

## Jamestown Alert.

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### LOCAL RIP-RAPS.

—Look for eclipse of the sun next Monday.

—The new hotel is having the plastering put on at a rapid rate.

—Mr. Robt. Cowley returned from his trip to Fargo on last Saturday.

—Jerry Collins, of St. Paul, is about to take land at or near the 10th Siding.

—Mrs. Robt. Cowley had a very bad attack of neuralgia last Monday night.

—One of Jas. McKenzie's little daughters was quite ill with croup on Monday.

—James Lees sent off on Monday morning, three teams loaded with government clothing for the post at Fort Totten.

—Shaver's teams will be along very shortly on their way to the 10th Siding to break land for Dr. C. G. Higby, of St. Paul.

—John Ross, the railroad contractor, passed west to Bismarck on Tuesday, promising to stop over a day at Jamestown on his return.

—John Harris, late of Chatfield, Minn., has since our last issue taken a claim on Section 20, in the township south of here. He will build at once.

—Geo. W. Vennum is erecting a house on the pre-emption claim immediately west of the James river, near town, in dispute between himself and others.

—We understand it is quite likely that in about two weeks the land department of the N. P. R. R., will send their surveyors to re-survey and plat the townsite of Jamestown.

—Col. L. O. Gilman and C. B. Luke, of Belvidere, Ill., were in town Saturday and Sunday, and after examining the county for railroad land, left for the east on Sunday night.

—W. H. Larabee, at Lake Belland, sets up monster new potatoes and giant marrow-fat peas to the travelers who may be his guests in traveling between Fort Totten and Jamestown.

—Vice President Stark, of the N. P. R. R., passed west on Wednesday, in the pay car attached to the regular accommodation train. He was accompanied by a party of two ladies and gentlemen.

—W. M. Lloyd is expected to arrive this week, and is to make arrangements at once to have the post commandant's quarters at Fort Seward, which he purchased moved out onto Section 17 north of town.

—An Arcadia, Wis., brick maker sent up to Jamestown to have a search made for brick clay, proposing if a good article could be found, to come up and locate and go into the supplying of bricks for this vicinity.

—Col. Reese, U. S. paymaster, with his daughter, returned on Monday afternoon from Fort Totten. As the Col. was quite ill on the road down he did not go to St. Paul that night, but went down on the special train Tuesday afternoon.

—The breaking which has been done in this vicinity for Wm. Lloyd, of Altona, Pa., finished this week, amounts to 710 acres; of which there are on Section 17, in the township east of this, 640 acres, and on Section 18, of this township, 50 acres.

—Mr. Thos. B. Harris, our railroad agent, was subpoenaed to attend the term of the U. S. District court now being held at Fargo, and went down on the train night before last, leaving the station in charge of Isaac Baume, night operator.

—The Jamestown mails are becoming bulky. Last week Otto Gasal, of Arcadia, Wis., sent through them a pair of unmentionable leg coverings to Chas. Hollenbeck, and a coat to G. W. Vennum in return for courtesies extended to him while hunting land about here.

—A machinist by the name of J. Myer Collins, of St. Paul, having fully come to the conclusion that a farmer's life is the most independent and calculated to make a man happy, last week took a homestead on Section 26, Township 140, Range 65, and will move his family out on it as soon as possible.

—Fifty-five ox teams and wagons with their Indian owners or drivers arrived here last Friday, under the charge of Philip Wells. On Saturday agent Harris loaded them all with 1,327 sacks of corn, weighing 156,497 lbs., for the government, also some goods for Mr. Cramsey, the Indian trader at Fort Totten.

—Geo. W. Vennum and John Bell are about to enter into partnership in the

agricultural implement, storage and commission business, and will immediately erect a building for that purpose, on the southwest corner of the block east of the one on which the ALERT office is situated. They are brisk business young men, and we wish them success.

—The coins of the United States are legal tender to the following amounts: Copper, one and two cent pieces, four cents; three cents, silver, twelve and three-eighths grains, thirty-four cents; three cents, nickel, fifty cents; five cents, silver, \$1; five cents, nickel, \$1; dimes, quarters and halves, \$5; standard silver dollars and gold coins in any amount.

—A new discovery of sand was made last week a mile west from here, which is an excellent article, sharp and just the thing for plastering. The plasterers say it is equal to the sand on Lake Superior. This is a good find and will be valuable in the future, as good sand is a scarce commodity, Bismarck folks having hauled it from here and from beyond the Red river.

—Chas. Hollenbeck and Jas. Herbert laid themselves out last Tuesday in building themselves an elaborate hay rack, "sparing neither time nor expense, as our time is worth nothing, and as for the expense, we get trusted," the passage quoted is their language verbatim. It is a good hay rack we are bound to say, as we smoked a cigar on the strength of its excellence.

—Messrs. Holmes, Stebbins, Darling and Buckhout, of the N. P. R. R., land examining party, having gone over in their examinations the country lying back from and the north of the track between Jamestown and the 14th Siding, came in on Sunday evening for supplies and mail matter, and returning to the 14th Siding on Monday moved camp to the country south of the track where they will look the land over working their way eastward.

—Chas. Hollenbeck and Jas. Herbert returned on last Friday from their trip to Fort Totten, to which place they had been with a load of lumber for the post. They hauled the largest loads ever hauled by a span of horses to that place, Hollenbeck's load weighing 4,800 lbs., actual weight by the government scales. They were caught in a heavy thunder and hail storm at Larabee's, and in another at the Cheyenne river, 18 miles this side of Fort Totten.

—An extra freight which left Bismarck on Saturday evening for Fargo, ran into a herd of cattle between the 16th and 17th Sidings, killing a cow and a couple of heifers. After running over them they backed up to notify the foreman of the section, and in doing so ran over the carcasses again, throwing one of the trucks of the caboose off of the track and springing one of the axels of the tender. They managed to get as far as the 16th Siding at which place they were obliged to wait until roadmaster Fitzpatrick sent after them on Sunday.

—As haying time is now here, it would be well for our citizens to consider whether it would not pay to put up hay quite largely. There will be a large amount of breaking to be done in this vicinity next season, and as much of it will be done by lumbering teams from the pineries, if good hay was here in abundance it would pay the lumbermen to bring their teams on their coming out of the woods immediately to this place, so that they might recruit up, ready for the breaking season. There is no scarcity of haying ground near here, much of it will cut from four to seven tons of very fair hay to the acre.

—James Johnson, chief engineer of the steamer Frances Smith, of the Collingwood Lake Superior line, plying between Duluth, Minn., and Collingwood, Canada, arrived here last week in search of railroad land, which he will put a man on next year and improve, preparatory to coming out here to live, as he says that he is nearly tired of sailing. He was the guest of John and Neil Bell, on their farm north of town. Thos. Pettigrew, chief engineer of the Sarnia Northwest Transportation company, and also chief engineer of the stout propeller Quebec, of that line, has located railroad land four or five miles south of Jamestown, and is to build a house thereon at once. He is a brother-in-law of the Bells.

#### Excursionists.

A special train composed of the Northern Pacific pay car, directors car and a baggage car, passed westward to Bismarck attached to Monday night's passenger train; and after fighting mosquitoes at our sister city, came east on Tuesday, under the charge of Conductor Kelley. Its passengers under the escort of Supt. H. A. Towne and Land Commissioner J. B. Power, of the N. P. R. R., comprised: Hon. B. Gratz Brown and son, Senator D. H. Armstrong, H. C. Brockmeyer, Lieut. Gov. of Missouri; D. H. MacAdams, Recorder of St. Louis; Joseph Brown, Ex Mayor; Robt. A. Campbell, Member

of the Legislature; F. F. Espenchild, Secretary of present mayor; Theophile Papier, real estate exchange, and J. A. Gregory, of the firm of Gregory, Slogg & Co., all of St. Louis; Hon. Alex Ramsey, J. B. Shaw and W. P. Hillard, of St. Paul; Martin McGinness and wife, of Montana; Miss Katie Wright and Miss Cooke, of Philadelphia, Pa. This party were accompanied by President C. B. Wright, Vice President Stark and General Manager Sargent, of this road as far as Fargo, where they stopped to transact some business, but were to meet the excursionists at the Dalrymple farms near Casselton at 5 p. m., on Tuesday. The party stopped at Jamestown for dinner, and went away from our town convinced that Mrs. Kellehar could set up a square meal. These ladies and gentlemen were a part of the excursion party who lately went from St. Paul to Duluth for a ride on the waters of Lake Superior, and travel as the guests of the Northern Pacific railroad company, who, they say, has played the parts of most generous hosts. All seem to think well of the present appearance of the country, and have considerable faith in its future development; but their morning's experience with mosquitoes at Bismarck, caused them to make anxious enquiries as to their prevalence in our neighborhood. Why did not our Bismarck friends muzzle their insects for that day? It will cause the folks traveling through this section of Dakota to spread the report that we are all insectivorous (or vice versa) alike, and thereby cause the innocent to suffer with the guilty.

#### FORT TOTTEM ITEMS.

**Married.**  
CAVANAUGH—BROWN.—At Fort Totten, D. T., on the 22nd inst., by the Rev. Father Claude Ebner, M. FRANK CAVANAUGH to Miss MARY JANE BROWN, both of Fort Totten.

The crops at the agency are looking very well. The hay contractor is making good speed.

The steam yacht which is in process of being built, progresses slowly; but if the hull does not get burned to ashes, as did a similar attempt a couple of years ago, the "Pioneer", or whatever she may be named, will steam o're the briny waters of Devil's Lake not far in the future.

The folks at Totten held, last Saturday, a picnic, fair, and in the evening a ball, to obtain funds to erect a new church at the Mission; and realized about \$75.00 net, which is not a bad showing, compared with church fairs in quite large places throughout Minnesota. We were told that all the folks at the post and agency joined in to make the thing a success.

Maj. McLaughlin returned from his trip to the Indian council at Fort Berthold on last Friday. He had 130 chiefs and head men with him, besides women and children; and reports that the Indians at the council fixed up matters most harmoniously, signing a treaty of peace, and agreement as to the manner of redress from the depredations of horse thieves. A party of the Indians on their return by the way of Cotaus Hills to Fort Totten, killed a buffalo.

Maj. Jas. McLaughlin, the agent for the Devil's Lake Indians, left Fort Totten rather late in the morning of the 22nd inst., and arrived at Jamestown, a distance of 83 miles, by 10 o'clock that night; the last half of the distance was done in ten minutes less than six hours, with one team, stopping an hour for supper, &c., on the way. He was accompanied by the mail driver, Ed. Lohnes, who also went that night with the Major to attend the U. S. District court at Fargo. The case of the Indian who was one of the party that killed a white family at St. Joseph, on the Missouri river, will be tried at this term of court. The Indian agents are after the white men who stole the ponies from the Rees, Mandan and Gros Ventres Indians at Fort Berthold, and which nearly made trouble between them and the Devil's Lake Indians; and what is more to the point, the U. S. Marshal is also after them.

#### Miscellaneous.

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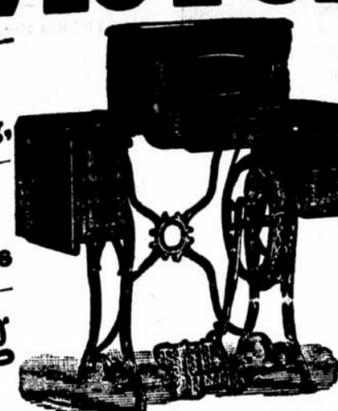
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