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THE COURIER.

LOCAL LACONICS.

—Cooperstown will celebrate.

Whidden Bros. expect their furniture in this week.

☞Anything in the line of Farm Machinery at Buchheit Bros.'

—Nelson & Langlie's new announcement will pay for its perusal.

—F. C. Giddings a large dealer in hardware and real estate, of Wahpeton, was in town yesterday.

—Prof. Clough has let the contract for a residence to James Muir, who will proceed to erect the same at once.

—H. G. Curtiss, the genial and efficient station agent of Sanborn, spent a day in Cooperstown this week.

—The basin in front of H. P. Smart's office on Burrell avenue is being filled by the dirt taken from the basement of Odegard & Thompson's new store.

—Banker Burrell has been in the city part of the week. To him the attractions of Cooperstown are becoming quite irresistible.

—Church services were held in the new school house last Sunday morning, a large concourse being present to hear Mr. Rockwell expound.

—Fargo sent M. A. Hagan up to Griggs county last Saturday to take note of the manner in which court house bonds are voted by progressive people.

—So uncertain a complexion did the late election wear that 15 cents proved the highest bet on bonds. The publisher was the winner and now has "money to loan."

—We've about the same as agreed to keep mum about how Dr. Newell, a day or two after his arrival, went out to view his farm, or we could tell a pretty good one on him.

—A rain that thoroughly understood its business paid mother earth a visit on Tuesday, and it did the needed work so well as to place its intrinsic value beyond computation.

—Work on the basement of Odegard & Thompson's big store has commenced. Ole Harlson has taken the contract of excavating the cellar, which is to be 24x80 and 6½ feet deep.

—Mrs. H. J. Curtiss, of Sanborn, has opened a very complete and tastily selected stock of millinery and fancy goods. Through a card in this issue she invites inspection from the ladies of Cooperstown and vicinity.

—P. L. Hoiland, the extensive machine man who at present habitates in Mayville, was in town yesterday. He has concluded to make Cooperstown his headquarters, instead of a branch and will remove to this place soon.

—A Mr. Johnson, of Fargo, has erected a store on section 2 in town 148, range 60, and is this week stocking the same with general merchandise. With a store, postoffice and blacksmith shop Willow begins to feel "out of the woods."

—Deputy Sheriff Peter Reiss, and Robert Ranson were over from Hope yesterday. They report a majority of 900 in Traill county for division, which they account for by the throwing out of Portland, Mayville and one or two other precincts.

—Knud Thompson has received a fine soda fountain and will soon set it to sizzling. He has every flavor of syrup invented and proposes to have the "rougish city maidens to their lovers sing, sweet psalms about his soda and ice cream."

—In executing the contract for the erection of Dr. Newell's drug store Mr. James Muir has acquitted himself in a most creditable manner. He has not only finished the store in the most substantial manner, but it is as tasty as any building west of Fargo.

—For good solid work B. B. Brown, three miles north of Cooperstown, is entitled to the medal. In twenty-six days from the time he set about the work he had seeded and harrowed with one yoke of oxen 65 acres of wheat, hauling his seed and feed four miles.

—The ladies of Cooperstown are preparing to give a grand entertainment for the purpose of augmenting a fund for the purchase of a good church organ. Particulars of the event will be given next week, but in the meantime prepare for the rare treat that is in store.

—Buchheit Bros. are winning golden laurels and a big trade in farm machinery and simply because of square dealing. They have concluded to handle sewing machines in connection with their business, and are getting in a fine line. Take note of their new adv.

—All traveling men and investment prospectors who visit Cooperstown seem to be indicatively unanimous in the assertion that in their belief "Cooperstown has the most solid foundation for a continually prosperous future in North Dakota." They draw the lines emphatically, but we believe are fully warranted by facts and reasons for so doing.

—Cooper Bros., the greatest of Dakota's great farmers, are still increasing their vast area of improved land, and to accommodate the necessary additional army of help a new ranch has been established on section 5, 146, 59, in the neighborhood of which three or four sections are being broke. The main barn will be 28x80 and the dwelling will be erected after the substantial pattern of those already on the place.

—Sam. Matthews, the famous hotel man, formerly of the Fargo Headquarters and the Dakota House at Jamestown, has been in town with a view to opening the "Palace." He is delighted with the house and the town, and may become our smiling host.

—Clipping the item from these columns relative to Mr. Cooper's finding a German squatter on his land, the Fargo Republican comments thusly: "No better testimonial to the character of the great, generous hearted R. C. Cooper, of Cooperstown can be asked than that found in the little incident described by the Courier."

—Campbell & Sabin is the title of a new and energetic firm of attorneys and land agents just launched upon the business arena of Cooperstown. Mr. Campbell is a late clerk of the U. S. land office at Fargo, while Mr. Sabin has had three yeara experience in the government survey of lands in Griggs and adjoining counties, and hence is well acquainted with the county. Take note of their announcement on another page.

—Dr. G. F. Newell has arrived from his old home in Wisconsin, and he comes "loaded" to remain, too, having brought a carload of household effects, together with his fine roadster and carriages. He is now busily engaged in arranging what will prove one of the nattiest drug stores in Dakota. Mr. Newell is decidedly pleased with his new store, and well he may be, for it is as substantial, comfortable and well constructed a building as it has been our lot to see in the Northwest.

—Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Cooper were the greatly pleased recipients a few days since of a buggy and riding whip respectively, the donor being W. P. Buell, representative of the famous Hampden Whip Co., Westfield, Mass. "R. C.'s" whip is undoubtedly the finest buggy switch that ever sought fame in Dakota. It is elegantly woven at the tip and handle, with his name and address nicely interwoven, while the balance or middle of the stock is pure whalebone rusticly finished. Mrs. Cooper's riding whip has an ivory handle with gold band, on which is engraved in ornamented letters her name. They are indeed a pretty pair of whips and the owners are justly proud of them.

A Call.

A canvass among the business men discloses a hearty sentiment in favor of a genuine, good old-fashioned Fourth of July celebration at Cooperstown, and we are requested to request every public-spirited and patriotic citizen to be at the COURIER office to-morrow (Saturday) evening at 7:30 sharp for the purpose of maturing plans and organizing for the occasion. Let every man turn out.

Important Business Change.

Under the above caption the Sanborn Enterprise speaks of the most important transaction of the year in this region. Cooperstown is particularly interested in the deal, as the firm seems to be rather directing their central interests this way, and when they undertake to do business in a place it means something gigantic for the town. The transaction referred to is the transfer of Geo. L. Lenham & Co's immense mercantile business to Messrs. Covey & Brown. The Messrs. Lenham will in future devote their energy and capital to lumber and wheat operations along the line of the S., C. & T. M. railway.

Gone to Get Married.

Mr. Thomas Casey, the attentive and obliging conductor of the Hope branch of the St. P., M. & M. road, has put on the brakes on his former comrades and gone off to couple on to a partner for life. We sympathize with the boys who have enjoyed his companionship so long, and can only console them with the reflection that their loss will be his eternal gain. We wish Mr. Casey and his bride much happiness, and shall be glad to welcome him back to his old run after the honeymoon.—Hope Pioneer.

By the above event as sunny-souled a fellow as ever perforated a paste board or took an election wager, departs a career of celibacy for the nobler sphere of a benedict. Tommy, though sorry to have you get such a decided start of your old pard, we tender the heartiest congratulations within our gift.

An Auspicious Event.

No event of the present year can augur better for the growth, commerce and industry of this place than the formal opening for business of the Bank of Cooperstown, on Saturday last. A city's financial institutions are not only the foundation on which her commerce must be built, but are also mirrors which reflect the state of trade and industry. Cooperstown justly feels proud of its mirror in this respect.

The proprietors of the institution. Messrs. Geo. L. Lenham and J. M. Burrell, are men of extensive financial experience, who are in no way lacking in energy and enterprise. The bank though an infant in age, is not so in vigor or financial strength, as the capital commanded is abundantly large to meet all the requirements for a general banking business. The affable cashier, Harry G. Pickett, is truly the correct man for the responsible position he occupies. Ever courteous and obliging he promises to become immensely popular with patrons of the institution. The bank has connections over America generally, with regular correspondents in St. Paul and New York. Though less than a week old a volume of business that outlines a flattering career for the institution has already set in. May the star of its usefulness to this community never set.

☞Bonds or no bonds Whidden Bros. are bound to suit the people of Griggs county in prices and quality of goods.

GLORIOUS VICTORY

Perches Upon the Silken Banner of Cooperstown, the Central City of the Central County of North Dakota.

Division is Defeated, while the County Seat Question is Now and Forever Settled by the Appropriation of $30,000 to Build a Court House and Jail.

Liquor License Carries by a Slight Majority.

Commingled pleasure and pride swells the columns of the COURIER this week. Pleasure because it becomes its joyous province to impart to the public at large news of the intelligent and wise verdict rendered by the people last Saturday. Pride because it is the representative of an imperial county, such as progressive Griggs has demonstrated herself to be by voting bonds for the purpose of safely keeping her invaluable records. One week ago the COURIER had misgivings as to the acceptance of this proposition by the people. Not that the true westerner would ever fail to cast his ballot for progress and security, no matter about the slight cost, but because it feared the atmosphere of this advancing domain had not been given sufficient time in which to convert late arrivals—and they number by the hundred—from the fogy, over-conservative ideas of the dust-stained east on matters of public need. However, we have the happy privilege of stating this week that the up-in-the-morning, public-spirited, not-afraid-of-a-cent men of Griggs county outnumber the opposite class by a majority of 329. In that fact alone there is glory enough to inflate a camp meeting throng.

Last Saturday dawned a lovely day, fully suitable for the grand victory in store for those willing to manifest their faith in and concern for this magnificent county by assuming a small public debt, though hardly a man was sanguine of the result. A light vote was polled in the second and this precinct, while Hope fairly outdid itself in briskness on the voting score. The total vote of the county was 937, 638 being cast for court house bonds and 299 against; majority in favor of bonds 339. For division 493, against 455; majority in favor of division 38. The question of liquor license was very lightly handled, but resulted in a victory for license by 132 votes. Had temperance people put forth a reasonable effort it is believed they could have carried the day. The slight majority given for division in Griggs is overwhelmed by a majority of 1208 against the proposition in Traill county.

All in all it is a grand victory that fills Cooperstown's cup full, and the morning star that guides her destiny shines brighter than ever. With her unapproachable surroundings, her intelligent citizens, her big mercantile houses, her fine educational institute, her magnificent hotel, her bank, her coming flouring mill and elevators, her good society and her suitable county buildings, what more can Cooperstown ask to see accomplished the first season of her existence?

A CIRCULAR

Sent to the People of Griggs County by its Supt. of Schools, Dr. T. F. Kerr.

The territorial legislature at its last session repealed the old school law and enacted a new one of great importance to the people of the territory. It introduces what is known as the "township system" of public schools—a system that has been tried in many of the states and has everywhere received the highest commendation of the ablest and wisest educators. Under its provisions the school district is abolished and the several counties are divided into townships, each one of which elects a school board consisting of a director, clerk and treasurer, who have entire charge and control of all school matters for the entire town. They build school houses wherever they may be needed, hire all teachers, make all contracts and perform such other duties as may fall to them. The patrons of each school also elect a moderator who watches the interests of his school, confers and counsels with the township board and secures for it its proper measure of justice. It has been found that where this system of public schools has been faithfully carried out, it is possible to have in each township whose schools are managed by an efficient board, at least one school of a higher grade than the ordinary common school, thus securing for the children the advantages of an advanced education without leaving home.

Under this law the County Commissioners at a meeting held May 29, divided Griggs county into twelve townships, varying in area from six by nine to twelve by twelve miles square, and the first election in the several towns is called for June 30. You have already shown a laudable desire to secure good schools for your children, and thirteen districts have been organized within the past few months. These will now go out of existence but you will be able to secure better results under the new order of things. The township boards have far more important duties than the district boards.

Canvass your towns thoroughly and put your best men on the school board. Politics should not be mentioned in connection with schools, neither should any clique or neighborhood control affairs for selfish ends. Consider the best interests of the whole town and select your officers with reference to their ability and fitness for their several positions in preferance to any and all other considerations. These are your immediate duties as electors under the new law. perform these well and the rest will be easy.

As soon as the election is held and I am informed of the names and post office addresses of the officers-elect, each one will be supplied with a copy of the law in full, which will enable him to go on intelligently with his duties. Any property that has been created in the districts already organized will now revert to the towns, and where districts are divided by the new lines provision is made for equalizing all debts, so that justice will be done to all; injustice to none.

Let there be a full turnout at the polls; every voter actuated by the highest welfare of the common schools, the success and prosperity of which is the noblest heritage that the pioneers of Griggs county can leave to their descendants. Respectfully.

THEODORE F. KERR,
Supt. of Public Schools.

Proceedings County Commissioners.

MAY 30, 1883, 9 A. M.

Present—Rollin C. Cooper and Nelse C. Rukke.

Rollin C. Cooper in the chair.

Bill of Robert Moore, iron work on bridge, $48, and bill of Nathan Sifton, grading on bridge, north line, 30-146-58, $425.12, filed and approved.

Ordered that the election of school township officers in pursuance with the new school law be held on Saturday, the 30th day of June, A. D. 1883.

Ordered that the following places be located as polling places for their respective townships, to-wit:

Township No. 1—House of Ole Cleven.

Township No. 2—House of Iver J. Siem.

Township No. 3—House of J. E. Mills 36-148-59.

Township No. 4—House of Gideon Sheldon.

Township No. 5—House of Hiram Williams.

Township No. 6—County clerk's office, Cooperstown.

Township No. 7—Park Avenue Hotel, Mardell.

Township No. 8—Pickerton Hotel.

Township No. 9—Hope Opera House, Hope.

Township No. 10—Gallatin P. O., sec. 24-145-58.

Township No. 11—House of Joseph Downing, s w ¼ 8-144-59.

Town'p No. 12—House of Peter Fiero.

Ordered that the following persons be appointed judges of election for their respective townships, to-wit:

Township No. 1—Ole C. Cleven, Hans Gilbertson and John G. Myers.

Township No. 2—John Carlson, Peter Hogensen and Iver J. Seim.

Township No. 3—G. W. Bathey, Rolly Johnson and S. Goldthrite.

Township No. 4—Harry Clark, Gideon Sheldon and Irving B. Howard.

Township No. 5—Hiram Williams, J. H. VanVoorhes and Henry Fenner.

Township No. 6—Knud Thompson, G. W. Barnard and John N. Jorgensen.

Township No. 7—O Nelson, M. Robinson and S. K. Norgard.

Township No. 8—James A. Pickert, N. A. Carpenter and ——McLean.

Township No. 9—Peter S. Mackay, Chester Kingsley and Dustin P. Baldwin.

District No. 10—John H. Atchison, M. Davidson and Lidbury.

Township No. 11—Charley Nelson, S. B. Merryman and John G. Mills.

Township No. 12—Peter Fiero, H. Borchsenius and J. L. Wilcox.

Adjourned till May 31, 1883, 2 p. m.

ROLLIN C. COOPER, Chairman.
HERBERT P. SMART, Clerk.

Met June 5, 1883, 8:30 a. m. in accordance with adjournment.

Present—Rollin C. Cooper, Nelse C. Rukke and Allen Breed.

The returns of election held June 2nd, 1883, being in the hands of the county clerk, the board proceeded at once to canvass said returns, which resulted as follows: Division—"Yes," four hundred and ninety-three votes; division—"No," four hundred and fifty-five votes, or a majority of thirty-eight votes in favor of division—"Yes."

The request of the commissioners with regard to license resulted as follows: License—"Yes," two hundred and forty-two votes; license—"No," one hundred and ten votes; majority of one hundred and thirty-two votes for license—"Yes."

Ordered that the applications for liquor license be taken from the table and that liquor license be issued to Pinkerton & Grant, Gillespie & Blow and Jackson & Knudson, of Cooperstown.

Ordered that John Conly and Ole P. Olson be given ten days in which to present bonds, applications and receipts of treasurer, properly executed.

BILLS FILED AND APPROV'D AS FOLLOWS:

Andrew Johnson, serving notices on judges of election and posting notices of election	$ 31 80
H. P. Smart, list cash entries from land office	5 00
H. P. Smart, transcript of records from Stutsman county	20 00

ELECTION BILLS FILED AND APPROVED:

H. L. Smith, 1 day as judge, 1st precinct	2 00
L. A. Jacobson, 1 " " " " "	2 00
C. A. Renwick 1 " " " " " and 52 miles travel	4 60
E. J. McMahon, 1 day as clerk 1st precinct	2 00
C. J. Paul, 1 " " " " " and 58 miles travel	4 90
J. N. Brown, 1 day as judge 2nd precinct	2 00
J. Houghton, 1 " " " " "	2 00
J. G. Mills, 1 " " " " "	2 00
Allen Pinkerton 1 day as clerk 2nd precinct and three miles travel	2 15
A. M. Sinclair 1 day as clerk 2nd precinct	2 00
N. C. Rukke 1 " " judge 3rd " and 27 miles travel	3 35
G. W. Bathey, 1 day as judge 3rd precinct and 19 miles travel	2 95
H. Clark, 1 day as judge 3rd precinct	2 00
R. W. Berry, 1 day as clerk 3rd precinct	2 00
S. Goldthrite 1 " " " " "	2 00

Moved to adjourn till June 6, 1883, at 2 p. m. ROLLIN C. COOPER, Chairman.
HERBERT P. SMART, Clerk.

☞Call and see the celebrated Household Sewing Machines at Buchheit Bros.'

Just received at Nelson & Langlie's a lot of Fargo Flour.

☞Ground feed just received and for sale at Whidden Bros.

☞A full line of canned goods at Nelson & Langlie's.

☞If you wish a fine cigar get the "Seal of Iowa," at Nelson & Langlie's.

☞Good Iowa shelled corn for sale by Nelson & Langlie.

☞A lot of that famous Valley City Flour has just arrived, and will be sold cheap, at Whidden Bros.

☞Oranges and Apples, juicy and fresh at Odegard & Thompson's.

☞That Vermont Maple Syrup at Odegard & Thompson's is fine.

☞Three cars of lumber, etc., at end of track; will be hauled in this week—so says Crane—to "patch up."

☞Fresh invoices of California canned goods at the Pioneer Store of Odegard & Thompson.

☞Call at the new store of Nelson & Langlie and see for yourself a new and complete stock of all kinds of merchandise at bottom prices.

☞An immense stock of mens, boys, misses and childrens straw hats at Nelson & Langhes.

☞ Chew and smoke the celebrated "Golden Seal" tobacco for sale by Whidden Bros.

☞Look at some of those best makes of prints. New styles at oastern prices at Nelson & Langlie's.

☞ Kendall's Condition Powders at Whidden Bros.

☞I am now prepared to furnish money on final proofs at the most reasonable rates obtainable. WM. GLASS, Attorney and Loan Agent.

☞What's the use of coughing so when for the munificent sum of 50 cts. you can buy a bottle of American Cough Balsam at ODEGARD & THOMPSON'S.

☞Kendall's Condition Powders are acknowledged the very best made. Sold only by Odegard & Thompson in Cooperstown.

☞The "West Point" now mourns the loss of Lowry. Why did he not wait to see the hardware?

☞New goods until you can't rest at Odegard & Thompson's, and more coming.

☞The Kalamazoo Spring Tooth Harrows acknowledged to be the very best-manufactured. It can be had in Griggs county only of MANLY J. DAVIS, Agent, Cooperstown.

Clothing.

Just received a fine assortment of clothing and we deem ourselves prepared to suit the most fastidious at bottom prices at Nelson & Langlie's.

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