

# The Pioneer.

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Seems like Fargo can't play ball this season. But maybe they will get their fighting clothing on after awhile.

Up at Fessenden the prohibition law is said to be no good. In two or three cases last week the state's witnesses failed to appear before the judge.

Theodore Durrant, the California murderer, will hang by the neck until the doctors cut him down, at an early date, for the murder of a young San Francisco lady. Most of us recall the circumstances leading to this awful crime.

Geo. Macheel, of Hankinson, while drunk, attempted to kill his wife and children, but failing to accomplish the deed, turned the gun upon himself, and the doctor was not called in. No need, he could do no good.

The five half breeds, murderers of the Spicer family at Wiconia sometime ago, are being tried in Bismarck and there is no question but what there will be five more coal shovelers for the hotter climate far below. By the confession of one or two, all five are guilty.

At New Rockford William Munn was convicted of incest. He should be hanged to Normand, and receive the same sentence. Robert Munn, his brother is held for trial for the same offense. The crime was committed last winter, and the girl is a child. Such brutes ought to be severely dealt with.

The postoffice plums are pulling nicely in North Dakota, just about now. The following appointments were made Friday last:

Ayr, F. H. Dickinson; Churches Ferry, G. C. Chambers; Cummings, E. J. Graham; Dawson, W. F. Woerner; Donango, D. J. McDonald; Tappen, S. J. McCagg.

The North Dakota Veterans' association will hold its annual encampment at Spiritwood lake, fifteen miles from Minnetonka, July 1 to 6. Preparations will be made for an elaborate celebration of the Fourth, as all efforts in the city are centered on the annual fair, to given Sept. 21-24 by the Fair and Exposition association.

It is now denied by both the and department and Representative Johnson at Washington, that those charges against Register Sunderhauf, of the Fargo land office, were of much consequence. This is good news for the popular register and his many friends throughout the state.

It is getting to be a common phrase when a convict is doomed to be hanged or him to say "I will die like a man." Normand heard of it. Durrant also. So did Hayward, and so it goes. They seem to think there is much honor in being hanged by the neck, like a man. Why don't they be honest, and say they will die like a murderer."

August 2 is the date of the opening of the summer school for teachers, at the North Dakota Agriculture college at Fargo. The term will last four weeks. The same date and for the same purpose will be observed at the state normal at Mayville. These schools are a great help to teachers and no doubt are liberally attended by those interested. Full information can be obtained by addressing W. H. McArdle, Fargo, and W. E. Johnson Mayville.

The Western Mutual Fire Insurance Company has just been organized at Fessenden, and strictly a home product in every sense of the word. The officials are all prominent men of the state and such enterprising institutions should receive the support of every citizen. The Pioneer wishes the new company heaps of success. Following are the officers:

C. H. Davidson, Jr., president; L. L. Walton, vice president; T. L. Beiseker, secretary and treasurer. The directors are: L. L. Walton, Lemert, N. D. state railroad commissioner and farmer; H. U. Thomas, Minnewaukan, state agricultural commissioner; C. V. Brown, Cathay, member of constitutional convention, and implement dealer; T. N. Putnam, Carrington, lumber dealer and ex-county treasurer; C. H. Davidson, Jr., Carrington, president Carrington state bank; G. L. Farnham, Carrington, rancher and retired merchant; T. L. Beiseker, Fessenden, president Wells county state bank.

## Memorial Day.

Memorial Day in Hope was by no means what was expected. It was not, however, any fault of the good old veterans, the W. R. C. or the citizens; but the weather bureau was wholly in fault. As early as 4 o'clock in the morning the wind began to howl, and by breakfast time a perfect gale was on hand. Of course under such circumstances not many farmers cared to face the elements and come to town—and who could blame them? However, by noon a very large crowd was upon the streets, and the hotels and livery barns were full, reminding one of a regular old Decoration Day celebration in Hope.

According to the program published in The Pioneer last week, the G. A. R., Sons of Veterans, W. R. C., school children and citizens, formed in front of the G. A. R. hall and from there marched to the cemetery notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather. At noon the W. R. C. ladies served a nice dinner in their hall and reaped in \$15 for their work. Then at 2 o'clock Rev. W. E. Gifford delivered the oration in the town hall to a packed house. His remarks have never been surpassed in Hope and he held the anxious audience spell bound for a long hour. The usual program was there carried out by Geo. P. Foster Post No. 22, after which an adjournment was taken until 8 o'clock, when the Rev. Gifford again occupied the platform in the town hall, delivering his famous lecture "The Old Liberty Bell," and those who heard it—and everybody did—say it was simply grand. From the lecture the boys received \$45.50 and the citizens of Hope presented them \$80, total \$125.50. All in all considering the bad weather, the post and citizens feel thankful for such a successful and good time, as well as all the business houses.

Many of the private residences were beautifully decorated with flags, bunting and evergreens (from the Sheyene.) Had the wind kept quiet there would have been an awful crowd here that day,

and as it was, Cooperstown, Mardell, Sherbrooke, Finley, Blabon, Colgate, Page, Broadlawn, Clifford, Galesburg, Tower City, and many other neighboring towns were well represented.

## COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS.

Official Proceedings of the Board of County Commissioners of Steele County.

Sherbrooke, N. D., May 17, 1897.

Board of county commissioners convened at 10 o'clock a. m., pursuant to adjournment. Present, R. B. Cochrane chairman, and Commissioners Brown, King, Rindy and Williams.

The minutes of the meeting of April 23, 1897, were read and approved.

On motion the states attorney was instructed to secure the assistance of F. W. Ames in the case of Erakine vs Steele county, which has been brought in the United States district court.

On motion the following bills were allowed and ordered paid from the county general fund, viz:

Martin Reider, 6 weeks board of Ottie Ide, pauper at \$2.00..	\$ 12 00
Silas L Ingison, milk and cabbage furnished Mrs Cyris, pauper .....	2 87
Rodenberg, Beckerjeck & Co, supplies furnished Mrs Cyris, pauper .....	5 22
Rodenberg, Beckerjeck & Co, groceries and supplies furnished Mrs Cyris, pauper.....	10 20
H Amerland & Co, copying bath, copying book and ink for offices.....	9 60
Walker Bros, blanks and sundry supplies for county offices....	47 00

On motion the board adjourned to 1:30 p. m.

Board reconvened at 1:30 o'clock p. m., pursuant to adjournment. Present, R. B. Cochrane chairman, and Commissioners King, Brown, Rindy and Williams.

On motion the following bills were allowed and ordered paid from the county general fund, viz:

Charles G. Boise, cash advanced for express, cartage, postage and telephone .....	\$ 17 95
Nels E Engen, bounty on 4 wolves in Steele county at \$2.00..	8 00
Ed Hayford, cleaning offices and removing banking from county building.....	10 50
Geo A Warner, cash advanced and subsistence of prisoner in case State of North Dakota vs Rob't H Poorman .....	5 00
Steele County Mercantile Co, sundry supplies for county building.....	3 90
Hope Pioneer, publishing commissioner's proceedings and notices .....	28 95
Steele County Tribune, publishing commissioner's proceedings and notices.....	21 45

The committee appointed April 23, 1897, to inspect the old bridge between sections 3 and 10 in Edendale township, reported the bridge in good condition and recommended that the petition be laid on the table.

On motion the report of the committee was accepted and the said petition laid on the table.

On motion the resolution passed at the meeting of April 6, 1896, wherein it directed the payment of a bounty of \$2.00 for each wolf or coyote killed within Steele county, according to sections 1566 and 1567, was rescinded, all members voting aye.

On motion the petition for a bridge between section 2 in Norway in Steele county, and section 36-149-55 in Grand Forks county, was allowed as follows: Grand Forks county, to build the bridge and Steele county to pay one half the costs, in a sum not exceeding \$150.00.

On motion the time for receiving bids for building bridges was continued until 4 o'clock p. m.

The bill of Ole P Leen for board and care of Maria Baek, pauper, and procuring medicine for said pauper, laid on the table April 12, 1897, was taken from the table and allowed at \$ 26 00

On motion the bill of W I Warray for drawing plans and specifications for bridges, was allowed and ordered paid out of the road and bridge fund at 3 00

On motion the following bills were allowed and ordered paid out of the county general fund, viz:

Laor King, inspecting bridge site, commissioner's per diem and mileage, 88.65, cash advanced for work performed and building fence for Mrs Cyris, pauper, \$4.50, total....	\$ 13 15
J G Brown, commissioner's per diem and mileage.....	4 20
H J Rindy, inspecting bridge site, commissioner's per diem and mileage .....	7 80
O W Williams, commissioner's per diem and mileage.....	3 80
R B Cochrane, commissioner's per diem and mileage.....	3 80

The time for letting contracts for furnishing material, construction of bridges and delivering material for same having arrived, the bids were opened and contracts awarded the lowest bidders as follows:

On motion the bid of Wellington Van Dusen, to construct the four bridges for the sum of \$200.00, was accepted, bonds fixed at \$500.00 and said bridges to be completed by Aug. 1, 1897.

On motion the bid of the Beidler & Robinson Lumber Co., to furnish lumber except piling for \$447.00, was accepted.

On motion the bid of Luce, Warner & Loney, to furnish hardware for \$26.45, was accepted.

On motion the bid of John Duncan to haul the lumber for the Easton bridges at 75c per M. feet, and the Golden Lake bridge for \$1.50 per M. feet was accepted.

On motion the bid of L. N. Bugbee to haul the lumber for the Primrose bridge at \$2.50 per M. feet was accepted.

On motion the following bills were allowed and ordered paid, viz:

Tribune Job Printing Co, printing affidavits and furnishing sundry supplies.....	\$ 20 30
Tribune Job Printing Co, furnishing assessment books, listing blanks and assessment supplies complete for 1897....	84 40

On motion the board adjourned.

Attest: CHARLES G. BOISE,

County Auditor.

## Union Telephone Company.

Sherbrooke, N. D., May 21, 1897.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Union Telephone Company for the election of directors, pursuant to law, and the transaction of such other business as may come before said meeting, will be held at the office of the company, in Sherbrooke, N. D., on Tuesday, June 8, next, at one o'clock p. m.

M. B. CASSELL,

President.

JAMES D. BROWN, Secretary.

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