

Jamestown Alert.

PUBLISHED EVERY THURSDAY BY
E. H. & C. E. FOSTER,
JAMESTOWN, DAKOTA TERR.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 1878.

LOCAL RIP-RAPS.

—Chew Jackson's Best Sweet Navy Tobacco.

—There is a ball at Fort Totten tonight given by the Good Templars.

—We are under obligations to Senator Spencer for a copy of the Report of the Commissioner of Agriculture.

—Estimations based upon the vote of the Territory at the last election place the population of Dakota at 135,000.

—Jack Clayton has his stable at his ranch completed, and Ed. Lohnes, the stage man, says that it is the best stable on the line.

—John J. Nichols was the victim of a prairie fire on the 14th inst., losing 50 tons of hay, which will leave him rather short of feed for his stock.

—Robert Pontet, late clerk at the Sherman House, Fargo; passed through here today, with four teams bound for Bismarck and the Black Hills.

—It is said that an effort will be made this coming session of the Legislature, to remove the capitol of the territory from Yankton to a more central point.

—Ten horse teams and wagons belonging to H. S. Back, of Fargo, in charge of Mr. Bush, passed through our place today on their way from Fargo to Bismarck. They left Fargo on Saturday last.

—James Stisel in charge of seven Indian teams set out for Fort Totten last Tuesday morning. We fear that the deep snow now on the ground will make it heavy wheeling for his wagon train.

—Volume 1, number 1, of both the Northern Pacific Farmer, published at Wadena, Minn., on the N. P. R. R.; and the Sioux Falls Times, of this Territory, are on our table, and both are handsomely printed, and are desirable accessions to our journalistic ranks.

—Lieut. H. J. Stocum, of Co. F, of the 7th Cavalry, arrived on Wednesday morning from Fort Lincoln, and left yesterday to re-join his company at Fort Totten. Lieut. S. has been in the field this summer in charge of the companies of the 7th that were out at Bear Butte and the Hills.

—The heaviest fall of snow that has been known at this point for years, fell last Saturday the 23rd inst. It fell quietly to a depth of 10 or 12 inches, but as there was no frost in the ground the snow has settled some since its fall. It now looks as if winter had set in, although the snow may again go off.

—After December 1st the mail service between Jamestown and Fort Totten will be doubled, leaving both places on Tuesdays and Fridays, at 7 A. M., and arriving at 7 P. M., of the days following. A movement is on foot to reduce the time to 24 hours between these places. Ed. Lohnes will drive between Totten and Lake Belland.

—We received a call last Tuesday from Mr. Gilbert A. Hayes who is agent for a company of Pennsylvania railroad men, who have about 60,000 acres along the line of the N. P. R. R., in Dakota; on which, at 16th and 17th Sidings, they commenced breaking last season, and contemplate pushing matters this coming season, Mr. Hayes returning in February.

—Company K, of the 7th Cavalry, Capt. E. G. Mathey, commanding, arrived here this noon from Fort Lincoln, and are now camped down by the James River. They comprise 48 mounted and nine unmounted men, the latter arriving yesterday morning via rail, under charge of 1st Lieut. H. L. Scott; numbering in all 57 men. They will be paid this afternoon by Mr. Seward, and will leave to-morrow for Totten.

—Company K, of the 7th Cavalry, now in town, possess among their number a first class minstrel troupe, and we should judge with their accession to the talent in that line now at Fort Totten, that a very superior entertainment could be gotten up, one that would compare favorably with most of the minstrel shows traveling through the country. Company K are a fine and intelligent appearing lot of men, and no doubt could hold the Indians an interesting little unpleasantness.

—We below publish an advertisement for James Lees, who for some cause is at "outs" with us. That he, or any other man, is entitled to do so is beyond question, but when any future party feels like following his course in withdrawing their support from THE ALERT, we trust that they will follow his example in paying up like a man their indebtedness to this journal. Mr. Lees subscription to the starting of THE ALERT was quite large, and we regret any possible difference

between him and ourselves. THE ALERT will still continue to publish the news of this vicinity, and work for its interests and that of Northern Dakota, at the moderate subscription price of \$2 per year—strictly in advance.

—James Lees of this place has paid his subscription in full for one year, and withdrawn his name from our list of subscribers.

—Joseph Feldhausen received this week the news that his house in Green Bay, Wis., had burned with all the furniture in it, on the 20th inst. His wife was away on a visit to her father's at the time. There was insurance to the amount of \$250 on the house, but none on the furniture. Mrs. F. was about to pack up and remove to this place, and unfortunately will not be bothered with much baggage when she does come, which, we understand, will be soon. Feldhausen had breaking done last Friday, the day before the snow storm, on his soldiers' homestead on section 10, township 139, range 61, south of here; and if the weather continues as mild as it has for the last few days since the storm, there will be nothing to prevent the plow moving again the last of the week, as there is no frost in the ground.

—Mr. Anton Klaus returned from Green Bay on Friday last. He was accompanied by his son, Anton Klaus, Jr., a lad of 18 years, who will remain here. Messrs. Klaus & Curtin are pushing the completion of the store part of their building. The store will be 36 ft deep, by the width of the building, 40 feet, and will have 22 feet of a glass front; the windows having 18x36 glass, and the doors 24x36. A large room is partitioned off over the store for sleeping purposes, while a convenient room 24 feet wide by 60 feet long, or as much as might be required, could be arranged for a lodge room for some society. Mr. Klaus brings with him the plans for a flouring mill of four run of burrs, the building to be four stories and an attic high, and 40x50 feet on the ground. The plans and estimates were made by E. P. Alis & Co., the celebrated mill-wrighting firm of Milwaukee, Wis., at which place the mill furnishings will be purchased when arrangements are complete, which we understand will soon be; and by next fall at least, we will have a flouring mill at Jamestown second to none north of Minneapolis.

—The following order in relation to witnesses from the army before civil courts has been issued by the war department:

"Where officers or soldiers of the army are subpoenaed as witnesses in civil or criminal courts, the officer in command shall not be obliged to order the persons so subpoenaed to appear and testify unless their expenses are provided for in some way without charge or claim against the United States; but where a suit or prosecution is in favor of, or against an officer or soldier of the army, and, in the judgment of the commanding officer, the ends of justice require the testimony of the witnesses subpoenaed, he may, in his discretion, order their appearance at the expense of the United States, provided such expense can be provided for in no other way, and provided further that there is no State or Territorial law providing for payment of fees, mileage, or expenses of witnesses in such cases."

Fort Totten Items.

FORT TOTTON, D. T., Nov. 22, '78.

EDITOR OF THE ALERT: This week the people of this place have had quite a time of it, between variety entertainments and balls.

On Tuesday and Thursday evenings the "Fort Totten Variety Troupe" entertained about 150 people. Their performances were very good. Those who excelled were Allan Stokes, and Bob Lane; Moran and Bishop done well. T. L. Gannon, the manager, deserves credit for the able manner he arranged everything. As an actor he is as good as any I have seen in this line of business. The performances were attended well by the officers and their ladies, the soldiers of the post and the citizens. We will be ever pleased with so good a show as that given this week.

A social hop was given this evening by the members of the different companies.

Great preparations are going on for Thanksgiving Day and evening.

Last Wednesday 18 persons were admitted into the Good Templar Lodge here. This speaks well for the cause.

Weather fine—in fact the finest I have ever seen, for this season of the year.

Enclosed find programme of the Fort Totten Variety Troupe's entertainment.

Yours, Ho Ho.

Winter Clothing for Children.

Green Mountain (Vt.) Freeman.

Every one must mark that a favorite article of winter clothing for children is a comforter swathed around the neck. This is a great error, the feet and wrists are the proper members to keep warm; the face and throat will harden into a healthy indifference to cold; but the muffler, exchanged for a pair of thick socks and knitted gloves, would preserve a boy or girl really warm and well. Bronchitis and sore throat have declined fifty per centum since the absurd use of high collars and twice round neckerchiefs went out of fashion; and if the poor would take better care of their children's feet half the infantile mortality would disappear. It only costs a trifle to put a piece of thick felt or cork into the bottom of a boot or shoe, but the difference is often considerable between that and a doctor's bill, with perhaps the undertaker's beside.

—Watertown was chosen as the county seat of Codington county, instead of Kampeska, at last week's election.—Press and Dakotain.

—The business men of Yankton make the general complaint that commercial matters are not as lively as they should be

at this season of the year. This is attributed to the fact of the prevailing low price of wheat. The greater number of the producers, with the exception of the Russians, are holding back their grain for better prices.—Dakota Herald.

—A singular curiosity in the shape of a well was struck by Mr. A. E. West, who lives on section 2, town 115, range 46, some three miles from this town. He had dug a well 13 feet, and, coming to blue clay, he bored a 4 inch hole four feet deeper, when he struck a layer of sand, which immediately gave forth a stream of water so great, that in an hour and a half it filled with water and began to flow over the top. It has continued flowing, the flow being 2,300 gallons per day. What is still more singular, the well is located on the high prairie and no elevations are near. From this fact one might believe that artesian wells may be successfully drilled on these prairies.—Gary (Duel Co.) Inter State.

—The fuel problem is now solved. Mr. J. V. Wells has a hay-burning stove that does its work as well as a wood or coal burner, and the expense of supplying it with fuel is comparatively light as it is estimated that 12 tons of hay will keep it in fuel a year. It is simple in construction, there being two cylinders 2½ feet long and 10 inches in diameter. These are filled with about four pounds of hay which will give a steady baking heat for one hour, or will make a hot fire for half an hour. The cost of the stove, compared with its great utility, is small, the price being \$48. Those interested in the question of cheap fuel should call, see the stove in operation, and satisfy themselves as to its utility and worth.—Gary Inter State.

—The following order in relation to witnesses from the army before civil courts has been issued by the war department:

"Where officers or soldiers of the army are subpoenaed as witnesses in civil or criminal courts, the officer in command shall not be obliged to order the persons so subpoenaed to appear and testify unless their expenses are provided for in some way without charge or claim against the United States; but where a suit or prosecution is in favor of, or against an officer or soldier of the army, and, in the judgment of the commanding officer, the ends of justice require the testimony of the witnesses subpoenaed, he may, in his discretion, order their appearance at the expense of the United States, provided such expense can be provided for in no other way, and provided further that there is no State or Territorial law providing for payment of fees, mileage, or expenses of witnesses in such cases."

Miscellaneous

C. M. POMEROY,

Dealer in

GUNS, and SPORTING GOODS,

FARGO, DAKOTA TERR.

Repairing on fire arms done promptly and to the satisfaction of patrons.

E. L. STRAUSS & BRO.,

WATCHMAKERS & JEWELERS

BISMARCK, D. T.

GET THE BEST.

WEBSTER'S UNABRIDGED.

3000 Engravings; 1840 Pages Quarto.

FOUR PAGES COLORED PLATES.

Published by G. & C. Merriam Springfield, Mass.

Warmly indorsed by

Bancroft, George P. Marsh, N. P. Willis, Prescott, Fitz-Greene Halleck, John G. Saxe, Motley, John G. Whittier, Elihu Burritt, Smart, Daniel Webster, Rufus Choate, H. Coleridge, Horace Mann,

More than fifty College Presidents, And the best American and European Scholars.

Webster's is the Dictionary used in the Government Printing Office August, 1877.

Every School and Family should have it for constant use and reference.

BEST FAMILY help in training children to become intelligent men and women.

Several years later, a child has one-fifth more matter, than any other Dictionary.

Authorized authority in Courts of Justice, for the meaning of words.

Etymologies and definitions far in advance of any other Dictionary.

Recommended by U. S. Chief Justice Waite, as "the highest authority for definitions."

THE BEST

For Schools.—recommended by State Supt's of 35 different States and by 50 College Pres'ts.

About 32,000 have been placed in Public Schools by law or by School Officers.

Contains 30,000 Illustrations, nearly three times as many as any other Dictionary.

Three pictures of a ship, on page 1751, illustrate the meaning of more than 1000 words.

Sale of Webster is 20 times as great as that of any other series of Dictionaries.

ALSO

Webster's National Pictorial

DICTIONARY.

1040 Pages Octavo. 600 Engravings.

Is it not rightly claimed that Webster is

THE NATIONAL STANDARD

E. G. ROBERTS,
Attorney at Law,

FARGO, DAKOTA TERR.

Practices in all the Courts in Dakota.

FOR YOUR

STATIONERY

BLANK BOOKS, SCHOOL BOOKS,

TOY BOOKS, SCRATCH BOOKS,

AND POKET BOOKS; ALSO

Wall Paper and Window Shades,

of all kinds go to the

POST OFFICE STORE,

FARGO, DAKOTA TERR.

E. A. GRANT.

\$777 is not easily earned in these times, but it can be made in three months by any one of either sex, in any part of the country who is willing to work steadily at the employment that we furnish. \$66 per week in your own town. You need not be away from home over night. You can give your whole time to the work, or only your spare moments. We have agents who are making over \$200 per day. All who engage at once can make money fast. At the present time money cannot be made easily and rapidly at any other business. It costs nothing to try the business. Terms and \$5 Outfit free. Address at once, H. HALLERT & Co., Portland, Me. '78

GOLD. Great chance to make money. If you can't get gold you can get greenbacks. We need a person in every town to take subscriptions for the largest, cheapest and best illustrated family publication in the world. Any one can become a successful agent. The most elegant works of art given free to subscribers. The price is so low that almost everybody subscribes. One agent reports making over \$150 in a week. A lady agent reports taking over 400 subscribers in ten days. All who engage make money fast. You can devote all your time to the business, or only your spare time. You need not be from home over night. You can do it as well as others. Full particulars, directions and terms free. Elegant and expensive Outfit free. If you want profitable work sent to your address at once. It costs nothing to try the business. No one who engages fails to make great pay. Address "The People's Journal," Portland, Maine.

SEWING MACHINE MEN

and others interested in Sewing Machines if you have not seen or heard of the NEW HOME Sewing Machine, just out, and send for descriptive circular at once. It is an entirely NEW machine, just out, and suits anything ever invented in the Sewing Machine line.

THE

NEW HOME

is bound to take the place of all old fashioned Sewing Machines. Machines sent on trial to any part of the country. Agents wanted in all unoccupied territory. Circulars free.

Address,

JOHNSON, CLARK & CO.

141 State St., CHICAGO, ILL.

MEANS. All Trains Daily except Sunday. Connects at St. Paul with all trains East and South; at Minneapolis with all trains from that city; at St. Cloud with trains for Melrose and the Sauk Valley; at Brainerd all trains make close connections to and from Duluth, and to and from the West and South.

Close connection with Lake steamers at Duluth; St. Paul trains at N. P. Junction; St. Paul & Pacific Railroad trains at Glynodon for Fisher's Landing, Fort Garry, and the British Possessions, via steamers of Red River Transportation Co.; at Moorhead, Minn., and Fargo, D. T., with steamers for Fort Garry, Pembina, and all points on the Red River; at Bismarck, with steamers to all points North and South on the Missouri river, including Standing Rock, Fort Rice, Berthold, Carrol and Benton, and other points in Montana; also with N. W. Stage and Express Co.'s line to Deadwood City and all points in the Black Hills.

Dated Nov. 1st, 1878. H. E. SARGENT, Gen'l Manager, St. Paul.

Gen'l Frt & Ticket Ag't, H. A. TOWNE, Superintendent, Brainerd, St. Paul.

DAKOTA DIVISION.

WEST. STATIONS. EAST.

Leave 8:20 p.m. + Fargo, Arrive 5:30 a.m.

" 1:42 a.m. + Jamestown, Leave 12:35 p.m.

Arrive 7:00 a.m. Bismarck, " 7:25 p.m.

" 6:15 a.m. + " " 6:00 p.m.

" 7:30 p.m. Glynodon, Leave 6:25 a.m.

" 6:40 p.m. " " 7:20 a.m.

" 5:0 a.m. " " 7:30 p.m.

Arrive 8:00 p.m. + Fargo, " 6:00 a.m.

" 6:30 p.m. + " " 6:30 p.m.

" 5:50 a.m. + " " 6:40 p.m.

WEST. STATIONS. EAST.

Leave 8:20 p.m. + Fargo, Arrive 5:30 a.m.

" 1:42 a.m. + Jamestown, Leave 12:35 p.m.

Arrive 7:00 a.m. Bismarck, " 7:25 p.m.

" 6:15 a.m. + " " 6:00 p.m.

" 7:30 p.m. Glynodon, Leave 6:25 a.m.

" 6:40 p.m. " " 7:20 a.m.

" 5:0 a.m. " " 7:30 p.m.

Arrive 8:00 p.m. + Fargo, " 6:00 a.m.

" 6:30 p.m. + " " 6:30 p.m.

" 5:50 a.m. + " " 6:40 p.m.

WEST. STATIONS. EAST.

Leave 8:20 p.m. + Fargo, Arrive 5:30 a.m.

" 1:42 a.m. + Jamestown, Leave 12:35 p.m.

Arrive 7:00 a.m. Bismarck, " 7:25 p.m.

" 6:15 a.m. + " " 6:00 p.m.

" 7:30 p.m. Glynodon, Leave 6:25 a.m.

" 6:40 p.m. " " 7:20 a.m.

" 5:0 a.m. " " 7:30 p.m.

Arrive 8:00 p.m. + Fargo, " 6:00 a.m.

" 6:30 p.m. + " " 6:30 p.m.

" 5:50 a.m. + " " 6:40 p.m.

WEST. STATIONS. EAST.

Leave 8:20 p.m. + Fargo, Arrive 5:30 a.m.

" 1:42 a.m. + Jamestown, Leave 12:35 p.m.

Arrive 7:00 a.m. Bismarck, " 7:25 p.m.

" 6:15 a.m. + " " 6:00 p.m.

" 7:30 p.m. Glynodon, Leave 6:25 a.m.

" 6:40 p.m. " " 7:20 a.m.

" 5:0 a.m. " " 7:30 p.m.

Arrive 8:00 p.m. + Fargo, " 6:00 a.m.

" 6:30 p.m. + " " 6:30 p.m.

" 5:50 a.m. + " " 6:40 p.m.

WEST. STATIONS. EAST.

Leave 8:20 p.m. + Fargo, Arrive 5:30 a.m.

" 1:42 a.m. + Jamestown, Leave 12:35 p.m.

Arrive 7:00 a.m. Bismarck, " 7:25 p.m.

" 6:15 a.m. + " " 6:00 p.m.

" 7:30 p.m. Glynodon, Leave 6:25 a.m.

" 6:40 p.m. " " 7:20 a.m.

" 5:0 a.m. " " 7:30 p.m.

Arrive 8:00 p.m. + Fargo, " 6:00 a.m.

" 6:30 p.m. + " " 6:30 p.m.

" 5:50 a.m. + " " 6:40 p.m.

WEST. STATIONS. EAST.

Leave 8:20 p.m. + Fargo, Arrive 5:30 a.m.

" 1:42 a.m. + Jamestown, Leave 12:35 p.m.

Arrive 7:00 a.m. Bismarck, " 7:25 p.m.

" 6:15 a.m. + " " 6:00 p.m.

" 7:30 p.m. Glynodon, Leave 6:25 a.m.

" 6:40 p.m. " " 7:20 a.m.

" 5:0 a.m. " " 7:30 p.m.

Arrive 8:00 p.m. + Fargo, " 6:00 a.m.

" 6:30 p.m. + " " 6:30 p.m.

" 5:50 a.m. + " " 6:40 p.m.

WEST. STATIONS. EAST.

Leave 8:20 p.m. + Fargo, Arrive 5:30 a.m.

" 1:42 a.m. + Jamestown, Leave 12:35 p.m.

Arrive 7:00 a.m. Bismarck, " 7:25 p.m.

" 6:15 a.m. + " " 6:00 p.m.

" 7:30 p.m. Glynodon, Leave 6:25 a.m.

" 6:40 p.m. " " 7:20 a.m.

" 5:0 a.m. " " 7:30 p.m.

Arrive 8:00 p.m. + Fargo, " 6:00 a.m.

" 6:30 p.m. + " " 6:30 p.m.

" 5:50 a.m. + " " 6:40 p.m.

WEST. STATIONS. EAST.

Leave 8:20 p.m. + Fargo, Arrive 5:30 a.m.

" 1:42 a.m. + Jamestown, Leave 12:35 p.m.

Arrive 7:00 a.m. Bismarck, " 7:25 p.m.

" 6:15 a.m. + " " 6:00 p.m.

" 7:30 p.m. Glynodon, Leave 6:25 a.m.

" 6:40 p.m. " " 7:20 a.m.

" 5:0 a.m. " " 7:30 p.m.

Arrive 8:00 p.m. + Fargo, " 6:00 a.m.

" 6:30 p.m. + " " 6:30 p.m.

" 5:5