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DAKOTA MUST COME IN.

The tenor of replies made to the Pioneer Press by members of the present congress, and published last Saturday, indicates that, at last, the stubborn resistance of that body to the demands of Dakota is giving way to a late-awakened sense of shame, and an unwillingness to perpetuate injustice. By the sheer momentum of her material importance has Dakota fought and forced her way into the union of states. And now that a national contest is near at hand, when even the Democratic party dare not be handicapped with the weight of this monstrous wrong, there is a substantial unanimity of opinion. Dakota will come in. It is risking nothing to say that an enabling act will be passed this winter, under which a convention may be called and a constitution prepared for submission to congress in the session of 1888. It would be too much to expect of human nature, probably, that a Democratic body should permit a territory certainly Republican to become a state in advance of the next presidential election. But, as soon after that as may be, one or two Dakotas will be added to our national roll. It is probable that compliance with the demand of the people will go no farther than this. That division also, for which Dakota has asked as preliminary to division even since she could show the qualifications for statehood, will be conceded in a matter more doubtful. Not all of those who favor admission will vote for division; and not a few members of congress content themselves with the Delphic answer, that they are ready to vote for one state or two as the people of the territory may decide. They decided that thing many a year ago, and have kept on deciding it at every opportunity, and always in the same way. At the last election this issue, divorced from all confusing questions, was presented to them, and they rendered the same answer. But the probability is that the territory will come in as a whole.

The Pioneer Press has fought for years the battle for division and admission. It took this ground for it believed, from every fact of natural situation and every indication of development, that division of this great commonwealth was best, not only for that commonwealth itself but for the nation. When people filled with vision point to the power and prestige of New York, and predict a like future for Dakota, the answer is that the course of political events, making New York state almost the arbiter of national destiny in great crises, shows the existence of great states like this to possess elements of peril. In championing division, the Pioneer Press has not spoken for the politicians, nor even for the people of Dakota alone, but for the people of the whole United States. Nevertheless, we would no longer make this a hard and fast condition. The essential thing, in the interests of justice and for the promotion of Dakota's prosperity, is that she become a state. It is now a fact to be admitted that there is a growing difference of opinion on this issue among her own citizens. It is not in the proceedings of artificial bodies like the recent Aberdeen convention that is manifested, but in the election returns, which show a majority of but 3,000 in favor of division in a popular vote of the territory. Doubtless the real preponderance of desire, in a full vote, is much greater; but the fact remains that this is the declared result, when every citizen knew beforehand just how much depended upon a full and overwhelming expression of the popular will. If sentiment within the territory is as nearly balanced as that, we know of no reason why those outside should persist in rejecting any compromise unless division be made a first condition. The all-important thing is that Dakota should be brought into the Union; two states or one, as the case may be. Admission appears to be an admitted necessity by a majority of congress. Let us have a Dakota in the Union before the next president shall take his seat.—Pioneer Press.

Hon. Daniel Manning, late secretary of the treasury of the United States died last Saturday.

It is rumored that E. C. Johnson, who for two years has not been absent a single night from the editorial and news editor's desk on the Sioux Falls Press—and who is one of the best writers on the territorial press—will shortly start a paper at Sioux Falls in the interests of Judge Palmer, who will be off the bench in time to be a candidate for delegate to congress—if he can be induced to take it—by Johnson and his friends.—Bismarck Tribune.

Dakota does well in every thing she undertakes. The Bureau of Statistics at Washington has just issued its report on wool, and Dakota makes a very good showing. In 1880 there were but 193 sheep in the whole Territory. In 1870 there were 1,901 and the wool clip was 8,810 pounds. In 1880 the number had increased to 30,244 and the wool clip amounted to 157,125 pounds. In 1883 the number of sheep was 140,000; in 1884 to 182,000; in 1885, 183,820; 1886, 253,672; and the present year the number is 256,209. Other territories report their number of sheep for this year as follows: Idaho, 241,413; Montana, 754,688; Wyoming, 535,020.—New Era.

The Northern Pacific ticket agents along the line have been notified by the general manager to pay no attention to the railroad commissioners' notice respecting reduction of passenger rates. Consequently upon this, the commissioners have appealed to the traveling public to resist payment of four cents per mile and suggest that the passenger tender the exact amount necessary for the ticket to the station agent and if the ticket is refused, it is recommended that the passenger board the cars, state the facts to the conductor, and make him the same tender, taking his option between paying under protest the additional sum if demanded, or else incurring the risk of ejection from the train. It would seem that his appeal to the public in the interests of lowering fares would bring out an abundance of test cases at once. A few ejections from the cars would bring this vexed question to a speedy decision.—Ex.

The most thoroughly disgusted people on the American continent are those foolish souls who have been flocking to the western coast, allured to California by the hallucinatory anticipation of a life of luxury and ease. "California is a good place for the rich," is the word which comes back in almost every instance. The rainy season has set in, and we can imagine how disagreeable this prolonged drizzle must be to any Dakotan who happens to be caught in it.—Sanborn Enterprise.

Prof. L. A. Rose of Fargo, was elected one of the vice presidents at the national convention of republican clubs at New York yesterday. Prof. Rose is an educator and lecturer who, if opportunity presented, could instruct some members on the national committee upon the geography of Dakota. One of the principal reasons why Dakota does not compel quicker recognition of her claims to statehood is the ignorance of public man as to her relative geographical importance in this country. A distinguished attorney and politician in Washington a few weeks since made the surprising admission to Judge Francis that he, the above-named statesman, was astonished to learn that the Missouri river flowed through the territory of Dakota. A few lessons in geography might help the statehood move considerably.—Alert.

The latest "fad" is an egg, with a small cork in the end. The contents are said to be a close imitation of the article which is prohibited after Jan. 1. One dollar and eighty-cents per dozen is getting a little high, for eggs.—Republican.

The Creamery.

The following list of milk 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, 3; Wm. McCulloch, 5; R. C. Cooper, 200; H. Fenner, 10; Ed. Hanson, 5; Arne Luekason, 10; D. F. Conant, 9; John Fiero, 40; Maynard Crane, 50; M. A. Ueland, 50; D. Nicol, 7; Wm. Howden, 5; W. C. Jameson, 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, 6; 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; Aslak Gunderson, 6; T. A. Huse, 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, 8; J. N. Brown, 18; Henry Pinkerton, 3; S. Simpkins, 8; Rans J. Lund, 10; Mr. Fosholdt, 8; M. Sutherland, 6; H. Larson 5; Edward Stal 6; L. O. Stal, 5; M. Filstad, 5; Chas. Lee 5; August Johnson 3; Retil 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 Serungard: Thor Serungard, 7; E. Monson, 10; Karl Opheim, 8; John Engen, 10; Andrew Carlson, 10; John Mustad, 8; Ole Bjurstad, 8; Gunder

Johnson, 10; John Arneson, 8; John Oudle, 10; Iver Seim, 8; Olson Bros. 23; John B. Olson, 10; Emil Carlson, 5; Hilstad Bros. 8; Ole Christofferson, 3; Andrew Knudson, 10; Harry Pasnley, 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.

WILLOW.

The Christmas number of the Courier was altogether a daisy.

Thomas Moore thinks that carrying the mail these days ain't what it is cracked up to be.

The L. S. discussion will be held at E. W. Hagerty's tomorrow (Saturday) night.

Are the new years resolutions to be cut straight or on the bias. We suggest that they be cut straight with the warp, as they wear longer cut that way.

This will do for winter weather.

E. S. Hamilton lost a good cow last week.

At Fort Dodge, Iowa, Dec. 5th, to Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Reed, a daughter.

Did you enjoy your Christmas dinner? We did.

The little folks' Xmas tree was a success. Santa Claus didn't forget them.

Wm. Healy left for the east last Friday to be gone an indefinite time.

E. W. n's poor marksmanship saved him the penalty for killing prairie chickens out of season the other day. Better mind a leetle out. You might accidentally hit a chick and then you would get into trouble sure.

After a good summer's work blacksmithing, John Quirk is taking a rest.

ASHTABULA.

Chas. Anderson has built a house and barn and is now enjoying home comfort. He has a good reaping machine and made good money this fall, building his house after his house after his machine was laid up.

Chas. Fancher went to town with a load of wheat and got a job to go in the woods for the winter. He sent word to his wife and off he started. Charley is one of the good boys. He left enough to eat and keep warm so that his family is all right.

Jacob Rapp and Bob Kuzle had all their potatoes frozen while they wintered down the valley chopping wood. They say they won't make enough to pay for the potatoes they have lost.

Thank God for better prospects. At last our bonanza farmers and some of our business men have got tired of 50c wheat. They think it is worth more. Why sure enough it must be when these big fellows say so, but why didn't they say so before? We do, however, hope that this move will be a move to success for all, and for us little fellows too. We have seen the wolf of starvation working his way up to our door for the last few years, but we are so bound with bad debts and encumbered with mortgages that all our cries and lamentations have been in vain. But just let a few of our influential moneyed men rise to their feet and declare war between right and wrong and demand justice, something will have to come and "don't you forget it." If we little fellows ever get a chance to shake off our debts and mortgages and join in the busy turgong, we will make the welkin ring. So let us all be united to welcome the English wheat buyers. Competition is what we want.

Judge Dennett has added to his farm a windmill with feed mill attached. Go and get your feed ground.

This was more like it said an old timer by the way it hung on. And has the golden northwest has begun to pour out its cooling, refreshing and natural atmosphere, why bless ye editor, if ye w-n't stuff the waste basket with this little epistle of mine I will join in with the many voices that will soon ring with an echo through the columns of the Courier testifying to the many different experiences with blizzards, snowbanks and frosts. Many a finger, ear and nose, has shared the fate with their fellow toes. In the last blizzard they all got frozen, in spite of earlaps, mits or woolen cloths. This last blow has made us feel at home.

Why you see, when we wake up in the morning and have to climb out through the chimney, crawl out through the window or tunnel yourself out through the door, shovel yourself into the barn, dig a hole in the snowbank to get into the chicken coop, and hunt around the yard o'top of the snowbanks to find out where the pig pen was, or to dig your pigs out and have to carry your shovel along from one place to another like a lantern at night, then it is we Dakotans feel at home, and while we busy ourselves doing the chores while the wind is blowing 40 miles a minute, and the snow sticks to your eyebrows and eyewinkers like a swarm of bees, so that you are liable to lose your way to the house from the barn, we don't have much time to sing "sweet home" but often think of the sunny south.

Mrs. Ed. Wylie has made her home with her daughter, Mrs. Chas. Anderson, while Ed. is gone.

The two year old daughter of Mr. O. Sanders, while playing, fell and struck her chin against a nail and bit her tongue nearly in two. She takes after her father, he played the same game when nine years old.

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 push photograph albums, a very fine line of push toilet sets, and a good line of push odor cases. These he has had in stock, are all sold. A nice line of push work boxes, also autograph albums and autograph cases, and a full line of alabaster vases. Wait, and do not buy, until this variety of goods arrive.

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.

ADDITIONAL LOCAL.

E. C. Cooper had his new seal skin cap exchanged for an old one while he was in taking a meal at the Headquarters at Fargo last week. He searched through the east and west bound trains standing on the track at Fargo to see if he could discover the obliging person that made the mistake but without success, and thereupon telegraphed Editor Adams, who was en route for St. Paul, to look out for the hat as he thought it was on that same eastbound train. Mr. Adams soon after answered back that he had the cap all O.K., and now R. C. has two caps instead of one. A drummer who visits Cooperstown occasionally had it, and claims that he took it by mistake, although Mr. Cooper's initials were in it plain enough for anyone to see.

We understand that Frank Carpenter, of Hope, will, within a few days, open a meat market at Cooperstown. Frank is a rustler, and understands the butcher business. The Cooperstown people may depend upon his dealing out some choice cuts when he gets there. We wish the young man success in his new venture.—Sherbooke Tribune.

E. Tibbels, of Valley City, a prospective landlord for the Palace, was up looking over the house Tuesday. Mr. T. says he will take it if Mr. Eddy will accept his proposition, but he would not accept it at any price unless the house is fixed up fit to live in.

We are told that the boys are getting up a series of club dances the first one to take place on Monday night at the good Templars lodge room.

Will Gimblett has sold his stock, etc., to his brother Thomas.

Prof. Hodge and wife—the successful principal and assistant of the Cooperstown school are spending the holidays among old friends and acquaintances in the city.—Times.

H. Amerland, of Fargo, agent for E. C. Eddy was in town Wednesday, taking an inventory at the Palace.

Edw. Koteon of Ottawa, and Larson & Walen Jessie, renew their subscriptions.

John Fosholdt is among our late subscribers. He has five cows and is in favor of a creamery.

The Cooperstown anti-division convention presents the amusing anomaly of instructing its delegates to vote and work for division. The facetious Adams assisted the "antis" in their deliberations.—Enterprise.

Just received a late importation of Elmhursts at A. N. Adams; call early and get the benefit of rock bottom prices.

Joel Jimerson's imagination has been too much for him, and he is laid up this morning with rheumatism—or imagines he is.

John Glass has invented a new heater that will discount even Jimmy Walker's great patent. John has one of those electric lamps which he places inside a stove pipe and then imagines that it throws out heat enough to make the atmosphere of a tropical temperament. He will apply for a patent.

The boarders at the Palace presented the cook and dining room girl with very handsome Christmas souvenirs. Harry Pease gracefully made the presentation.

All lovers of good music should not forget Prof. Aagaard's musical concert at the court-house this evening.

Saturday was a busy day with all our merchants Syverson, King, Lawrence's, Jameson's and Virgo were on the jump all day, while Ward, with an extra force, was dishing up meals in such a hurry that they had to handle the platters with gloves on their hands to keep from getting burned by the electricity caused by rapid motion.

Will Blow is going back to Montana, soon.

Drs. Kerr and Newell removed a small tumor from little Flossie Cooper's nose, Monday.

A lively time is reported as occurring up north the other evening, in which somebody got hurt.

Ed. Warner and Harry Pease will quit counter-skipping at Lawrence's on the first. Ed. will make the farmers tired by talking insurance, while Harry will look around for a snap.

Miss Grace White is enjoying a few days vacation in town.

Lewis Brown is prostrated with sickness.

Will Eddy and Benj. Climie took an important step towards starting in the new year last Monday—they "jined" the lodge.

Prof. Aagaard and Enger have abandoned the proposed dance for tonight, but if you want to hear some good music go to the concert at the court house this evening.

Those "fellars" who met the train the other evening to greet Al. didn't get left at all. Oh, no, just as you would notice.

Christ Serungard presented the Courier foreman with a pair of elegantly carved wooden shoes a la de Chinese shape. Thanks, they make first-rate dancing pumps, or in an emergency would do to hitch up for cutters.

Married.

At the residence of Mr. J. A. Lawrence of this town, on Dec. 29th, 1887, by Rev. O. D. Purinton, Mr. Albert C. Wanderlich, of Red Wing, Minn., and Miss Christine Knudson, of Cooperstown, Dak.

The bride and groom are well and favorably known in Cooperstown, and the COURIER joins with a host of friends in extending congratulations, wishing them many, many happy and prosperous years of wedded life. They left on this morning's train for Wahpeon their future home.

TOWN TALK.

Wm. Glass: I think a gymnasium would be a fine thing for the town. It is harder work than bucking wood, but if it is called by some other name than hard work the boys would not think about the hard part but would patronize it.

Joel Jimerson: If we had two week's business like we had last Saturday we would be able to pay our debts and be independent.

The Boarders: We have got to write up some rules for the new landlord to follow. We have run the Palace the past year, and we don't propose to have a landlord fire us out of the kitchen and shut down on us taking a piece of pie or drinking a glass of milk occasionally. We will continue to run it.

Jimmy Walker: If they get no tenant for the Palace, I will take the upper story and run a ten cent lodging house.

John Lloyd: Yes, by all means, let's adjourn lodge for two weeks. There is a creamery meeting on Saturday, and we don't want to conflict with that.

Kid to Santa Claus: Go and lay down, you are the same hahen Chinese that was a nigger a few days ago. Yer can't fool me.

Frank Carpenter: You fellows kick a little too hard on that steak business. It is not the fault of the butcher entirely, that it is tough, but the fault of the cook and—old ox.

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