

effort for the good of the masses will go no further. If he persists in this kind of talk his Social Democracy scheme will close immediately in a stupendous failure.

Cressey's Art Entertainments.

A charming intellectual feast for our people will be served in the town hall next week. It consists of three illustrated lectures, shown by calcium light, with a double stereopticon, thrown on a screen 15 feet square. Tuesday, July 6, the subject will be, Washington City, 125 views; Wednesday, 7th, Best Things at the Fair, 125 views; Thursday, 8th, Scenes and Songs of the War. The latter illustrates sixteen land and naval battles of the war of the rebellion, and is interspersed with six patriotic songs—all on the screen. Admission, 25 cents; children, 10c. Next Sunday evening, July 4, in the Methodist church, Mr. Cressey will give an illustrated lecture on the life of the Saviour, entitled From Bethlehem to Calvary. This will be free, but a collection will be taken to defray the necessarily increased expense of such a service.

Congressman Cooke Dies Suddenly of Heart Disease.

Washington, June 25.—Congressman Edward Dean Cooke was found dead in his room at the Cochran hotel yesterday morning at 5 o'clock, presumably of heart disease. Mr. Cooke retired about 11 o'clock last night, apparently in good health. At 2 o'clock this morning Night Clerk Cochran was called to his room and found him suffering from nausea, but he soon recovered and declined to have a physician called. He returned to bed and nothing further was thought of the matter until Mr. Cochran returned to the hotel about 5 o'clock in the morning and went to Mr. Cooke's room to inquire for him. Mr. Cooke was dead and the physician who was immediately summoned said that he had apparently been dead for several hours. The members of the Illinois delegation were at once notified, and the sergeant-at-arms took charge of the body, which will be prepared at once for shipment to Chicago.

State Crop Report by Counties.

Burleigh—Bismarck—Heavy showers and warm weather the past week have materially improved all vegetation; early rye heading out; first sown wheat is well rooted and healthy; corn and potatoes backward but growing fast now.

Bottineau—Willow City—The past week has been good growing weather with two good rains which were badly needed as high winds, hot weather and frosts began to tell on crops, but the rains have changed that.

Barnes—Sanborn—Crops are doing well and we have plenty of moisture.

Cass—Watson—Weather favorable for all crops and wheat especially is doing well. Wild Rice—Crops have made rapid progress during the past week and conditions could not be much better. Argusville—Weather everything that could be asked; all kinds of small grain growing very fast.

Dickey—Ellendale—The weather has been very favorable with good showers at the right time and everything is growing as fast as it can. Monango—Weather perfect all the week for growing crops; rainfall abundant, crops coming very fast.

Eddy—Sheyenne—All crops have done well the past week as we have had good rains and warm weather.

Foster—Barlow—Plenty rain; plenty heat, makes the oats, makes the wheat get right on their taps; While the rye's making faces at the barleys swift paces in the great game of "crops."

The farmer's broad grin shows he's stuck on it—right on the top shelf; And the merchant's smile tells, as his broad bosom swells, that he's in it himself.

Grand Forks—Northwood—This week has been very favorable for crops of all kinds; the dampest and warmest week of the season; a week of redemption for crops damaged by the wind. Orr—The past week hot weather together with good showers has pushed crops forward rapidly. Reynolds—Showers during the week and crops growing nicely.

Griggs—Hanniford—Crops are growing very fast; weather warm with showers has brought crops forward very fast and prospects are now good. Gallatin—The rains and warm weather have just boomed the crops and everything not killed by the frost is growing fast; hay will be light.

McLean—Coal Harbor—Everything appears to have recovered from the freeze and grain could hardly look better; corn and potatoes are also doing well. Falconer—Rain and favorable weather the past week and crops are growing rapidly.

McIntosh—Jewell—We have had good rains the past week and everything looks nice. Ashley—Local showers have greatly improved the crops. The eastern and southern parts of the county have had eight showers the past week.

Pembina—Hamilton—Owing to excessive hot weather on the 13th and 14th following the fine rain and cooler weather since, all grain is improving fast; corn potatoes, etc. are backward. Akra—A few light showers has relieved the suffering grain but more rain is needed. Rye is heading out and stands very low; wheat and oats are in short blade and are also low growth.

Ramsey—Devils Lake—Crops coming on finely; one good rain the past week. Benzoine—The recent rains have fixed the crops in great shape and prospects for a good harvest are very bright if the weather continues favorable.

Richland—Barrie—Wheat picking up rapidly after the recent heavy showers. Oats and barley have been cut down so badly that the most favorable weather will not aid them materially. Hankinson—Daily rains and warm weather has done wonders for the crops, corn is about the only thing that has not recovered from the late frosts. Lidgerwood—The week has been very favorable for growing grain and crops are looking fine. Seymour—The past week has been a fair one, with good rains, which have been of great benefit to crops.

Sargent—Forman—The past week has been the most favorable of the season for crops; two heavy rains with warm weather has put them in good shape.

Stark—Dickinson—The past week has been favorable for all crops. Two good showers during the week have been of great benefit. Bellfield—One light shower the past week; crops are very late and grass is turning yellow; rain is needed.

Stutsman—Jamestown—Copious rain have made the past week very favorable for crops.

Towner—Sidney—Very hot, with a nice rain that has made the grain look very good.

Trails—Hillsboro—Past week has been very favorable; warm, with plenty of rain, and all kinds of crops are growing fast. Buxton—Crops of all kinds doing well; grain covers the ground and is a good color. Blanchard—All grain making rapid progress; frequent showers

continue; early planted potatoes and corn generally poor.

Walsh—Ardoch—Wheat is doing well and bids fair to be a '91 crop. Minto—The past week has been favorable for growth of vegetation of all kinds. Two good showers kept the earth moist. Pisek—The weather is excellent; good rains the past week and crops are looking strong and healthy. Hoople—Rain needed but nothing suffering; crops looking well and growing.

Ward—McKinney—The beginning of the week crops were somewhat damaged by hot winds, but a heavy rain on the 15th came just in time to save them. Almost eight inches of rain fell at that time, and in numerous places gardens and grain was washed out, especially in low places.

The Poet Breaks Loose.

Out in the wild west rustling for stuff
The collector may be seen in dismay,
He can't venture out on account of the storm,
But insists on drawing his pay.

The wires are down and mail snowed in,
No traveler can come or go away,
The landlord, of course, though business is dull,
Insists on drawing his pay.

And the livery man, we must not forget,
He knows all the country, they say,
But when he goes out he is sure to get lost,
Yet, he insists on drawing his pay.

Business men sit about in the hotel
And exchange lies in a liberal way,
While the clerks in their stores are doing no biz,
Yet insists on drawing their pay.

Old settlers tell us they have seen worse storms,
Way back in the earlier days,
This may be true but they don't venture out,
That is, those who are drawing their pay.

The editor sits with his pen in his hand
Merrily passing the time away,
The merits of the country he dare not discuss
On account of drawing his pay.

The train men wait orders very unconcerned
Of the prospects they have nothing to say,
It doesn't matter to him when he's called out
As long as he is drawing his pay.

The banker comes in for his supper at eve,
His vaults have been closed all day,
But what has he to worry about,
Of course he is drawing his pay.

The grain buyer sits in his office warm,
Everything is coming his way,
And if wheat continues to go up as it has
He, too, will be drawing his pay.

But alas, the collector is called to the house
And of his work he has nothing to say,
The manager says, old boy you're laid off,
And now he's not drawing his pay.

—H. A. S. In Cooperstown Courier.

Alliance Hall Insurance.

Crop prospects are good. Do not neglect protecting your crops against hail by insuring with the Alliance Hall Association, the cheapest and best.

WATSON E. BOISE, Agent.

Japan's Progressive Step.

Japan shows both its progressiveness and its financial honesty and sense in providing for gold and silver coinage at a ratio of 32 1-3 to 1. This is the commercial ratio enforced by Jefferson and sought by every succeeding administration until the Blandites tried to make a dollar out of 50 cents.—N. Y. World.

An Ancient Mark-Down Sale.

Hewitt—Cattle were once used as currency.

Jewitt—And I suppose when you went to a mark-down sale you saw a card reading: "Marked Down to One Calf. Former Price One Cow."

Notice of Timber Culture Final Proof.

UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE, Fargo, N. Dak., June 19, 1897.

Notice is hereby given that

HARRIETT ANDREWS

has filed notice of intention to make final proof before Register U. S. Land Office at his office in Fargo, N. Dak., on the 5th day of August, 1897, on timber culture application No. 12701, for the Ne quarter of section No. 28, in township No. 143, range No. 56.

He names as witnesses:

John Murphy, Maggie Murphy, Seymour E. Shinn, Frank Cole, of Ellsberry, Larmer county, North Dakota.

A. E. SUNDERHAUF, Register.

L. B. HANNA, Attorney. (1st pub June 24.)

Notice of Timber Culture Final Proof

UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE, Fargo, North Dakota, June 19, 1897.

Notice is hereby given that

WILLIAM McCLELLAN

has filed notice of intention to make final proof before Hon. Register U. S. Land Office at his office in Fargo, North Dakota, on the 5th day of August, 1897, on timber culture application No. 12874, for the SW quarter of section No. 32, in township No. 143, range No. 55.

He names as witnesses:

Henry Michels, Edward S. Davis, David Moug, Seymour E. Shinn, of Page, Cass county, North Dakota.

A. E. SUNDERHAUF, Register.

L. B. HANNA, Attorney. (1st pub June 24.)

Notice For Publication.

LAND OFFICE at Fargo, N. D., June 19, 1897.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before register and receiver, U. S. land office at Fargo, N. D., on August 5, 1897, viz:

HENRY MICHEL.

H. E. No. 18958, for the SW 1/4 of sec. 28, twp. 143, range 55.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz:

William McClellan, Edward S. Davis, David Moug, Seymour E. Shinn, of Page, Cass county, North Dakota.

A. E. SUNDERHAUF, Register.

L. B. HANNA, Attorney. (1st pub June 24.)

Notice of Hearing of Petition for Publication.

State of North Dakota,)
County of Steele) ss. County Court.

In the matter of the application of John J. Wamberg for druggist's license to sell intoxicating liquors:

Notice is hereby given, that I, the undersigned, have presented a petition to the county court of Steele county, North Dakota, asking for a Druggist's permit to sell intoxicating liquor at my place of business, on lot 29 in block 24, Steele avenue, of the town of Hope, county of Steele, state of North Dakota, under the provision of an act entitled, "An Act to Prescribe Penalties for the Unlawful Manufacture, Sale and Keeping for Sale Intoxicating Liquors, and to Regulate the Sale, Barter and Giving away of such Liquors for Medicinal, Scientific and Mechanical Purposes," approved December 19, 1893; that the Judge of said court has set the hour of 10 o'clock a. m., on the 24th day of July, A. D. 1897, and at his office in the village of Sherbrooke, Steele county, North Dakota as the place to hear said petition, at which time and place all persons interested are requested to be present.

JOHN J. WAMBERG, Applicant.