

Sioux Valley Hardware and Implement Co.

To the Public:

If you are thinking of sending to some catalogue house for a Range this fall we would ask you to come in and bring your catalogue with you. We think that we can sell you just as good a range here and save you the freight.

GENTLEMEN:—

This is a business proposition and we want you to treat it as such. When you bought your twine of us you were told that we would be obliged to pay for our twine Oct. 1st, which we were obliged to do. What do you think you ought to do in regard to this? WE THINK YOU SHOULD PAY FOR YOUR TWINE AT ONCE.

Sioux Valley Hardware & Imp. Co.

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The Up-to-Date Pharmacy

Is showing the only ALL NEW Stock of Holiday Goods in the city this year. Every article in this stock is new and exhibited for the first time this season. This stock is complete with beautiful and valuable goods of merit and worth. It is too large and varied for enumeration and we mention only a few of the many items.

BOOKS.

Bibles
Testaments
Poets in padded leather
" in burnt leather
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Beautiful gift books
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The most beautiful line of hand bags in the city.
Brushes of every description.
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Brass and Comb Sets
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Pocket Mirrors
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Napkin Rings
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Cigar Cases
Cigar Jars
Cigar Boxes
Puff and Powder Boxes
Photo Holders and Boxes

Also a complete stock of Drugs and Groceries. We will have sufficient help to take care of our regular trade as well as all holiday shoppers.
We urge you to make your selections early as it will be much easier for you and we will be able to give you the individual attention which we may not be able to do later. You will also have a better chance to make your selections from our unbroken stock.

The Up-to-Date Pharmacy James Lewis, Prop.

When the Grasshoppers Answered Prayer

A Memorable Day in Kansas City

Tom Collins of this city used to live in Missouri, and it was during the time when the fearful scourge of grasshoppers devastated portions of the west. His experience down near Kansas City was the experience of every resident in Dakota Territory from 1874 to 1877.

Tom was working for a farmer near Kansas City in 1874 for fifteen dollars a month, and was doing his best to help support his mother and the youngest members of the family, his father being dead. During that year between a severe drouth and chinch bugs the farmers of that region secured no returns from their labors, and everyone was pinched, but all pulled through the winter

Just 26 years ago the 9th of last March, Dr. Lewis graduated from one of the best Medical Colleges in this country. Since that time he has had much experience in the treatment of coughs and colds, and he has found nothing that equals the preparation which we are putting up under the name of "Dr. Lewis' Cough Cure." Formerly he charged 50 cents for the prescription and then you had to pay a like sum to have the druggist fill it. Now you can get it for 25 and 50 cents and save the physicians charges. It's a clear saving of half.

We sell Watches, Clocks, Silverware and Jewellery of the highest quality at the lowest prices. Anyway it costs you nothing to come in and look.

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hoping for better things the next year.

Next spring about the time the farmers got their crops and corn planted countless millions of grasshoppers covered the ground, coming from no one knew where. The hungry hordes began to eat everything green, trimming the trees and fields as bare as a burnt over prairie, and as soon as the sprouting crops became visible the hoppers devoured them as greedily as a famished wolf would a chicken. Missouri and Kansas people suffered, but their sorrows were short compared with what we of Dakota passed through. The people of Dakota prayed for relief like the people of Missouri, but it seems that territorial prayers were not so strong or so effective as the state brand, for Missouri found relief in the midst of the first year's curse, while in Dakota the scourge lasted for three years.

Mr. Collins says the man for whom he was working fought nobly against the hordes of hoppers, but all to no purpose. He planted his corn four times during the spring of 1875, and when the sprouting blades of the fourth planting had been chaw'd off to the ground, he became thoroughly disheartened and told Tom he would have to let him go. Tom was the last one of the help that was let out. Some had gone with each hopper raid on the greenfields. Tom was a gritty youth but he realized that he had to leave and seek work elsewhere. He had fifteen dollars when he left on foot for Illinois. He walked across Missouri and through Illinois almost to the Indiana line before he found work at fifteen dollars a month, and they dubbed him the Missouri grasshopper because of his misfortune.

Tom says the ground was literally covered with the plague and nothing escaped them.

In Dakota Territory it was just as

bad, and worse, because prayer had no effect, or the Lord didn't heed the prayers of our people. We may have been more wicked and deserving of greater punishment than the Missourians, because the hoppers ate everything in sight for three years in spite of prayer and coal oil.

Lincoln county suffered terribly, and everybody who was able to get away went. In 1876 the government sent a great quantity of bacon, flour, clothing and other things here in charge of Lieut. Ogle of the 17th infantry, who made his headquarters at the Johnson Hotel corner of Main and 8th street, where supplies were issued according to the necessities of the applicant. It was a sorrowful period in the lives of many yet living in the county. Nobody had much, everybody needed something, and only those who were actually suffering applied for relief. Lieut. Ogle issued his supplies as judiciously as possible and left for his post at Fort Rice, where he died a few years after.

The good people of Lincoln county passed the winter of 1876-7 as best they could, and as the little hoppers sprouted from the earth in millions early in the spring the people fought them heroically with great pans filled with coal oil which were shoved along the ground, and as the hoppers jumped they generally landed in the oil which killed them instantly. Thousands of bushels of little pests, about as large as a common house fly, before they had wings, but were able to hop, were thus captured, around Canton and over the country, and every man was working hard. Individually and collectively the people prayed for relief, but our memory fails to recall a governor's proclamation for fasting and prayer, and that may have been the cause for our punishment, but prayers were finally answered and the greatest scourge this country ever passed through was over as the winged clouds of destruction passed from our fair country. Where they went no one knows and no one cares.

Mr. Collins handed us a copy of the Kansas City Star which contains a full report of the hopper raid in that country. It will make good reading for those under forty, and some of the old timers, in the midst of their abundance now, can look backward and thank the Lord that the hoppers never returned. The following article from the Kansas City Star, gives an account of the hoppers down there, and no man can imagine the horror of the destruction who never saw a grasshopper war:

In the churches of Missouri reference is often made to the time when the united prayers of the people of

this commonwealth went up to heaven asking that the plague of the grasshoppers be lifted and how that prayer was answered with promptness that astonished the scoffers.

Non-religious people contended that the grasshoppers would have left when they did even if not a prayer had been offered. But the fact remains that the grasshoppers had been swarming over the state in ever increasing myriads until the very morning of the day of prayer appointed by the governor and upon that day, June 3, 1875, the grasshoppers arose in clouds which obscured the sun and at the very hour when the churches of the state were filled with worshippers, the clouds of grasshoppers flew away and to this day have not returned.

The grasshopper plague began in the spring of 1874 in the states west of Kansas. All that summer word came over the wire that the locusts were being hatched out by the trillions. In the spring of 1875 they appeared in swarms all over Kansas and Western Missouri. They were in such numbers that they stopped trains everywhere, the rails becoming so oily and smooth from the crushed insects that the engine driving wheels slipped upon them. They ate every green thing they came upon and stripped the fields as bare as a stretch of desert land. In the spring of 1875 farmers in Kansas and Missouri planted corn as many as four times and each time it appeared above the ground the green blades were eaten by the hoppers. Because of this plague thousands of farmers deserted Kansas and moved "back East."

THE GOVERNOR'S PROCLAMATION.
In Johnson county Missouri, in the spring of 1875 the grasshoppers ate up completely 2,000 acres of wheat and 2,588 acres of corn, besides stripping the fields of every green growing thing. The farmers of Western Missouri drove their cattle to Northern Kansas and Nebraska for pasturage and in one day 8,000 head of cattle crossed the Leavenworth bridge. The greatest damage was done in Jackson, Clay, Bates, Vernon, Henry, Cass, Johnson, Lafayette, Ray, Platte, Clinton, Buchanan and Andrew counties, in Missouri, and in the counties opposite in Kansas.

May 17, 1875, Governor C. H. Hardin of Missouri issued the following proclamation:

Whereas, Owing to the failures and losses of crops much suffering has been endured by our people during the past few months and similar calamities are impending on larger communities, and possibly may extend to the whole state, and if not abated will eventuate in sore distress or famine;

Wherefore, Be it known that the third day

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A Happy New Year.

Bragstad Brothers.

Clerk of Courts Beck returned from Jefferson Monday where he was visiting his brother Warren who is the Milwaukee agent at that point.

Mrs. Bucheister and daughter Elsie returned from Hawarden Monday, where they were called on account of the sickness of Mrs. Baysore.

William and Miss Elizabeth Wahley of Coleman, who had been visiting the family of Rev. J. W. Dibble returned home Monday.

Mrs. Dunlap went to Grand Forks Saturday to spend her Christmas vacation.

Eddie Evans came up from Hudson Monday for a two weeks visit with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. Evans.

Miss Marjorie Campbell who has been at home near Worthing for a week or more returned to Hudson Monday to resume work on the Hudson Hudsonite. She is an excellent compositor.



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If it is "Silver Plate that Wears Well" it will be a worthy present for any member of the family, cherished above all else and treasured as a life-long possession. If you would make the joy of the occasion lasting and have the usefulness of the gift endure far into the coming years, select some of our Silverware.

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