

THE IRON HORSE AT LAST

Echoes its Shriill Voice in the Sacred Precincts of Cooperstown, the Hub of Griggs County.

Our Condition Considered from a Clear, Cool, Candid Standpoint is Real and Assuring.

Why Griggs County has and Must Continue to Catch the Cream of Immigration.

The Capital City in Her New Relation.

All is now excitement, joy, enthusiasm and push in Griggs' capital. Men hurrying hither and thither with their elastic tread; mechanics busy with their pressing duties; merchants waiting upon their customers with exultant mein; the throngs of strangers in our streets and the sighs of the great steam civilizer itself tell the story. The many who had grown impatient and those who had become despondent watching and longing for the engine of civilization, now pulsate and sparkle with the germs of a new life. Last Monday will be recorded as the most important epoch in the history of Cooperstown, for at two o'clock on that day the iron horse came gliding as smoothly into our place as though it had always been accustomed to so doing. Already farmers and others are pouring into our city seeking information in regard to transportation of freight and supplies. In a few days the streets of Cooperstown will be thronged with hundreds of teams freighted with golden cereal, and a new era will thus be touched by the conversion of No. 1 Hard into shining ducats that will serve to satisfy obligations and procure comforts.

The advent of the Sauborn, Cooperstown and Turtle Mountain railroad will be fraught with far different and more satisfactory results than those usually experienced by frontier towns. The headlight flashes upon and the iron steed echoes its first voice to a town already well developed—a place thrifty, solid, and established by a class of sturdy pioneers who of themselves form a powerful nucleus as the magnet gathers particles of steel. With her educational institute, her bank, her immense elevator, her extensive mercantile houses, her elaborate hotels, her liveries, her unexcelled society, her mechanics, her artisans, and with her liberal portion of professional men of eminent attainments, the initial train touches Cooperstown—the heart of a glorious county—with her magic wand of civilization, and as Minerva sprang forth armed from the brain of Jupiter, so does Cooperstown arise fully clothed with all these evidences of its reality and with a wealth of magnificent natural advantages in the background. The visitor from the outer world will here behold no solitary electric light shedding from the top of a hotel its lonesome rays over an unpeopled townsite, but instead he will look upon a live, bustling mart, built upon the faith of men to whose untiring zeal and energy it stands a monument more enduring than bronze or marble.

A few years ago the waters of the Sheyenne rippled indolently along through what is now our fertile county, singing its tuneful notes to an untutored race; a few seasons since the antelope grazed and the wild ox wallowed undisturbed where now stand the imposing business houses, the public and private edifices of Griggs county's capital. Less than twelve months ago the townsite of Cooperstown stood unenviored with naught save the horizon and the majestic landscape of its surroundings. Why this metamorphosis of to-day exists is easily accounted for by the three words: "March of Immigration." The productive soil of Griggs, its pure waters, its noble streams lined with sturdy timber, its beautiful inland lakes abounding with fish and affording grand sites for elegant homes, combined with the striking natural advantages of the townsite form the magnet that has drawn so largely upon the over-populated eastern and middle states.

Consider the fact that what there is of Cooperstown has been materialized and developed in the brief period of eight months and in the absence of railway facilities, three-fourths of the lumber, material, etc., having been freighted by wagon forty miles. Reader, when you conceive the difficulties, the heavy tax of expense and endurance that was required to lay the foundation for this prosperous little city the conclusion must be reached that Cooperstown is built upon the solid

rock of natural resources. Towns in great numbers spring up constantly in the Northwest after that great essential of development, the railroad, has been put within their reach, but the instances are scarce where towns have buffeted on the start adverse conditions such as Cooperstown has overcome. She emerges trimly from a tempestuous sea into clear sailing and in due time will register in port with a cargo of five thousand souls.

The importance, the value and the influence that will be exerted upon our county and town by this iron highway that touches us to-day is inestimable. That Griggs will in the future enjoy an enviable place in the sisterhood of North Dakota counties, and that Cooperstown will rank among the foremost of Northwestern cities is not extravagant to expect, if the combined advantages of soil, water, fuel, climate, society and railway facilities count anything. Yes, an epoch has been marked, a new era has dawned upon Cooperstown and Griggs county seldom experienced in even this glorious land of the blest.

☞ Casady Sulkies at Holliday Bros.

☞ Prices that compete with Fargo, Lenham Elevator & Lumber Co.

☞ Before purchasing call and price the Pork, Beef, Hams and Bacon just received in large quantities at Whidden Bros.

☞ Buy the California Buck Glove, manufactured by Lippitt, Leak & Co., at Whidden Bros.

☞ Go to Nelson & Langlie's for your harvest supplies and get good fresh goods at the lowest bottom prices. 31

☞ One case Ladies' Felt and Straw Hats, Turbans, etc., trimmed ready for wearing just opened at Whidden Bros.

☞ Best 5 cent smoke; the "Nestor" at Odegard & Thompson's.

☞ Those famous California Buck Gloves can be found at Odegard & Thompson's. Harvester don't forget it.

☞ Machine oils of all kinds at Nelson & Langlie's. 31

☞ It will surprise the smoking community to smoke that "University" at Odegard & Thompson's.

☞ Look out for a car load of salt at Odegard & Thompson's.

☞ Kerosene and Machine oil for sale at Whidden Bros.

☞ A full line of Dry Goods just opened at Whidden Bros.

☞ Ask your merchant for a pair of Lippitt, Leak & Co's harvest gloves. The best made.

☞ Casady Sulkies at Holliday Bros.

☞ A carload of Valley City Flour just received and for sale low at Whidden Bros.

☞ "Casady" Sulkys at Holliday Bros.

☞ Campbell & Sabin make loans on FINAL PROOF. 2

☞ Lippitt, Leak & Co. are manufacturers of Genuine California Buck Gloves and Mittens, hand made and warranted not to rip, at San Francisco, Cal.

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