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Edward H. Foster, Editor.

**To the Democrats and Dissatisfied Republicans of Stutsman County.**  
 There will be a Mass meeting of the above element, at the school house, on Thursday, August 13th, at 8 o'clock p. m. All are invited to attend.  
 D. M. KELLEHER, Chairman,  
 Democratic County committee.

**Republican County Committee.**  
 JAMESTOWN, Stutsman Co., Aug. 7, '78.  
 In pursuance with instructions from the Republican Mass convention held here yesterday evening, I hereby appoint as a Republican County committee, to hold until the next Republican County convention, two years hence, the following gentlemen: Edward H. Foster, John J. Nichols and Harvey C. Miller.  
 THOS. S. COLLINS, Chairman,  
 Republican Mass convention.

**Republican Delegate Mass Convention.**  
 The convention met at Jamestown on the evening of Aug. 6th, as per call, and was called to order by the Chairman of the County committee, H. C. Miller, who then proceeded to read from the ALERT the call for said convention.  
 E. H. Foster moved that Thos. S. Collins be chosen as chairman, and Geo. W. Vennum act as secretary. Carried.  
 A. W. Kelly then addressed the convention, asking them to pledge the delegation for Hon. J. P. Kidder; in which he was supported by Geo. W. Vennum. H. C. Miller and E. H. Foster opposed the instructing or pledging of the delegates from Stutsman county. No instructions was made.  
 The convention then went into an informal ballot, to show the opening strength of the different candidates for delegate which resulted in H. C. Miller receiving 22 votes, Geo. W. Vennum 19, E. H. Foster 5, T. B. Harris 1, James Lees 1.  
 E. H. Foster then addressed the convention, placing plainly before them the fact that this was strictly a Republican convention, and that all participating therein were in honor bound to support the nominees of the Republican Territorial convention at the next election, and the further fact that it was dishonorable for Democrats to seek to rule a Republican convention.  
 The first formal ballot for one delegate resulted as follows: Miller 23, Vennum 15. H. C. Miller being declared elected.  
 The second ballot resulted in Geo. W. Vennum receiving 23 votes, E. H. Foster 9 votes.  
 The election of said delegates was made unanimous.  
 Mr. J. McKenzie, at different times during the evening made protests against Democrats participating in the convention.  
 The chair was authorized to appoint a Republican County committee of three, to serve two years, at his leisure, and announce the same in the ALERT.  
 E. H. Foster then moved, that all persons participating in this convention stand pledged to support the nominees of the Republican party at the coming election; which was carried.  
 Convention adjourned sine die.

**On the Wing.**  
**EDITOR JAMESTOWN ALERT:**  
 Last evening (July 30th,) the remains of E. Roemer was picked up about three miles east of Bismarck, alongside of the track. Supposed to have died of a fit. Deceased until recently, kept the Dominion House in Brainerd, where he is well known.  
 Steamboat business on the Missouri is still brisk.  
 Every stage from the Hills brings in miners en route to the Bear Paw Mountains.  
 Plowing on the Steele farm at the 14th Siding, has been discontinued, and Mr.

Steele is now busily engaged in putting up hay for two car loads of mules which he intends to winter, in order to have them on hand for next spring's work. He has great confidence in the country around the 14th Siding. \*

**Scholarship.**  
 Names of pupils of Jamestown school who have been perfect in deportment and have stood 95 per cent. or higher in their studies, during the week ending Aug. 3d, 1878:

Name	Department.	Scholarship.
Maggie Elliott,	100	99
Will "	100	99
Grace "	100	95
George Nichols,	100	95
Jenny Kelley,	100	100

JULIET R. SHOEMAKER, Teacher.

**Tree Claim Act.**  
 We have received many requests asking the publication of the subjoined act of the last session amendatory of the previous act, and it will be well for those interested to cut it out of this paper and preserve it for future use:

Be it enacted by the senate and house of representatives of the United States of America in congress assembled: That the act entitled "An act to amend the act entitled 'an act to encourage the growth of timber on the western prairies,'" approved March thirteenth, eighteen hundred and seventy-four, be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows: That any person who is the head of a family, or who has arrived at the age of twenty-one years, and is a citizen of the United States, or who shall have filed his declaration of intention to become such, as required by the naturalization laws of the United States, who shall plant, protect and keep in a healthy, growing condition, for eight years, ten acres of timber, on any quarter section of any of the public lands of the United States, or five acres of any legal subdivision of eighty acres, or two and one half acres on any legal subdivision of forty acres or less, shall be entitled to a patent to the whole of said quarter section, or of such legal subdivision of eighty, or forty acres, or fractional subdivisions of less than forty acres, as the case may be, at the expiration of said eight years, on making proof of such fact by not less than two credible witnesses, and a full compliance of the further conditions as provided in section two: Provided further, That not more than one quarter of any section shall be thus granted, and that no person shall make more than one entry under the provisions of this act.

Sec. 2. That the person applying for the benefits of this act shall, upon application to the register of the land district in which he or she is about to make such entry, make affidavit, before the register or receiver, or the clerk of some court of record, or officer authorized to administer oaths in the district where the land is situated; which affidavit shall be as follows, to-wit:

I, \_\_\_\_\_, having filed my application, number \_\_\_\_\_, for an entry under the provisions of an act entitled "an act to amend an act entitled 'an act to encourage the growth of timber on the western prairies,'" approved \_\_\_\_\_, 187\_\_\_\_, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I am the head of a family (or twenty one years of age), and a citizen of the United States, (or have declared my intention to become such); that the section of land specified in my said application is composed exclusively of prairie lands, or other lands devoid of timber; that this filing and entry is made for the cultivation of timber, and for my own exclusive use and benefit; that I have made the said application in good faith, and not for the purpose of speculation, directly or indirectly, or for the use or benefit of any other person whomsoever; that I intend to hold and cultivate the land, and to fully comply with the provisions of said act; and that I have not heretofore made an entry under this act, or the acts of which this is amendatory." And upon filing such affidavit with said register and said receiver, and on payment of ten dollars, if the tract is more than eighty acres, and five dollars if it is eighty acres or less, he or she shall, thereupon, be permitted to enter the quantity of land specified; and the party making an entry of a quarter section under the provisions of this act, shall be required to break or plow five acres covered thereby the first year, five acres the second, and to cultivate to crop or otherwise the five acres broken or plowed the first year; the third year he or she shall cultivate to crop or otherwise the five acres broken the second year, and to plant in timber, seeds, or cuttings, the remaining five acres. All entries of less quantity than one-quarter section shall be planted, plowed, cultivated, and planted to trees, tree seed, or cuttings, in the same manner and in the same proportion as hereinbefore provided for a quarter section; provided, however, that in case such trees, seeds, or cuttings, shall be destroyed by grasshoppers, or by extreme and unusual drouth, for any year, or terms of years, the time for planting such trees, seeds, or cuttings shall be extended one year for every such year that they are so destroyed; provided further, that the person

making such entry shall, before he or she shall be entitled to such extension of time, file with the register and the receiver of the proper land office an affidavit, corroborated by two witnesses, setting forth the destruction of such trees, and that in consequence of such destruction he or she is compelled to ask an extension of time, in accordance with the provisions of this act; and provided further, That no final certificate shall be given, or patent issued for the land so entered, until the expiration of eight years from the date of such entry; and if, at the expiration of said time, or at any time within five years thereafter, the person making such entry, or if he or she be dead, his or her heirs or legal representatives, shall prove by two credible witnesses that he or she or they have planted, and for not less than eight years have cultivated and protected, such quantity and character of trees as aforesaid; that not less than twenty-seven hundred trees were planted on each acre, and that at the time of making such proof, there shall be then growing at least six hundred and twenty five living and thrifty trees to each acre, they shall receive a patent for such tract of land.

Sec. 4. That if at any time after the filing of said affidavit, and prior to the issuing of the patent for said land, the claimant shall fail to comply with any of the requirements of this act, then in that event, such land shall be subject to entry under the homestead laws, or by some other person, under the provisions of this act; Provided, That the party making claim to said land, either as a homestead settler, or under this act, shall give, at the time of filing his application, such notice to the original claimant as shall be prescribed by the rules established by the commissioner of the general land office; and the rights of the parties shall be determined as in other contested cases.

Sec. 4. That no land acquired under the provisions of this act shall, in any event, become liable to the satisfaction of any debts contracted prior to the issuing of the final certificate therefor.

Sec. 5. That the commissioner of the general land office is hereby required to prepare and issue such rules and regulations, consistent with this act, as shall be necessary and proper to carry its provisions into effect; and that the registers and receivers of the several land offices shall each be entitled to receive two dollars at the time of entry, and the like sum when the claim is finally established and the final certificate issued.

Sec. 6. That the fifth section of the act entitled "an act in addition to an act to punish crimes against the United States, and for other purposes," approved March 3d, 1857, shall extend to all oaths, affirmations and affidavits required or authorized by this act.

Sec. 7. That parties who have already made entries under the acts approved March 3d, 1873, and March 13, 1874, of which this is amendatory, shall be permitted to complete the same upon full compliance with the provisions of this act; that is, they shall, at the time of making their final proof, have had under cultivation, as required by this act, an amount of timber sufficient to make the number of acres required by this act.

Sec. 8. All acts and parts of acts in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

—No. 4 of the JAMESTOWN ALERT is at hand, and is as neat as ably edited. Here's our best —Dakota Republican. Thank you, brother. Shake.

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