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Silver Lining.

It is a beautiful figure, that of "every cloud having a silver lining;" and when the reality is witnessed, it equals the imagined picture. It possibly may seem inappropriate, the application we make, but it occurred to us while riding over the prairie, through some portions of Lincoln and Delaware townships, last week. Grain of every description looked better than it ever before witnessed in this latitude and at this season of the year. Several fields of rye will be ready for the reaper before July 1st; wheat and oats cover the fields of a solid green mat; flax is growing rapidly and barley is as thrifty and forward as any other grain; corn is behind, growing slowly; but we did not find one farmer so far a field that complained of the 'hopper, or gave evidence of having been seriously injured by the pest. Some fields have 'hoppers in them, but the grain shows no injury from them, but it grows rapidly and stoutly. The wet weather has caused it to stool finely, and while rapidly forcing it forward, seems to have stifled or blunted the activity of the 'hopper. If all the grasshoppers were now in existence that have hatched this spring from the eggs deposited here last summer, the ground would be covered, for they have been hatching for many weeks; they must have been destroyed some way; not having wings, their disappearance could not have occurred through flight; many localities that were once seen alive with them, are barren a 'hopper, nor is the field adjoining the place of removal occupied by them. One good reason is given for this, in that great numbers have been burnt, in the huge prairie fires that prevailed at intervals since the hatching period. Many must have been caught by different machines, and many must have died and particularly those of the first hatching—Whatever theory there may be, it matters not, so long as the vital fact is, that so far, grain is ahead of them, and the time is fast approaching when in the nature of things, they must fly. That the immediate valley of the Sioux River has been afflicted, more than any other portion of Lincoln county, by the spring's hatch, is a fact beyond question; and fields of sod grain especially have been materially injured, and in some instances entirely destroyed. But as you leave the river they grow less, and some farmers tell us that they have seen no grasshoppers at all on their premises. The fields we saw bear out this statement. One of the prominent farmers in Delaware township, says he does not know of a single farm in that township that has been injured in any noticeable extent, this spring; but on the other hand, they never since their residence in Dakota, saw more favorable prospects for an abundant crop, than now. The same we hear from Dayton, Lyon, and the northern portion of the county. The rain fall thus far beats the oldest Dakotian. Those who came here chanting the tune "it never rains in Dakota," and scrambled to secure low lands for farms, now paddle round slough holes, and wait for the flood to abate, and look enviously at the neighbor of the upland, whose fields of waving grain gives the lie to the ditty, that "it never rains." Seasons are evidently changing; as land is broken, and timber grown, moisture is produced; while the other portions of the country where timber was heavy, being left of its forests are now subject to drought, streams contain less water, the smaller ones drying up, and the larger ones materially lessened in their flow, this country is yet to reach a climax or pass its meridian and yield many an abundant harvest to the patient laborer before it will be obliged to resort to the artificial aids for restoring the exhausted condition of its soil. Farms in some portions of Wisconsin that 15 years ago were noted and prized for their grain bearing fertility are now only rendered valuable or desirable for stock purposes, the severe winters render the winter wheat crop precarious and the chintz bug is proving more fatal, in that it is more general than the grasshopper. To Minnesota, Northern Iowa, and Dakota, the wheat buyer now looks for his supply of wheat and other small grain. This county has two chances in its favor. For some years we can, in the light of past experience, in older states, look for large surplus of grain products as the soil is now, and will bear many croppings before becoming depleted, and the early exhaustion in sister states has learned the Dakota farmer to guard against the premature exhaustion of his fields by successive cropping. The huge piles of straw that accumulate upon every man's farm, of themselves contain a fertilizing germ that, appropriately applied, will aid nature in retaining its elements of fertility, thus extending the time for growing grain successfully.

demands will now increase, as thousands are to be added by the removal of Red Cloud and Spotted Tail Agencies. The Black Hills, if they develop at all as anticipated, also will add to home demand. Native cattle always bring more in Chicago or St. Louis markets than Texas cattle. Now with these markets and our proximity to them, compared with Texas, and the advance price obtained for native, above Texas cattle, we think our facilities for profitable stock raising, in connection with grain growing, render this country more attractive and desirable than any prairie land open to new comers. All portions of God's universe have had their serious drawbacks, failure of crops, blighting of fruit bearing portions, depression and serious reversions in mining countries, depreciation in lumber and failure of once heavy lumbering interests, suspension of manufactories of almost every grade; coal, iron and oil, investments, though staple and needed products, have crushed many capitalists, and turned thousands of laborers out of employment, until starvation drove them to the commission of crime. Manufacturing towns built and prospered out of the work of machinery, have been turned into institutions of charity, and bread riots only averted through discreet and liberal management of the wealthy. Cities like New York, Boston, Brooklyn and Philadelphia, have, within the past nine months, trembled lest their laboring class clamoring for work, and crying for bread, should be forced to acts of violence by want and destitution. India and China have lost thousands of their inhabitants within a twelve month, by famine. A general stagnation and depression has settled over the entire land, which in some localities appears almost unendurable. Here in Dakota, in addition to the general depression in business, the farmer has witnessed his hard labor of a season and in which was centered all his hopes and means for his family's support, swept from before his eyes in a few hours, leaving him with his bare fields minus an increase. This is no more loss than the drought and chintz bug has occasioned in other grain growing states; but there they had other resources to look to—stock, and their credit was unimpaired and no machinery debt was hanging over them with a persistent heartless agent hounding them to distraction; merchants were able supply what few wants they had, without embarrassing themselves, but here of course, with the disappearance of the article with which money could be bought, the foundation and base of support was destroyed, leaving the unfortunate farmer with no means of living, and at the mercy of his creditors. The major part of the people were unable to help each other, all being equally affected; this has been the great misfortune of Dakota; its cause of grasshoppers was not a greater plague than that of other localities, but the people felt it more because they were poor, and the new country afforded them no other resource. Where can the poor man go to better himself? Not to the cities sure, for they are over burdened with idle men and no employment for them. What other State or Territory offers any better asylum, or opportunity for labor, farming, or chance to retrieve their misfortunes. We see and hear of many leaving, but do you hear of their bettering their condition? Not one single instance has been brought to our knowledge of any farmer who left Lincoln county on account of the grasshoppers, who has placed himself in any better condition than he was in here. We think the worst is over; the darkest hour before day, is rapidly passing and the gloomy cloud that has so long hovered over this fair land, begins to show a "silver lining," that will soon dispel the gloom that has shrouded the soil of prosperity so ecclesiastically. We think, in all sincerity, that the coming harvest for Lincoln county, will bring more decata to the farmer's purse than any he has ever gathered within its limits. *So mot it be.*

To-day's convention was the work of these gentlemen. For weeks past they have been sitting up all night, the miners warning the miners against the insidious attempts of the new comers to organize the Territory in their own interest. To adequately describe the convention's personnel and behavior is not in my power. The old Fourth and Sixth Ward could not furnish worse specimens of humanity than sat on its benches. "Peaceably if we can, forcibly if we must," seemed to be the motto. There were, of course, some good, honest men present, but they were exceedingly scarce and scattering. Fortunately for all parties, the presiding officer, Mr. C. E. Brearley, now a leading lawyer in the Territory, formerly of Rocky Hill, N. J., possessed rare tact, great firmness, and a thorough understanding of parliamentary law. With a weaker man in the chair, bloodshed would have been inevitable. The fun began over the minority report of the Convention, the Credentials. Discussion was becoming dangerously heated, when a wise motion to table cut it short. Then a Moyerite started a call for "the Doctor," which was quickly taken up by the rest. The dummy little candidate mounted the stage (the convention was held in the Grand Theatre, with a well stocked bar handy), drew a formidable document from his pocket, adjusted the pages, and began reading. It proved to be an indictment of Gov. Pennington for having lobbied against the Territorial bill; of the Legislature, for refusing representation to the Territory; of a well known lawyer and anti-Moyerite, Mr. Claggett, for aiding and abetting the Governor; and of the press, for personal attacks. It lauded Prof. Saelye, Walker's relative, for advocating the Territorial bill, and highly eulogized Walker himself for having put up the stamps in Washington last winter. Judge Miller stepped down, a portion of the convention called for W. H. Claggett, a well known lawyer and anti-Moyerite, Mr. Claggett stepped to the front, greeted by a storm of applause and hisses. Slaking his clenched fist in the faces of the Moyerites he said: "You are a damned liar, you are a damned liar, I came up here to speak, and speak I will. You hear me?" Silence being restored he went for Meyer without gloves, describing him as an impudent, self-pushing ignoramus, and a wilful liar. This provoked the wildest confusion, during which Mr. Claggett took the seat of the speaker. Judge Miller and Major Gallagher followed with strong speeches in the interest of Meyer, and when an effort was made to call up Mr. Brearley, an anti-Moyerite, the majority choked off further speech making by voting to proceed to a ballot for delegates. This motion was carried, and presented a substitute providing for a special delegate election in September. This was the signal for a row. Delegates clambered up on the seats gesticulating wildly, some with empty hands, others with revolvers, all shouting at the top of their lungs. A wilder scene could not be imagined. A wilder scene could not be imagined, and as a result, many were shooting drunk. The Chairman's massive cane fell incessantly upon the table, but with no avail. The verge of riot was reached when Claggett mounted a bench and demanded a hearing. The Moyerites yelled and hissed and cursed. A man named Tallant ran down the aisle, shouting like a maniac, "Tallant, clear out; go and jump another lot." This raised a general laugh and cleared the air. Claggett again took the floor, and urged the propriety of hearing the man first, and then the Moyerites. "Tallant, clear out; go and jump another lot," and similar expressions of assent rattled from all parts of the hall. Uprose an immense black hat and a long rubber coat. They moved down the aisle and mounted the stage. Everybody laughed. I stepped up to the fellow and inquired his name. "Tallant," he said. "Tallant, and I represent the minority." Turning to the front, he began a set speech in flowery language. Before he had got out a dozen words he stuck. "Pull off your coat," "Weigh out, pard," "Take a glass of water," roared the delegates. "All right," said Claggett, "I'll take a glass of water and turned to the Chairman: "Am I fool?" "Possibly," said Mr. Brearley, with the perfect urbanity. The Custerite descended the stage steps with dignity, and was instantly arrested by Sheriff Bullock upon a charge of horse stealing. The Moyerites followed, and then the inevitable result was reached in the election of Meyer and Walker as delegates by an overwhelming majority, after which the convention adjourned. A call for another convention is now in order. The people of the Hills are determined upon having a Territory of their own, and are eliciting the sympathy of many members of Congress. Senator Spencer is now here gathering facts. Senator Chaffee of Colorado, who has been a warm friend of the movement from the first, writes: "I will do all I can toward securing the passage of an organic act at an early day. I will have it well to let the northern boundary be the Yellowstone, and as we fixed it in the last bill reported in the Senate. If this bill could be passed at once in October your people could hold an election in November, and thus be represented in the present Congress."

Local Items.

—NINETY one years ago to-day, Gen. Scott was born.
—Mr. SUTTON is to take a load to the Hills for J. L. Johnson.
—Messrs CURPENT and Rea are at work completing an abstract for Lincoln Co.
—Bro. NASH of the *News*, is building a cozy School house in the Menor District.
—J. L. JOHNSON has been at Sioux City making purchases for his store in the Black Hills.
—CITAS E. GOETZ has returned from his eastern trip, and is patiently watching the 'hopper movement.
—MAJOR MILLER visits Yankton on the 12th inst., as a delegate to the Grand Lodge of Masons, from Silver Star Lodge at this place.
—ARTHUR LINN has left Canton for Bismarck, and recommends his successor Mr. Nash to the good wishes of the people.
—W. L. GOULD and Johnson Harris of Dayton, have left for the Hills, via overland route. Gould says he is going after a load of grasshoppers.
—JUDGE LASHLEY and Jake Williams set sail for Sioux City Monday, in a skiff down the Sioux, which they intended to reach in two days.
—The dull times does not seem to lessen the business of Mr. Thonstad, Register of Deeds, as he has Mr. Hanson to assist him in the office, and both are busy.
—ED. ROWLEY, merchant of Lincoln Center, called on Monday; he reports crops looking finely, and farmers in the vicinity of the Center as feeling in better spirits than since the raid last summer.
—The firing of an arvil by Spencer, Wescott, and some other gentlemen at Fairview last week, was a very serious affair. Mr. Wescott, who was injured the most by the explosion, is reported as dying.
—It is rumored that Capt. Hadra will lease the Johnson House. It could not fall into better hands, and with the good will of its former proprietor may prove a profitable undertaking for the Capt.
—J. L. JOHNSON departs for the Black Hills to-morrow, Thursday. His family accompany him except Mina and Etta, who are to visit relatives in Minnesota, and will not join their parents until fall.
—The Lutheran convention held at Beloit the past week, was well attended during the seven days of its session, which closed Sunday. Services were held on that day, and sermons in English and in Norwegian language were delivered.
—We learn that a convention has been called at Grange Hall in Lyon Township, on Thursday the 14th inst, for the purpose of organizing a Greenback club, and to discuss the question of Greenbacks vs. Specie; a general attendance is solicited.
—The Cherokee *Times* announces the purchase of a Hardware establishment at that place by Otto Rudolph of Canton. We hope this will not take Otto from us, as he is one of our solid business men, and we cannot spare many such.
—Some gentleman has favored us with the Court Calendar for Union county, where court is now being held at Elk Point by Judge Shannon. There are 14 criminal, and 92 civil cases on the Docket. Alex. Hughes figures as attorney in 55 of the civil cases.
—The shower Wednesday night prevented service at Keller's Hall, as appointed, and on Thursday at 10 a. m., a full attendance was had, when the Bishop had service assisted by Rev. W. P. Huntington; after sermon by Bishop Clarkson, one lady was confirmed, and communion was administered to communicants present.
—MATT NORRIS writes from the Hills that the immigrant 'hopper from the south lit on Rapid creek, and cleaned out Johnson's and Keller's gardens in an hour's time. He also says that the boys from Canton have organized a joint stock company for mining purposes. J. L. Johnson as Superintendent, R. H. Laning as Treasurer.
—In a trip through the western portion of the county last week, we heard no complaint about 'hoppers, but the farmers felt in excellent spirits over the prospects of their crops. The only regret or fear expressed was that they would not be able to put in corn, on account of there being so much rain; a good deal of their corn land was too wet.
—Belmont and Lower Canton people have arranged for a celebration, to be had at Carpenters grove on the 4th of July, and extend an invitation to upper Canton and the people generally throughout the county. A meeting has been called by the *News* for Tuesday at the Court House, to consider the matter of celebrating at upper Canton.
—We finally have had the pleasure of a half-hour's chat with the Lyon county traveler—Thos. Thorson. Our curiosity was excited to see the gentleman whose perambulations were being so favorably chronicled by the press. He is a good looking boy, but let the ladies settle that. We are convinced that he is a prince of good fellows, and that the *Journal* could hardly find a more competent and successful representative, to aid in securing patronage for their deserving enterprise.

—The heavy rains that have fallen the past week, have raised the Sioux so that it is impassable at Fairview, and the smaller streams are full to the banks. Saddle creek and Crooked creek we know from experience were dangerous to ford on last Friday, and had it not been for the kind assistance of Mr. Keller of Delaware, we might have had serious trouble in fording Crooked creek.
—Some person has informed us that there are embers for two or three bridges belonging to the county, unused and uncovered, which might be transferred to some of the small streams, where they are absolutely needed, but now are useless and rotting. If so they should by all means be placed where needed for some highways are in such a condition as to render the County liable for damages that may result from their impassable condition.
—SHERIFF DIXON passed through all the northern towns last week distributing ballot boxes and notices, for the election to be held the 23rd. He inquired generally of the farmers as to the condition of their crops, and as to damages by the 'hoppers, every person he met expressed himself satisfied with present indications, and some declared the condition of their crops to be better than they had ever experienced in this or any other country in which they have lived.
Died.
In Eden, June 7th, Marshall Thompson, only son of Joseph A. and Alice Warner, aged 13 months and 6 days.
"A flower just, but not given,
To bud on earth, and bloom in heaven."
Fourth of July.
The following is the substance of a report of the proceedings of a meeting held at the Court House, Saturday evening the 9th inst., at which it was decided to celebrate at Canton on Wednesday the 4th of July:
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—Gen. Grant still is the recipient of public and Royal courtesies in England.
—A Supervisor of West-town Chicago, has defaulted in the sum of \$8,000.
—The Hardware stores of Sioux City now close at 8 o'clock p. m.
—Sitting Bull is said to be at Wood Mountain, British Possessions.
—The Michigan Southern Railroad, has reduced its fare to Boston, to \$16.
—Geo. Francis Train says that "money is only 2 per cent, and is so cheap and so dear that no body has any."
—Gov. Hendricks will be tendered a public farewell at Indianapolis, before his departure for Europe.
—Three tickets in the New Orleans lottery drew heavy prizes; one of \$100,000, one 50,000, and one 10,000.
—Senator Ferry of Michigan, is dangerously ill, at Grand Haven, with congestion of the brain.
—President Hayes has expressed his regret that Gov. Cullom, of Illinois, vetoed the Silver Bill.
—One of the most notorious horse and cattle thieves of Texas, has been captured on the Mexican border, by Lieut. Hall, King Fisher.
The Russian powers have published a decree, ordering a new levy of 218,000 men, which levy is said to be unprecedented.
—Ten men in Texas engaged in raising cattle, have 682,000 acres of pasture enclosed, and besides numbers of horses and mules have 1,023,000 head of cattle.
—Secretary Hand has returned to Yankton from the Black Hills, and the *Press* says that after doffing his miners suit the "Hidden Hand" was disclosed.
—A Land slide on the Dakota Southern Railroad a mile west of Sioux City, covering the track 6 feet deep, delayed our southern mail three days.
—The Illinois Press Association met at East St. Louis, Tuesday the 5th; and the Missouri Press Association met at Fredericktown, Mo., same day.
—Under the order forbidding the employment of several members of the same family, in the Treasury department, twenty persons were removed on Friday.
—Capt. Crapo, of New Bedford, accompanied by his wife and son, set sail from the latter port for Liverpool in a craft only 20 feet long, being the smallest boat any one ever ventured to cross the Atlantic in.
—Another evidence of a revival of good times approaching, is that of the woolen factories in Rhode Island being pressed with business, nearly all of them are working on advance orders.
—China, long supposed to be the champion tea country, has found a formidable rival in India. The exports of tea from India in the year 1871 was only 1,300,000 pounds. In 1876 it reached 25,003,000.
—Galveston, Texas, also has been nearly destroyed by fire, entire business blocks and residences were destroyed; the loss is estimated at from two to three million dollars.
—The Georgians have some queer notions of dignity. One of the Atlanta Judges, Underwood, wears his hat when he is on the bench. Wonder if a mother-in-law had anything to do with the cause?
—The Shoshone Indians are said to be in starving condition. Their supplies are lying on the U. P. road at Green River, Eryon Stations. Fears are had that depredations will be made upon the settlers.
—Erastus Brooks, who has been editor of the *New York Express* for 40 years, retired from the management of the *Express* last Thursday. A well earned reputation as a journalist and a sufficient competency go with him in his retirement.
—Boston rule for assessing property for taxation, is what it will bring a forced sale, under this rule her assessment has been reduced this year \$30,000,000, making \$100,000,000 reduction within two years.
—Rain has not fallen for weeks in the timbered portions of Michigan, and great fears of a general conflagration exists, as fire has extended from Lake Huron inland 40 miles, and the smoke is so dense as to render navigation difficult on that lake.
—The train on the Northern Pacific from Duluth West, was stopped by caterpillars, which were crossing the track in countless, their crushed bodies oiled the track so that the drives would spin with out moving the engine.
—A man coming into Sioux Falls with several mules and horses and offering them for sale at less than they were worth, he was followed and arrested on suspicion that he had stolen them, no owner as yet has appeared. It is supposed the animals were stolen near the Black Hills.
—The tornado at Mt. Carmel, Illinois, proved more disastrous than first reported. 88 persons are now reported killed or wounded, and upwards of 100 buildings were destroyed, and the loss to property estimated at \$500,000. The wind did not last to exceed two minutes, and its velocity was at the rate of 150 miles per hour.
—The rain at Yankton on the 6th inst., covered the streets of that city with water to the depth of a foot or more, filling the jail under the Court House with two feet of water, and necessitated the removal of the prisoners to the United States jail. The water quenched the fire in the furnace of the engine hauling the Sioux City train, bringing it to a halt.

The New Territory.

Our own Territorial papers have not been favored with a detailed report of the proceedings of a convention held at Deadwood, on the 19th of May, but an interesting and somewhat graphic letter appears in the *N. Y. Sun*, which we give in full:
DEADWOOD, D. T., May 19.—About as lively a convention as was ever called together met here to-day to consider the question of a separate territorial organization, and for the election of delegates for the purpose of lobbying an enabling bill through the next session of Congress. Politics does not enter into the movement but there is a fierce jealousy between the veteran residents of the Hills and the "tender feet," or recent locators. The former are by far the more numerous, and include a majority of the actual miners, while the latter are chiefly found in the towns and camps. The champion of the miners is C. W. Meyer, who went to Yankton last winter to secure, if possible, representation in the Territorial Legislature for the Hills. Failing in this he went on to Washington and started the movement for the organization of a new Territory, with Mr. Meyer for first Governor. About the time his money gave out he stumbled upon a Capt. Howard C. Walker. Walker is a youth of some twenty-five summers, a son of Gen. Walker of Nicaragua fame, and related to Prof. Saelye of Massachusetts. He readily opened his purse to Meyer, the latter promising him the berth of Surveyor-General of Lincoln Territory. The two did their level best, but the bill introduced by Spencer of Alabama didn't pass, and the two returned to Deadwood. Meyer died broke, and Walker \$3,500 out on joint account.

To all persons whom it may concern:
Take Notice, that on the 8th day of June 1877, I found the following described animals trespassing upon my premises, in Highland Township, Lincoln county, Dakota Territory, to-wit: One black gelding horse about ten years old, with white spot in forehead, and that I immediately took up and have the same in my possession as a stray, I being a householder of said Township and Territory.
Dated this 13th day of June, 1877.
JACOB BRIGEL

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