enough to pay a thresh bill.

C. Arastad was the first to show his authority in taking up different parties stock in this town. I wish some of our generous neighbors would call around and whack up for hay, potatoes, grain and broken boards enough to make a lumber yard in which we are the loser.

P. M. Atchison is getting a few of the finny tribe. He made a nice catch of about 50 nice pickerel and some of them beauties. I took a hand with him.

We have been expecting to hear from Col. Frost and his malaria turnips but I guess he is too sick to write.

Who makes the plum pudding this year, and hang the mistletoe and ring the merry bells at Gallatin and the Christmas tree.

After New Year will tell whether our winter will continue as mild as now. A trapper could sleep out of doors with care now.

I met some Nimrods today and they wanted to know if I knew where their was any grouse. I told them there was a few but the law was out so they concluded to try their revenge on rabbits.

JOHN.

It Beats the World.

R. C. Cooper has had six well bred horses at pasture on his ranch until yesterday the 19th day of December. They have lived and grazed on the open prairie during the season and came in as fat as seals.

A Correction.

In the letter from Redfield published last week the types made Mr. Dawes say that the creamery did not run in the winter, and could not be run in the winter. The letter read that they do run in the winter, and that a creamery can be run here in the winter, and successfully.

At Dr. Virgo's.

Dr. Virgo has on the road, and will be here by the last of the week, or sooner, an extra fine line of plush photograph albums, a very fine line of plush toilet sets, and a good line of plush odor cases. Those he has had in stock, are all sold. A nice line of plush work boxes, also autograph albums and autograph easels, and a full line of alabaster vases. Wait, and do not buy, until this variety of goods arrive. He has still a large stock of plush goods, and has sold quite a number.

Notice of Annual Meeting.

All the members of the Farmers Mutual Insurance Company of Griggs county, D. T., are respectfully requested to meet in Cooperstown on Tuesday the 3d day of January, 1888, at 10 o'clock a. m. Officers for the ensuing year are to be elected at this meeting. Some changes are to be made in our fire department and other important business will come before the meeting. All members ought to attend and we hope they will do so.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

ANDREW JOHNSON, Secretary.

Christmas.

Monday evening, Dec. 26th, the Baptist and Congregational societies will have Christmas festivities at the Congregational church. Santa Claus in all his glory will be on deck. There will be a Christmas tree, with music, recitations, etc 7 p. m. sharp.

The Christmas dance at the schoolhouse Monday night will open with slow music at 9 p. m. All the young people are on the qui vive and "a general good time" is fondly anticipated.

TOWN TALK.

Henry Retzlaff says the Farmers Mutual of Grigg county has been a good thing and that the objections commonly urged against it are disproved by two years of successful work. Hail storms never yet knocked out a whole county.

Julius Stevens says the creamery milk cans ought not to cost more than half the amount generally charged by a creamery outfitting establishment, and that creamery goods can be manufactured or sold in Cooperstown for less than creamery estimates.

John Syverson: The creamery project is looking up. We want the farmers to join it. Then if there is a profit they can share in it.

John Pashley: I have had a good deal of experience in hotel keeping but this is the only town I ever officiated in where the boarders and the help run the house. If you fire the boys out of the kitchen more than twice a day they threaten to leave, and if you deprive the girls of dishwashing society the help strike. As boarders and help are as scarce as hen's teeth I have to be very good natured. Somebody else can try the hotel now. I have had enough of it.

Wanted.

20,000 pounds dressed pork. Will pay 6 cents per pound delivered at my meat market.

HARRY H. BAKER, Hope, D. T.

Taken Up.

Nov. 18th, 1 black bull calf six months old, 1 red bull calf 3 months old, R. C. COOPER.

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