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EDWARD H. FOSTER, EDITOR.

### OUR YANKTON LETTER.

From Ye Editor.

YANKTON, D. T., Jan. 22, 1879.

#### DEAR READERS OF THE ALERT:

Circumstances and the compensation derived from being a servant of the people as an officer of the territorial legislature having drawn us to this place, we shall endeavor to keep our readers as well posted as possible as to the doings of the law makers of our territory, and judging from the way they dispatch business, we fear that we will have our spare time thoroughly employed.

Northern Dakota need not feel ashamed of the position in which their Councilmen and Members of the House take among their fellows.

Geo. H. Walsh, of Grand Forks, was chosen President of the Council, and he makes a good one, being well versed in parliamentary law and not easily put out on points of order. S. G. Roberts is one of the best speakers in the Council, while R. McNider, of Bismarck, is using his keen business like habits for the good of the territory and honor of Burleigh County; and as he used to be an old time citizen of Jamesstown; Stutsman County can also feel a little proud of him. Messrs. Burbank, of Richland County, Gray, of Burleigh, and Sheley, of Traill County, are fully the peers of the members from any section of the territory; while the only minor officer in either house from Northern Dakota, is a good fellow, but modesty forbids us from saying anything in his favor, and we stand ready to fight his battles with any one who may feel inclined to abuse him.

We got here last Saturday evening, and stopping at that excellent hotel, the Merchants, soon got acquainted with many of the members.

Sunday revealed the fact to us that Yankton is a handsomely located, handsomely laid out and built burgh, peopled with intelligent looking men and pretty, to say the least, girls and women; and could our heart be divorced from that future metropolis of the West, James town, we would like to live in Yankton.

It is a city of churches, even surpassing Duluth in its number of church societies to the amount of population; there being eleven in full operation. Of course the other element is represented but it is in subordination to the better class.

The weather thus far this week has been very balmy and mild, and though enjoyable, is in case of cold weather succeeding, a regular epizootic breeder.

Petitions will be sent in a couple of days to Jamesstown, for the citizens to sign, for a post route between Jamesstown and Forestburgh, which is about twenty miles north of Firesteel, on the James River. Petitions will also be sent to the James River for signatures, and return to us here.

A joint memorial to Congress for the above post route, will be introduced in the Council by Mr. Roberts, and supported by our friends. We believe that this measure which will do as much as any other thing to settle the James River country, will be obtained.

Wm. C. Smart, correspondent of Chicago Tribune, Boston Globe and Times, and Philadelphia Press, is interesting himself in an immigration scheme, and will lead a company of Massachusetts settlers to settle in and about the Dirt Lodges, early in March next. He describes the Lodges

as being in the basin of an extinct lake and wonderfully fertile. He will correspond for THE ALERT next summer.

The Lake Kampeska country is settling up fast, and a memorial is to be presented to-morrow by Mr. Gamble, of Yankton, (they having no representative) for a land district about Lake Kampeska with an office at the Lake.

No bills of general interest have as yet passed, although many are in a very forward condition.

Mr. Langness has introduced a bill giving local option in liquor licensing—or requiring the assent by ballot by the voters of the different counties, before liquor can be sold in that county. This bill is likely to pass.

A bill introduced for the establishment of an insane asylum met a snag in the Council, and was withdrawn, and a new bill is being prepared by a committee which will likely go through.

Mr. Burbank has given notice in the House of his intention to shortly present a memorial to Congress, that the oath of settlers taking out first homestead papers before a clerk of the court be made the same as before the land officers, also to empower the clerks of the court to make out final papers on pre-emption claims.

C. E. Simmons, land commissioner of the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad, has prepared a railroad bill which has been introduced in the House, providing: First, by the terms of the bill, that the liabilities of stockholders is limited to the payment of their stock, and when the stockholder has once paid for his stock he is not liable for the debts of the corporation, nor is he liable in any event beyond the amount of his unpaid stock. Second, in the manner of collecting taxes, this bill provides for the payment of two per cent on gross earnings for the first five years, and three per cent on the gross earnings thereafter, in lieu of the present mode of taxation.

There is some excitement in the matter of an alleged discrepancy of the Territorial Treasurer's accounts. Gov. Howard says there is something wrong. Treasurer E. A. Sherman says "not so", and his friends claim that the Governor has bit off more than he can chew, and that they can prove it. A joint committee is examining the treasurer's books and we understand that they find them all right.

The territorial officers and the legislature are invited to an excursion by the officers of the Dakota Southern Railroad, from here to Beloit on the Pembina Railroad and return, square meal at Beloit, &c. They have accepted the invitation but have not set the day, but will most likely set the day after the close of the session, as the law-makers do not relish losing their \$4.00 per diem, which they will lose if they go sooner than then.

The thing that interested us most since our arrival, was the swearing of Edward H. Foster to support the Constitution of the United States, the organic act of Dakota &c., as Assistant Clerk of the Council, at \$4.00 per day. Yes, we think so.

E. S. Wicklin, of Hamlin County, south of Lake Kampeska, has been admitted to a seat within the bar of the House, not exactly as a member, but that he may represent, so far as his voice goes the interests of that growing section, which is not attached to any representative district, but which will, on the new apportionment, be granted either Councilman or Member of the House.

We again request the citizens of Jamesstown to forward correspondence, and the sending in of local items for THE ALERT. We are doing all in our power to forward the interests of our county in our absence from THE ALERT, please forward our interests in return by helping our substitute in making the local columns of THE ALERT interesting.

A Senator Caught Napping.  
Washington Letter to Boston Post.

A jocular senator from the west tells a very good story about another senator from a southern state. The latter began life as a brakeman on a railroad, and by industry and foresight has accumulated fortune and high political honors. Senator Thurman while speaking usually holds his eye glasses in one hand and a huge red handkerchief in the other. He blows a sounding blast on his nasal organ in the midst of a speech quite as naturally as Senator Dawes looks up at the gallery every time he addresses the vice president. It was an all night session. The silver bill was under discussion. The southern

senator referred to was quietly sleeping on a sofa in the cloak room. Mr. Thurman was speaking. He blew his nose with such vigor that the report could almost have been heard in the secretary's office. The sleeping senator was awakened by the noise, and leaping to his feet grasped a chair by the side of the sofa and twisted it around until the author of the story grasped him by the arm and brought him to realizing sense of his whereabouts. It is now an unhealthy matter for any one to call "down brakes" to the victim of the joke.

#### Advice to Amateur Skaters.

To those learning the graceful art of slipping around on skates the following movements will be found practical and amusing.

1. The Plain Fall—Kick both feet forward and sit down. One time and one motion.

2. The Double Fall—Appear to be running into somebody. Make a sudden turn to the right, claw the air to the left, and turn a half somersault backwards. One time and three motions. [Very effective.]

3. The Bifurcation—Stand upright and laugh heartily at the new beginner's tumble. Then let your legs slip out in opposite directions until they resemble this:  $\angle$ . Then throw both arms up, thus: Y, and lie down sharply with the legs up, thus:  $\Sigma$ . One time and four motions. [This maneuver rarely fails to create merriment.]

4. The Centrifugal Glide—When going rapidly fling both feet in the air, and skate on the back of your head. One time and one motion. [This should not be repeated more than twice during the evening.]

Other movements will be given from time to time.

#### The New York Central in the Snow.

Burdette in Burlington Hawkeye.  
Never an army engaged more grandly and bravely, nor under better leaders, up against the face of a frowning fortress, than the men of the New York Central fought this storm. It was splendid. A battle between man and the elements. Why, every time I saw one of those old snow plows start off down the road, I wanted to swing my hat in the air and cheer and yell, as we used to, when just as the wavering hard-pressed lines were almost ready to break, with a rush like the sweep of a thunder cloud, the old Second Iowa battery would come flying up and swing into position, and with tongues of fire and voice of thunder, shout "victory" to our fainting hearts. Why, I stood at the depot at Utica and watched the locomotives, that had fought their way through the storm come in—two, three, five, six of them coupled together, holding each other in the tremendous grasp of their iron hands. Sturdy old comrades, covered with clinging snow, that clogged the driving wheels and covered cab and tender, and dashed against the gleaming headlight, encrusting every portion of engine and tender that afforded a hold for a snowflake; they came in, puffing and panting, buffeting the storm like giants, making the frowning clouds echo back their triumphant whistles; they stood there looking down the drifted track, looking into the sweeping storm with their great eyes of light that cut into the gloom like a flaming sword. Why, it made a man feel ashamed to stand beside them with his hat on. It was worth being laid out a week, while while the starving world wept and wailed for lectures, to see this

#### Jamesstown Advertisements.

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Jamesstown, D. T.,

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The HAY BURNER will burn HAY, STRAW or WOOD, and Farmers and others desiring to purchase an economical stove will do well to examine it before buying.

#### NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that there will be a Special Election held in Stutsman County, Territory of Dakota, on Monday, February the 17th, 1879, for purpose of voting for raising a special tax of three mills on the dollar for building County Building, Bridge, &c.

Given under our hands this 15th day of January A. D. 1879. By order of the Board of County Commissioners.

Attest: Geo. W. VENNUM, County Clerk. D. M. KELLEHER, Chair. of Board.

E. E. LUCE, ATTORNEY at LAW. Real Estate and Insurance Agent.

Agency for N. P. R. R. Lands. Office in Railroad Depot. JAMESTOWN, DAKOTA TER.

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Parties having lands for sale; or wishing to purchase patting their interests exclusively in our hands, will have them advertised gratis.

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—IN— LAND.

Cheaper

## Government Lands.

We have just had placed in our hands for sale

Section	1 Township	137, Range	64, West.
" 3,	" 137,	" 64,	"
" 5,	" 137,	" 64,	"
" 13,	" 138,	" 64,	"
" 23,	" 138,	" 64,	"
" 25,	" 138,	" 64,	"
" 33,	" 138,	" 64,	"
" 35,	" 138,	" 64,	"

lying South of Jamesstown which we will sell from \$1.60 to \$2.00

per Acre, 17 1/2 per cent. cash down, balance in 5 years, with 12 per cent. interest secured by a mortgage on the land

The above lands will be sold in whole or in part and is a better bargain than a Pre-emption or Homestead on government land, as the purchaser will not have to live on his land to maintain his title. We will have more land from the same parties.

We have the N. E. qr and the E. half of the NW q. of Section 25, Township 141, Range 64, lying in the James River Valley, six miles due north of James town, for sale. This is one of the best pieces of land in this vicinity; all level. Wood and water on it, (the James River running through it.) for sale at favorable terms. Section 18, Township 144, Range 65, Northwest from Jamesstown, on special good terms to actual settlers. Section 5, 9 and 19, in Township 140, Range 61; Good wheat land, and to be sold on very favorable terms to actual settlers especially.

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The above are all brand new and yet in the manufacturers hands, but subject to our order. We will sell one or all of them, part cash, balance on three and six months' time, on approved security. Apply to

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