

Jamestown Alert.

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LOCAL RIP-RAPS.

—Cuyler Adams paid Jamestown a flying visit on Tuesday.

—Five car loads of lumber arrived Wednesday for Anton Klaus.

—Beautiful balmy weather this week, Tuesday and to day especially so.

—The N. P. R. R. is now in good shape for the winter from Fargo to Bismarck.

—We are glad to learn that the children of Maj. James McLaughlin, the Indian Agent at Fort Totten, are all convalescing.

—All section men on the Dakota Division of the N. P. R. R. were laid off on Oct. 21, except a foreman and two men on each section.

—The N. P. work train will be moved east about the 15th, to a point not far west of Fargo, where it will be employed in filling up some small bridges.

—We understand that there is a wedding to come off at Maj. McLaughlin's house to-night; if this be so we will give the usual announcement next week.

—J. W. Goodrich has had Wm. Lloyd's well on Section 17, of the township east of here, sunk 25 feet deep, and has obtained a good supply of water at that depth.

—Mr. Henry Severn, of Davenport, Iowa; who was up here last summer, arrived here October 26th, and settling on his pre-emption on Section 2, Township 139, Range 64, one mile and a half south of town, has already gotten himself up a house and stable. He brought two of his sons with him.

—The thirty-fifth wedding anniversary of Antone and Mrs. Klaus occurs on Friday of the present week. We do not know of a married couple more esteemed among all their friends, here, and it will be a loss indeed if we lose them from Green Bay and Wisconsin society.—Green Bay Advocate, Oct. 31.

—G. G. Beardsley has finished his surveying contract, and his teams will be in to-night. We are glad he has done (and we will guarantee it is well done,) his job before the weather becomes bad. Mr. J. Holmes, the N. P. R. R. land examiner has also finished examining the townships surveyed by Mr. Beardsley, and both he and Mr. B. arrived in town this noon, and will go east to night.

—Maj. Crofton, of the 17th Infantry, arrives to-night from Fort Lincoln with one company of the 17th, and the band of that regiment, and will proceed at once to Fort Totten, of which he will take command. Company K, of the 7th Cavalry, will proceed to Fort Totten as soon as they get in from the Hills, taking the place of Company C, which stays at Fort Lincoln. The property of Company C, left at Totten, arrived here from there to day. Fort Totten will be quite lively this winter with four companies of troops, and a regimental band for dress parades and guard mounting.

—Mr. David Curtin, of the firm of Klaus & Curtin, arrived here to-day, and is now arranging to go at once to erecting their large store and agricultural warehouse, which will be situated upon the six lots immediately south and facing the railroad track near the depot. The building will be 100x40, and as the seven cars of lumber and one of shingles are now here on the track for said building, and the carpenters will be here by next Saturday; one of them Mr. Frank Eulyen bringing his family to become one of our citizens; it is expected that the warehouse will be under roof within six weeks. Mr. Curtin will stay until after the building is finished and possibly all winter. He says that next spring will see a large immigration to this point from Green Bay and vicinity. Let them come, the more the merrier. Mr. Klaus will be here about the 15th inst.

A New Town.

Green Bay Advocate.
One of the most promising towns on the Northern Pacific Railroad is Jamestown, which is about fifty miles west of Bismarck, [102 miles east of Bismarck.—Ed. ALERT.]—a part of which has recently been laid out by Anton Klaus, of this city—a very handsome plat of which we have recently been shown. Jamestown is in Stutsman County, at the confluence of the James and Pipestone rivers, furnishing an ample water power, which is to be improved with milling facilities.

The new part of the plat embraces from First to Eighth streets inclusive, with Pacific, Wisconsin and Milwaukee Avenues, and has a vigorous look, even on paper.

which augers well for its future.

Good Templar Installation.
Fort Totten Lodge No. 22, I. O. G. T., had a public installation on Monday evening, the 4th inst., and the following officers installed:
H. C. Thompson, W. C. T.
Frank Shepler, W. V. T.
W. C. Lane, W. M.
Miss Lena Hansen, W. D. M.
T. L. Gannon, W. S.
D. Norton, W. A. S.
H. Hill, W. F. S.
G. McAlvey, W. T.
T. Morse, W. C.
John Vreynne, W. Sent.
John Hunter, W. G.
Theo. Mickelson, W. R. S.
John T. Fisher, W. L. S.
James Micles, P. W. C. T.
James Micles, W. L. D.

The above lodge is quite a success at Fort Totten, and numbers 45 members. They had an entertainment after the installation which afforded amusement for those present, among whom were the officers at the fort with their wives. We wish the lodge all manner of good wishes, and hope that they will notify us in the future of all installations, and matters of events convened with the order at the post.

A Singular Circumstance.
Special Telegram to the Pioneer Press.
BISMARCK, Oct. 31.—A singular development transpired at Fort Lincoln to-day. Mrs. Sergeant Noonan, who died last night, turns out to be a man. Mrs. Noonan was a laundress at the post, and the most popular midwife there. She had been married three times and was one of the widows of the Custer massacre. Her husband is a member of the Seventh cavalry, now in the field. There is no explanation of the unnatural union, except that the supposed Mexican woman was worth \$10,000, and was able to buy her husband's silence. She had been with the Seventh cavalry nine years.

Another Railroad Scheme.
Sioux Falls Post.
Messrs. Wicker, Merchant and Briggs of the Dakota Southern and Sioux City and Pembina roads left the city yesterday for Beloit and Canton, from whence they will make an inspection trip in the territory westward. The object we understand to be an examination of the country west of Beloit with a view of extending the line of the Sioux City and Pembina railroad westerly from that point in an early future. This scheme is of incalculable importance to Sioux City, as a road up the valley of the Sioux and then moving in a westerly direction will make Sioux City the shipping point of a section of country whose future agricultural products are beyond any calculation. In fact the question is vital to the people of this city, for if the Sioux City and Pembina railway do not occupy the territory and make it tributary to us, an eastern railroad will take it from us.

The Plague as a Peacemaker.
Memphis Appeal.
While all that is said is true of the pluck and endurance of the Southern people under the provocations of war, pestilence and famine, there is something to be said for our brethren of the North, whose constancy, steadiness and devotion to their cause, bravery and persistence in battle, and endurance in a prolonged contest that taxed all their energies and a skill and resources unequalled, have few parallels in history. To no other people could we of the South have surrendered. Magnanimous on the field so fiercely contested, despite the hazards of political dispute, they have many times since April, 1865, extended us the right hand of fellowship, full up and flowing over with good gifts, tendered with a manly spirit that robbed the generous tender of the humiliations of charity. The same men who led the armies of the North, the same journalists who inspired those armies, and the same religious teachers, and the same noble, heroic women who originated and sustained, amid the heat of battle and excitement of sometimes perilous popular commotions, the grandest beneficence ever conceived of for the relief of soldiers in the field, have been foremost in the heaven-sent work of our relief in weeks that are the dreariest in our calendar. Unwearied in their tasks, as did Joseph with his brethren, they have filled our sacks to overflowing many, many times, and yet they are not done. From far Oregon and Montana to Vermont; from villages, towns and cities of all the busy Northern States; from the miner's camp and the newsboys' home; from the banker and the farmer, the professor and the mechanic; from all classes of that section of our country where American ingenuity has found its largest field of conquest, and whose industries challenge the world in vain for a comparison—from this seat of great industrial population, unmatched by any other on the earth, the gifts of an intelligent help and touching sympathy have come, saving many thousands of our

stricken ones from death, and lighting our dreary pathway with the light of an enduring brotherly love. "Blood is thicker than water." Of the same race, speaking the same tongue, the heirs of the same liberties and citizens of the same glorious country, no memories of sectional divisions, of political animosities or of civil war, have been allowed to stay the steady flow of the bounteous stream that has brought us, with all else, the assurance that we are one people in fact as well as in name, and that beyond the froth and fuss of politics, and the deceits and dangers of demagogues, the popular heart is safe, yielding only of its fullness when challenged in the cause of humanity, and brother's lives are at a stake.

Discounts on Silver.
Pioneer Press.
As the people are frequently confused concerning the discounts on the silver coin now in general circulation, a few explanations may prove a material benefit to the public. Dr. H. R. Linderman, director of the mint at Washington, has issued a circular containing the desired information, and it is herewith submitted, as follows:
In consequence of the number of inquiries received, relative to the value of the Mexican silver dollar, and the terms on which it is received at the mints, the following information is furnished:
Section 3584, revised statutes United States, declares that "No foreign gold or silver coins shall be a legal tender in the payment of debts."

The Mexican dollar, therefore, has only a value as bullion, which depends upon the price of silver; at the present price of silver bullion it is worth about 90.8 cents, in gold, per piece. Its circulation as money in the United States is optional and at whatever value may be agreed upon. The United States trade dollar is also not a legal tender, and, therefore, has only a bullion value.

The standard silver dollar being a legal tender for all debts, public and private, is received at par at all government offices in payment of dues, differing in this respect from the Mexican and trade-dollar, which are not received.

Mexican dollars, as well as all foreign silver coins, and United States trade dollars, are purchased at the mints at Philadelphia, San Francisco and Carson, and the assay office at New York, at the equivalent of the London rate for silver bullion on the day of purchase, less one-half cent per ounce of fine silver contained.

All silver coins so purchased are melted and assayed, and the seller paid for the fine silver contained in standard silver dollars.

All parties desiring to sell foreign silver coins or trade-dollars to the government on the above terms, will send them, at their own expense, to the superintendent of the mint at Philadelphia, San Francisco or Carson, or of the assay office at New York. Express charges on the silver dollar sent in return also to be paid by the seller. All correspondence relative to silver coin so sent to be addressed to the superintendent of the mint or assay office to which they are forwarded.

The trade-dollar is worth two-tenths of a cent more than the Mexican dollar at the respective quotations furnished. The deduction at the mint of one-half per cent, per ounce of fine silver contained amounts to about four mills on the dollar. Canada currency is also liable to a discount of two cents at the banks, but is received at par at all business establishments.

Miscellaneous.

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