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THURSDAY, JULY 4, 1878.

LOCAL RIP-RAPS.

—Eleven car loads of new ties went west on Friday.

—No politics this issue; but things are working, steaming, stewing.

—Mrs. W. H. Larabee, of Lake Balland, has been very ill, but is somewhat better.

—Better you vas dat you don't let your stock get on to Vennum's soft maple tree nursery or der vas droubles.

—Lieut. W. W. Robinson, of Company C, 7th Cavalry, arrived last evening from Ft. Totten on his way to St. Paul.

—It is going to pay to raise oats in this vicinity. Four car loads lately arrived from St. Paul for Fort Totten.

—C. P. Jourdan has been superseded as Receiver of the U. S. Land office at Fargo, by Jesse — Wheelock, of St. Paul, Minn.

—The Cass county court met on Tuesday last, and we were informed that most likely the United States court will sit on the 15th of this month.

—Chas. Hollenbeck had a lot of fireworks sent him lately, and he will duly set them off this evening, as was intended by the sender. Look out for them.

—A. W. Kelley, of our town, has just received the appointment by Gov. Wm A. Howard, under date of June 21, 1878, as a Notary Public for Stutsman county.

—Geo. W. Vennum has got nice smooth breaking to let to the amount of 500 acres for the next 30 days, at \$3.00 per acre. Parties wishing to contract for the same should apply immediately.

—The Brothers of Mrs. Chas. Hamilton with their families, arrived on last Saturday morning, by land from Wood Mountain beyond the Yellowstone river, near Fort Benton. They returned on Tuesday.

—The paymaster will be here on the 16th, on his way to pay Uncle Sam's "Boys in Blue," at Fort Totten. Company C, of the 7th Cavalry, will probably be paid at Fort Lincoln, prior to their trip westward.

—A. H. Barrett with his wife, the daughter of our townsman Jas. McKenzie, was up on a visit to her parents. They returned to Fargo, where Mr. Barrett is in business in agricultural implements, on Monday night.

—Messrs. Anton Klaus, J. R. Winslow and J. S. Chase, of Green Bay, Wis., arrived here on Tuesday morning. These gentlemen are largely interested in lands in this county, and are here looking to the improvement of the same.

—Matthew Bennett, one of our new settlers, received news lately that his wife who still remains at the Central Mine, Keweenaw county, Mich., was at the point of death, but has had later news that she is convalescing.

—It is a noticeable fact that most of the settlers around here bring with them funds sufficient to settle them comfortably and carry them until they shall obtain a crop; and moreover nearly all who come to look, locate themselves satisfactorily.

—James Lees train of 22 teams returned from their trip to Totten, on Saturday evening; and left on Monday with 23 wagons, again loaded with the old lumber from the abandoned Fort Abercombie, up the Red River, which has been hauled here by rail.

—Geo. Blair, and haying outfit, camped here last Sunday. He is on his way from Polk county, Minnesota, to Fort Totten, where he has a contract to cut hay for the post, as he informs us. He has seven wagons duly hay ricked, ladened with three mowers and supplies, with a hay-rake in tow. They left on Monday for their destination.

—Maj. McLaughlin, Indian Agent at Fort Totten, arrived in town on the 18th of June, from a two weeks trip to St. Paul. The Major is said to have brought the Indians under his charge, to that degree of civilization, as to render his agency, the premium one in the United States. We are going up to see the folks at Totten as soon as we can.

—D. M. Kellehar's large hotel building is getting along finely. The roof is quite shingled, frieze and cornice on, windows set, and sheathing on. We judge from what we glean, that when it is completed there will be a big house warming for this fine building, after which Kellehar will be ready to "welcome the

coming and speed the parting guest."

—Last Friday's noon train from the east, brought Mr. Martin Joss, with his son George; the latter of whom had located with his brother Martin, tree-claims about three miles north of here, about three weeks ago, and had returned to Arcadia to get cattle, lumber and household goods, Martin Joss, Jr., remaining here. They went to breaking land immediately.

—There is a necessity for a Postal Money Order office at this place, as we are distant 93 miles from the nearest one. There being no banking facilities, and there being quite an amount of money transmitted to and from this place, both for citizens of our county, transient comers, and the folks at Fort Totten, makes this a matter of interest which should be seen to.

—It would be a good idea for our citizens to procure kerosene barrels, and placing them in front of their buildings, keep them full of water, the better to put out any fire that may take place. In order to do the job up rightly, place a hinged cover over each to keep the stock from drinking from them, and paint the word "fire," upon them. In addition to this a few ladders, hooks and luckets kept in some central place, might prove of the utmost value some of these days.

—On the 27th ult., Lew Vincent, a brakeman on Conductor Law's passenger train, in passing from the express section to the mail end of the car on the outside, while near Bismarck, lost his grip and fell. The car was moving at the rate of twenty miles an hour. No one saw the fall, and Vincent has been unable to tell how it happened. It has not been discovered that any bones were broken or any internal injuries (serious,) sustained. He was unconscious for some time.

—The land examining party of the Northern Pacific railroad, with the exception of W. R. Buckout, the draughtsman, who is keeping camp; namely: J. Holmes, the chief of the party, S. E. Stebbins, A. M. Darling, (an old chum of ours,) examiners, and Wm. McDonald, ye excellent cook; took a run over to Jamestown, prior to removing north of the railroad, commencing at Township 141, Range 65, and examining westward. They have just commenced townships 137 and 138, in Ranges 65, 64, 63, 62, 61 and 60; finding much excellent land, and reporting that antelope are in great abundance in the country gone over.

—Neil Bell, last Monday morning procured a pony and started before having his breakfast, in search of his cattle which had strayed off, supposing that he would find them immediately. He soon got on their track, and found that they had started for Minnesota, their old home. After following most of the day, he concluded to return, as he was without provisions, and he thought that it was a long time between meals. At supper he declared that henceforth as long as he stayed in Dakota, nothing should induce him to start anywhere until he had laid in a good breakfast. Tuesday, John Bell and Geo. W. Vennum, well prepared with supplies, started on the trail of the cattle, determined to bring them back.

—Last Thursday, Company C, 7th U. S. Cavalry, numbering 60 men, Capt. Jackson, commanding, arrived here from Fort Totten, 80 miles north of on their way to join eight other companies of the 7th at Fort Lincoln, opposite to Bismarck. As soon as all of the companies shall have joined the rendezvous, the command will proceed to Bear Butte, on the Custer route to, and distant 25 miles from the Black Hills, at which place a post is to be built this season; to serve as a supply and observation station. The 7th Cavalry will, it the Indian troubles increase in the west, be apt to have a part to play; and their reputation in the past give assurance that it will be no despicable one. Company F, of the 7th, with Company C, of the 17th infantry, remain at Fort Totten as guard for the Agency. While Maj. McLaughlin's Indians are well on the road to civilization, for which much credit is due to the Major himself, yet there are black sheep in every flock, and it would be well not to put temptation into their noddles by weakening that post.

—Who says that Stutsman county is a barren rocky waste? We fear our neighbors eastward of us could tell who are responsible for the impression that has gone forth to many, that there is little or no first-class agricultural lands in this vicinity; and we ask them if they are not ashamed of themselves, just a little? now own up. The fact is that in the days to come, this county will "come to the fore" with crops that will make the eyes of citizens of the Red River Valley, or any other man, stick out with amazement. As a present evidence note the samples brought us of wheat, oats and barley, plucked on the 25th of last month, at random from the fields of Messrs. Vennum & McKechnie, located two miles

down the Valley from town. The wheat measures three and a half feet long, the oats four, and barley four and a half. The wheat is heading, barley is fully headed out, while the oats are partly so. Good judges say that the wheat will go over 30 bushels to the acre, while the oats are a beautiful field. The plateaus out of the Valley we deem to be as rich as the lands in the Valley, fully so; and when another year rolls around, we think that we can issue another potato challenge to the editors on the Northern Pacific, and next time truthfully carry off the laurels. The fellows lied too fast for us last time.

FORT TOTTEM MAIL.

The mail contract between Jamestown and Fort Totten, was let for the year commencing July 1st, to J. R. Miner & Co., general mail contractors; by them to John W. Dorsey, and by him to E. Lohnes, who carried the mail last year, and who has a comfortable hack to accommodate passengers on his route. Mr. Lohnes carries the mail at a small reduction from the rates he received last year. The stations on the road are being enlarged; J. Clayton, 22 miles from Jamestown, adding an addition to his ranch; W. H. Larabee, at Lake Bellau, 44 miles distant is constructing a new frame house.

The following is the present schedule for leaving and arriving:

Leave Fort Totten, Tuesdays, 7 A. M.
Arrive Jamestown, Wednesdays, 7 P. M.
Leave " " Fridays, 7 A. M.
Arrive Fort Totten, Saturdays, 7 P. M.

There is a probability, we learn, that the service will be increased to a semi-weekly one, in a short time.

INDIAN BULL-PUNCHERS.

An incident suggesting matter for thought upon the question of civilizing the Indians, and giving assurance of peace, in this section between the white man and the red, occurred the latter part of last week.

A train of 42 good-looking wagons, each drawn by a team of excellent oxen, scientifically driven by a Sisseton Indian bull-puncher, clad in white men's togs, latted, and nearly all with their hair cut, the latter being an especial mark among Indians of disgrace and having adopted white men's customs; all under the charge of Tee-Washta, or Little Fish, second chief of the Fort Totten Sioux, made their appearance over the hill on Friday last; having come down for four car load of oats for the agency.

These Indians get paid for hauling their own goods upon wagons and with teams given them, but all of this is paid from out of their treaty annuities, which are expended all the sooner, and as "the longest pole knocked the persimmons," so in this case, the industrious Indians absorb the annuities, while the drones in the hive will come short. The train was loaded quickly on Saturday, and left on Sunday morning.

FIRE!

To illustrate what an appetite the gentle zephyrs of Northern Dakota, especially about Jamestown, gives; we would state that while one of the proprietors of the store below our office, the two publishers of the ALERT, the gentle apprentice thereof, and several other fellows sat at dinner on Monday; a lady rushed in and informed the first mentioned four, that a wash shed in the rear of their building had been on fire, but adding that it had been put out. Anxious inquiries were made by those having property at stake, but no movement was made except to stow away more provisions, the editor nervously reached for a piece of pie, the merchant raised half out of his chair, but settled down again to business; the other printer man and the d— kept rapidly preparing themselves to fight fire for the next 24 hours by laying in a goodly supply of provender. We wonder how hotel keepers can keep from poverty, and warn parties in the east having poor appetites not to come Jamestown, unless they wish to add to their miseries, that of having consumption—of comestibles.

The fire was caused by sparks from the stove in the wash house, dropping on some clothing waiting to be washed; the flames from which, raising to the roof. Water being on hand in the wash tubs, the fire was easily put out by the lady living two doors off, who discovered it. The clothes burned belonged to Mrs. B. Alexander, who is working at the Pacific House, and who loses nearly all of her own and her infant's washable garments which she can ill afford to do.

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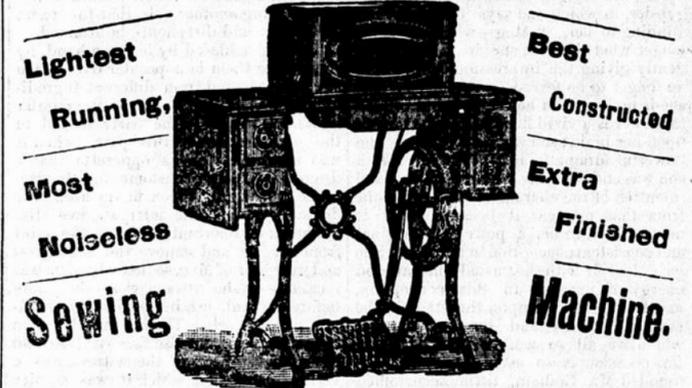
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