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### Republican Ticket.

For Delegate to Congress,  
G. P. BENNETT.

For District Attorney, Northern District of Dakota,  
O. W. FRANCIS.

### A Fair Statement.

Considerable enquiry is constantly being made of us, and of others in Jamesstown, as to what has been done in an agricultural way in the past, in Stutsman county; by new comers who see preparations being made for farming in the future.

To enlighten these enquirers, we will give the following statement:

In 1872 A. W. Kelley planted a garden a mile west of Jamesstown, below Fort Seward, on June 20th; and in September sent, by request of the N. P. R. R. officials, two large boxes of fine vegetables to the Minnesota State Fair. Thos. Collins also had on section 35 a good garden which was destroyed by cattle. In 1873 Mr. Kelley put in one half acre of wheat as an experiment, which turned out elegantly, but he had no means of thrashing it. In 1876 Mr. Kelley had in four acres of barley and nearly four acres of oats. Vennum & McKechnie in 1877, put in 65 acres which yielded 3,000 bushels of fine oats. This latter firm also introduced the first reaper and thrashing machine.

M. Wiseman in 1874, put in three acres of garden stuff which produced well. Merrick Moore, in the same year, put in garden stuff, such as onions, cabbages, &c., which proved remunerative.

Mr. A. W. Kelley in 1874 shipped on two or three occasions a car load of cabbages, &c., to Bismarck, and made that fall, off of vegetables, \$500.00. On one acre he had a splendid crop of Ree Indian corn.

Mr. D. M. Kellehar has also raised a good crop of vegetables every year for the last four years.

Mr. Merrick Moore, in 1876, raised ripe Trophy tomatoes, which are a late tomato, by the middle of August; and this year has had onions fully ripe since the first of this month; also has had ripe tomatoes for sale for the last two weeks.

This season Mr. Kellehar has raised, and has had already on his hotel table, green corn and summer squash.

In regard to cereal crops this season, Vennum & McKechnie had in on their farm south of Jamesstown, 92 acres of oats, which yielded 4,500 bushels, or an average 49 bushels to the acre. They also planted 5.4 acres of wheat as an experiment, which yielded 186 bushels, a machine measure, heaped and running over, which gives an average of 34.4 bushels to an acre; but which if weighed would show over 200 bushels, and a yield of 37 bushels per acre.

A. W. Kelley had in this season, 17 acres of oats, which yielded 41 bushels per acre; also an imperfectly seeded acre of wheat which gave 16 bushels.

In the estimate of the 5.4 acres of wheat planted by Vennum & McKechnie, upon Merrick Moore's ground, the fact that 25 head of cattle were in the wheat and ate until they were satisfied and went out; at another time six head of cattle took a browse at it, and again six more took their turn at it, should be given due weight.

In connection with the above yield must be also considered the fact that a gentleman who was formerly stationed at Fort Ransom, 45 miles southeast of here, and at Fort Seward at this place, as a hospital steward, and whose business it was to keep a record of the weather, declares this to be the hottest and driest summer he knows of in his experience for eleven years. Also the fact that at the time that the wheat and oats were in the milk, or heading condition, when they

most needed cool weather, a hot simoon blast from St. Louis, or some other place in that direction, blew steadily for a week; thereby preventing the filling out that otherwise would have occurred. But this season is an exceptional one all over the country, and we must as gracefully as possible, put up with a yield of 37 bushels of wheat per acre. Samples of this wheat can be had on application, or seen on exhibition among the products of the Northern Pacific railroad, at the Minnesota State Fair; or at the office of Tombell Bros., Chicago. It is A, No. 1 hard wheat, so pronounced by every one.

Now, the foregoing shows conclusively that crops can be grown in the valley of the James and Pipestem streams; but visitors enquire, Can your prairie lands produce like this? Do you think that they will grow good crops? We answer, that potatoes weighing 17 ounces have been raised on the prairie under the sod breaking, merely throwing the potatoes in the furrow and turning the next one over them. Onions on Geo. Braune's place, sown broadcast on the sod and washed in by the rain, have been weighed this week, and one of them pressed down the scales to the figure of 8 ounces; and it appears to be the candid opinion of nearly all of our citizens, that the lands on the plateau out of the valleys of the James and Pipestem, are better in many respects; will wear longer, produce better, and retain moisture better than those in the valleys.

These are facts, and not merely the blawtiveness of a newspaper man who is striving to fill space in his columns, and will bear the strictest investigation.

The reason that this place, so long settled, has not more farms opened around it, is that those settled here were engaged in selling goods, liquors, and freighting, and only the stimulus of the coming immigration, and the large yields of grain on the Dalrymple farms induced them to try agriculture as a means of making money.

**Terrible Tornado and Hail Storm.**  
 Fargo, on the evening of the 26th inst., was the victim of the most terrible tornado and hail storm ever known on the line of the N. P. R. R. since its inception.

The storm swooped down from the northwest as people were at supper, and by destruction of buildings, furniture, stock, window glass, &c., cost that place a damage of over \$20,000.

The grist mill of C. A. Roberts was leveled to the ground; also N. L. Shattuck's feed and sale stable, loss of five horses killed, and several injured. O. W. Francis' dwelling blown to atoms, including all furniture therein. Mr. Robbins' dwelling and contents a mass of ruins. A Rupert's incomplete dwelling torn to bits. R. N. Pray's dwelling blown down. McLaughlin's agricultural house unroofed. Benz & Becht's brick block was unroofed. The Episcopal church was badly wrenched and considerably injured, also steeple torn off. Chapin's barn was blown down and a horse injured. Side walks torn up, and things smashed generally.

A sleeping car was run off of the track, and on the side track westward of town, where a large number of cars were standing, 30 of them were blown eastward down the track, ditching four of them and tearing the lumber loaded on some of them from its fastenings, and strewing it, with lumber piled near the track, in every direction along the path of the storm. A thrashing machine standing on one of the cars, was taken up bodily and set down on a platform adjoining the car.

The track was so obstructed by the storm, that it took only about twenty minutes, that it took three or four hours hard work before the western bound express train could leave.

A number of small buildings were moved on their foundations. The Sherman and Headquarters hotels were thoroughly shaken, and the damage by water and hail through the broken windows will mount up to some hundreds of dollars in each.

Nearly every window in the town, fronting north or west, was broken by the hail, many of which were described as being as large as walnuts.

A man by the name of Lund was caught out on the prairie, and terribly bruised by the hail, and he found after the squall a woman and two little girls lying prostrate on the ground, having their clothes nearly torn off of them.

A tree fell across the end of a shanty

near the river, just escaping the destruction of a family.

The chimney of the Moorhead Mills, at Moorhead was blown down. Damage to the mill by water, \$500

A bawdy house in Moorhead, of considerable notoriety, being spared by the storm, was set on fire and consumed.

### Hay put up in this County.

Hay has been put up this season to the amount of 1287 tons by the following persons:

Vennum & McKechnie	140 tons.
James Lees	500 "
James Hunt	80 "
Geo. Pelissier	40 "
J. J. Nichols	40 "
P. Moran	130 "
James Herbert	30 "
A. Klaus	20 "
— Martin	25 "
Goodrich Bros.	100 "
A. Scidmore	80 "
Wm. Bowman	50 "
J. Clayton	50 "
H. C. Miller	12 "
<b>Total</b>	<b>1287 tons.</b>

### Scholarship.

Names of pupils of Jamesstown school, who have stood above 95 per cent. in deportment and scholarship during the week ending August 23rd, 1878:

Names.	Department.	Scholarship.
Maggie Elliot.	100	100
Jennie M. Kelley.	100	100
Walter A. Shoemaker.	100	97
Annie Bennett.	100	96
Laura Moore.	100	95

JULIET R. SHOEMAKER, Teacher.

—President Hayes is announced as passing over the Northern Pacific railroad from Fargo to Bismarck next Friday week, returning on Saturday.

### New Advertisements.

#### Yoke of Oxen Lost.

Said oxen were turned out on Monday, Aug. 19th, on the valley below Vennum & McKechnie's farm, two miles south of Jamesstown, since which time nothing has been heard of them. The cattle were large, about ten years old, one being nearly all white with large bell on him, and the other a brindie. The cattle were formerly owned by James Lees, of Jamesstown. Any person returning these cattle to A. McKechnie, will be liberally rewarded. JOHN HARRIS. Jamesstown, Aug. 28, 1878.

#### Independent Candidate.

To the voters of the 3d Judicial District, Dakota Territory. Gentlemen, in view of the fact that the office of district attorney is not, and should not be a political one, and that the one filling the position should be unembarrassed by party policy; and in view of the fact that the expense of meeting in convention for the nomination of party candidates would necessarily be great, while the farmers throughout the district are and will be unusually busy during the next few weeks, and at the earnest solicitation of friends representing all portions of the district, I hereby announce myself as an independent candidate for district attorney and solicit your support for that position. JOHN A. STOVELL. Bismarck, D. T., Aug. 6, 1878. [992]

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and companionship, she had never given him. She held his hand in her moment, stroking it, and then kissed. "She could not speak. I will go, my child." Her father's voice was strangely altered. He went into his own room, and not come out again. Nellie was busy until late in the night, she was a tongue to boil, and a certain of cookies to bake. The boys hovered over her, happy, meddling at every thing, but singularly gentle and affectionate. Mother used to make these kind of es. "Aren't they nice?" Alice had her sleeves rolled up and her

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