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Jamestown Business Directory.

R. C. JORDAN,
CARPENTER AND BUILDER,
Residence over L. Lyon's Store. 18-4

D. BALDWIN, M. D.,
PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON,
Office in Klaus's Block, up stairs,
June 26, 1880.

NEW BILLIARD HALL,
In Klaus's Block,
DOLE & ELMER, Props.
It ball pool, pin pool, and billiards. Cigars, wine,
liquors, and cigars. Everything new and strictly
first-class.

LIVERY AND SALE STABLES.
J. A. MOORE & CO., Proprietors.
Teams and Guides furnished land hunters at rea-
sonable prices. 51 '08

W. KELLEY,
Clerk of the District Court for Stutsman County.
Pre-emption, Homestead, and Timber Culture
papers executed at all times. Final proof and
business with the U. S. Land Office a specialty.
Agent for the North German Lloyd line of
Steamers.

E. D. LATHROP,
Carpenter and Builder,
JAMESTOWN, DAKOTA

R. A. BILL,
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW,
District att'y for Stutsman Co.

D. THOROLD,
Physician and Surgeon,
AND ACCOUCHEUR.
Office at residence on Fourth avenue, near school
house. All orders left at Dakota House, or Mr.
Wells' Land Office will receive prompt attention.

W. SPANGENBERG & CO.,
HARNESS MAKERS,
Sole dealers in Saddles, Bridles, Collars, Whips,
Carriage Harness, Breeches, &c. We have first
class facilities for manufacturing harness, sad-
dles, and all kinds of goods in our line. We
guarantee all our work. Our goods are sold at
a very reasonable price for cash. Call and see
Special attention paid to orders by mail.

A. STEINBACH,
JOBBER AND JOINER,
DESKS AND CABINET WARE A SPECIALTY
Shop north side of track, rear of Barber's hair
ware store,
JAMESTOWN, D. T.

D. McMATH,
Painter and Glazier,
JAMESTOWN, D. T.
Will do all kinds of painting in a neat
and artistic style at reasonable rates.

H. L. INMAN,
Dealer in
Farm Machinery,
Sewing Machines,
PIANOS AND ORGANS,
Also Dealer in
Jamestown, saaborn, urtoa and
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Choice Wheat Lands for sale.
WILL BUY AND SELL LANDS AND
COLLECT RENTS FOR NON-
RESIDENTS.
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H. L. INMAN,
JAMESTOWN, DAKOTA.
Front St., opposite Dakota House.

all at The Alert office and see samples
Christmas and New Year's calling
da.

JAMES R. WINSLOW,

Wholesale and Retail Dealer in

LUMBER, LATH AND SHINGLES, Sash, Doors, Blinds, Mouldings, Building Paper, &c.

Building Supplies Furnished to Contractors.

Great Excitement!!!

Having appointed

H. W. KELLEY,

Of the post-office store, my agent for the next 30 days, I
would respectfully inform the public that I will be pleased
to wait upon them with a full line of

CIGARS, STATIONARY, FANCY GOODS, POCKET CUTLERY, RAZORS,
And everything pertaining to Holiday Goods.

Yours truly, SIR S. NICHOLAS

WILL ELMER,

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Drugs and Medicine,

Fancy and Toilet Goods.

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Colors in Oil, Boiled and Raw Oil, Machinery Oils,
Varnishes, Paint Brushes, Putty, Glass, &c.

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A small but well selected stock of Blank Books, Notions, &c

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Teas, Coffees, Sugars and Syrups, Canned
Goods and w oodenware.

FLOUR, PORK AND HAMS.

Tobaccos and Cigars.

Drugs, Medicines, and Fancy Goods,

Paints and Oils,

School and Blank Books, Stationery, Lamps and Chimneys.

CHURCHILL & WEBSTER'S

Klaus's Block,

JAMESTOWN, D. T.

J. W. RAYMOND, President. S. K. MCGINNIS, V. President. R. E. WALLACE, Cashier

Bank of Jamestown,

JAMESTOWN, DAKOTA.

—GENERAL BANKING BUSINESS TRANSACTED.—

Buy and Sell Exchange on all Principal Cities. Will Attend to Purchase
and Sale of Real Estate, Pay Taxes, Exchange,
And Perfect Titles.

Particular Attention Given To

Collections

N. Y. Correspondent, Donnell, Lawson & Co.
St. Paul Correspondent, First National Bank,

Your Business Solicited.

WILLIAM C. WHITE,

ATTORNEY at LAW,

LEGAL BUSINESS AND COLLECTIONS PROMPTLY
ATTENDED TO.

Land Office and Real Estate Business.

Money Loaned on Good Security.

Office Ground Floor, front, New Masonic Temple, S. W. Corner
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PH PLETTENBERG. AUGUST KLOSTERMAN

Plettenberg & Klosterman,

CONTRACTORS IN MASONRY,

Brick Laying and Plaster Work.

Jamestown, - - - Dakota.

We desire to call the attention to the fact that we have come to stay, and shall endeavor
to best of our ability to do work which will in every respect give satisfaction, and hope to receive
your patronage.

Gen. Hazen has been appointed chief
of the signal service.

Now is the time to secure your tree
claims, homesteads, deeded and govern-
ment lands.

The people of Bismarck are just begin-
ning to realize that they are surrounded by
a rich farming country.

The Fargo Republican copies our article,
headed, "Jamestown's Future," in
full and other leading papers in Dakota
taken somewhat lengthy extracts from it.

Hon. E. P. Wells, delegate elect to the
House from this district, will leave for
Yankton about the 1st of January. The
Legislature will not probably assemble
before the 7th of the same month.

Frank J. Mead, of Mandan, is a candi-
date for Secretary of the Council. Mr.
Mead would serve admirably in that
position, besides, his efficient labors in the
late campaign entitles him to the place.

There are several rather interesting
cases looked for the next Stutsman
county district court, and it is the intention
of The Alert to publish a detailed report
of the most interesting portion of the same.

The importance of there being some
steps taken which would result in the
early development of our own coal re-
sources, becomes strikingly apparent,
when we consider how impossible it is
to get a full supply from abroad.

The Government has an agent on the
war path, and it is his duty to examine
closely into the manner in which Govern-
ment land has been secured. He is now
in south east Dakota, making it exceed-
ingly unpleasant for certain erring ones
in that locality. It is hoped that no crook-
edness has been indulged in at the ex-
pense of Uncle Sam in this county.

The Press and Dakotian strongly de-
mies the charge made quite recently by
the Argus, to the effect that it is opposed
to a division on the 46th parallel. If The
Alert remembers correctly, the Press and
Dakotian has always heartily favored the
division, if made at all, on that line. At
all events, it would be unwise for the
Dakotian to appear contrary at so late a
date.

Gov. Austin, of the Fargo land office,
Judge Barnes, and Granville G. Bennett,
member of Congress, have an eye on a
place in the Senate, should Dakota be
admitted. Gov. Austin expects to get
there through the influence of friends;
Judge Barnes because he is discrete and
"so gentle," and Granville Bennett on
sympathy.

Jamie, who has won so many laurels
as special correspondent for the Fargo
Republican, is experiencing a change of
heart and wants to be forgiven for bolt-
ing the Bismarck Convention. Had not
our talented and much beloved brother
appeared in said convention as a candi-
date, the great crime of which he appears
to be guilty and on account of which he
is now so penitent, would be much easier
forgiven. Nevertheless, "He who re-
penteth shall be saved."

There are many people waiting to see
just exactly where the proposed railroads
now pointing towards this city will be
located. They flatter themselves that
when their location becomes settled, then
will be their opportunity. To a resi-
dent of this county, and to many who are
not, this idea has a tinge of selfishness.
The probabilities are that these waiting
ones—those who are exercising so much
silent shrewdness and discretion—will be
the very ones who will get "beautifully
left." The men who have a hand in shap-
ing the routes of these incoming roads
will in all human probability gather under
themselves a very liberal portion of the
best land that borders them. Those who
are waiting for a big thing will wake up
shortly afterwards and discover their mis-
take. If there ever was a time to pur-
chase Stutsman county real estate to an
advantage, it is now. When the per-
plexing question of "where are the roads
going to run?" is settled, every foot of
Stutsman county soil, including alleys and
marshes, will advance, all the way from
one to twenty dollars per acre. The wise
man will lose no time in securing an
abiding place, but the foolish man wait
until the eleventh hour and get left.

THE COUNTRY NORTH OF US.

Up to the present time there has been
but little said regarding the rich and ex-
tensive tract of country, which borders
Jamestown on the North, taking in Dev-
in's Lake and stretching westward to the
bluff-bound borders of the Mouse river.
Our local land agents have apparently
taken but little interest in it, notwith-
standing many hundred acres have been
secured in a quiet way by foreign specu-
lators and private individuals. The lack of
attention paid to this fertile section of
neighboring country, can be reasonably at-
tributed to the fact that during the past
year our principal land agents have used
every means within their power to induce
settlers to locate south of us. It has also
seemed more natural for people to go
down the river than up the river. But
the time is coming when the attention of
the new-comer will be attracted north-
ward. The probabilities are now that
before another year rolls around, a branch
road will sprout from the Northern Pa-
cific, at this place and run in a north-
westerly direction, striking the Mouse
river about 120 miles distant. The
survey has already been complete and it
is rumored that the work of construction
will be commenced in early spring-time.

Died in A Well.

A messenger in from Mr. J. J. Eddy's
farm, some two miles in the country, yester-
day morning, spread the startling news
that Thomas Caulking had fallen into the
well. The Alert proceeded at once
to learn the details connected with the
sad affair and learned that Mr. Caulking
had been down into the well for the
purpose of cleaning it out, and that after
he had completed the job and been drawn
upward to a point about 20 feet below
the top, he leaned backward and called
out to the men at the windlass to "go-
ahead. At the same moment the order
was given, the unfortunate man fell back-
ward out of the bucket, falling a distance
of over 55 feet, striking the bottom of the
well with his head, killing him instantly.

Mr. Caulking was well and favorably
known in this community and his untimely
death is deplored by all. He was about
25 years of age, unmarried and has friends
living in Michigan. Further particulars,
together with Coroner's report will be
given next week.

Letter From Jacob Lax.

DEAR SIR:—Enclosed please find \$1,
for which you will forward your Alert to the
undersigned, 87 Courtland street,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Then, too, I wish, through your col-
umns, to thank our neighbors and friends,
who in our tribulations and parting days
so kindly volunteered their counsel, sym-
pathy and aid with such spontaneity as to
force admiration and gratitude from the
most obtuse. May the good Father in
heaven bless and guide all.

The remembrance of the above friends
and the unhealthfulness of this climate
has cured one of the worst cases of so-
called homesickness Dakota has had to
contend with. Every member of our
family has now throat, several showing
quite alarming symptoms. There was,
and still is, a good deal said about the
present new era of prosperity; but when
impartially examined, found to consist of
an increased factory activity, without any
benefit whatever to the average laborer or
artisan.

Winter came to this place about as early
as it did to Dakota, causing a premature,
and in many places disastrous, closing up
of navigation, and internal improvement.

Yours,
JACOB LAX,
87 Courtland st., Cleveland, O.

Gov. Ordway on Dakota.

I have visited nearly all the principal
cities and towns in Dakota, and have
taken by the hand a large number of the men
and women, who have built up these rap-
idly growing towns who called upon me,
I have also seen them at their homes and
on public occasions, and can assure you
that a more energetic, wide awake and
intelligent population does not exist in
this broad land. The laws are salutary
and generally well enforced; churches
and school houses are everywhere visible;
and if any of you start out for Dakota
with the idea that you are going among a
people whom you can astonish with super-
ior intelligence and wisdom, you will
soon find yourself sadly mistaken. The
dry and bracing atmosphere sharpens the
intellect of this people, and the life of
the pioneer trains him for the struggles
of life, and prepares him for any emer-
gency. I astonished some of our friends
at the New England Fair the other day
by telling them of the vast extent of the
territory embraced under the name of
Dakota, and its wonderful production
during the past year; but as most of those
present have been studying geography
since these statements have been copied
into all the public prints I need not re-
peat them to-day.

FARGO TROUBLE.

Attorney Bill, of Jamestown, is in town
attending court, is quartered at the Conti-
nental. His innocent look would hardly
betray the successfully plotted schemes
indulged in by himself and associates in
the James river valley.

Through the eloquence, legal ability,
skill, and knowledge of counselor Bill
Martha Bergenthal shook off the hyme-
nal fetters which bound her to Henry
Bergenthal, the just judge considering it
better for Martha to play a lone hand for
a while and consequently making her a
holiday present of a decree a vinculo ma-
rimonii. Martha is now an interesting
"widder."

Fargo Republican: There is some
doubt whether division will be accom-
plished after all. Judge Bennett has in-
troduced a bill for the admission of Da-
kota as a State, and a democratic con-
gress may pass it rather than leave the
question to the next congress and risk di-
vision, especially as the division of Texas
into four States is on the democratic slate,
and that party may prefer to make Da-
kota a single State rather than have it di-
vided into two or three republican states.
There is no doubt but that the people of
the territory, especially this portion of it,
would prefer statehood as a whole rather
than North Division with any other name than
North Dakota for the new territory.

The Dakota Herald man is in a bad
way since the election, and in the lan-
guage of a stricken and defeated democrat
of years ago, he says that he feels, like
Lazarus, that he had been licked by the
dogs. The democratic party is indeed
like Lazarus, covered all over with sores,
sores that the licking of dog will not
heal. Sores whose putrid rotteness has
made the whole land a stench. What a
notogay for Abraham's bosom, eh?—Da-
kota News.

North Dakota.

The Fargo post office issued over eight
hundred dollars in money orders last
week.

The Cass county hospital association
are providing all sorts of articles for the
sufferers in the hospital at Fargo.

A fire near the round house at Fargo
came near destroying 1,000 cords of wood
and 500 tons of coal for the railroad com-
pany.

Mr. Stingsby, the enterprising post-
master at Casselton has sold his interest
in the post-office book store to his part-
ner and assistant postmaster, Mr. Mallette.

The Dakota House at Jamestown fur-
nished the first printed bill of fare ever
gotten up in that town last Thanksgiving
day.

A postoffice has been established at
Fort McGinnis on the Musselshell and is
christened Parker by the postoffice de-
partment.

Bismarck Sun: W. F. Steele left this
morning for Yankton. During the present
session of the legislature he will en-
deavor to have the county seat of Kidder
county located at Steele. He will prob-
ably succeed, as it has every derideratum
of location, railroad connection, agricul-
tural advantages that cannot be excelled,
and withal, the presence of Mr. Steele,
who has all the native energy and push
that an careful frontier towar require.
Upon leaving Yankton Mr. Steele will
go to Milwaukee for the holidays, return
to his home shortly thereafter.

Northern Dakota.

A case of small-pox is reported at Jef-
ferson.

Eden so far has been supplied with
fuel.

Calliope will be incorporated in a short
time.

The Eden horses are having the epi-
zootic badly.

Mitchell is a good deal exercised over
the fuel question.

A silver gray fox was killed near
Mitchell last week.

The py car distributed \$12,000 in
Mitchell on its last trip.

The supply of hay in Union county is
not equal to the demand.

The Sioux Fall Pantagraph has ordered
a new cylinder press.

Watertown has a candy factory and
wants to have a skating party.

The net profits of the Sioux Falls
Catholic fair last week were \$1,200.

Vermillion has a cotillion club. The
members cotilled Thanksgiving night.

Ten carloads of hogs are awaiting trans-
portation east from Vermillion.

The Odd Fellows of Watertown adver-
tise a grand ball for Dec. 10th.

It is certain that a bridge will be built
across the Sioux at Calliope very soon.

Many Nebraskians avail themselves of
the ice bridge and trade in Elk Point.

Superintendent Egan is doing all in
his power to supply Moody county with
fuel.

The name of the township of Rock-
field in Clay county has been changed to
Garfield.

The Lincoln county treasury has on
hand \$5,650 over all outstanding indebted-
ness.

The Elk Point Courier has discarded
"patent insides" and is now all printed at
home.

The prospects are that several fine proof
buildings will be built in Elk Point next
season.

The railroad promise to build commodi-
ous stock yards in Elk Point next
spring.

Railroad ties are furnishing a cheap and
easy settlement of the fuel question in
Big Stone City.

The musical-dramatic people of Ver-
milion are discussing the propriety of
bringing out Pinafore.

Rev. Stuart Sheldon, of Yankton, de-
livered two sermons at the U. S. church
of Elk Point last Sunday.

A new feature at the U. S. land office
at Watertown is that the claimant's testi-
mony shall be made out in the land office,
free of charge, thus saving three dollars to
the parties proving up.

George Stickney, the treasurer of Union
county, threw the first shovelful of dirt
and built the first mile of railroad grade
in Dakota.

The deaf mute school lately established
at Sioux Falls seems to be an assured
success. Twelve unfortunates have ap-
plied for admission.

Somebody says the girls in the princi-
pal cities in this country are noted as fol-
lows:

Detroit, the wildest.
Louisville, the proudest.
Baltimore, the handsomest.
Cincinnati the gayest flirts.
St. Louis, the most reckless.
Hartford, the best musicians.
Washington, the best dancers.
Boston, the most intellectual.
San Francisco, the most indifferent.
Atlanta, the most liberal entertainers.
Richmond, the most amiable disposi-
tion.
Chicago, the fastest and most dispa-
tched.
Rochester the most anxious to be loved.
Philadelphia, the most refined and
lady-like.
New York, the gayest and most expen-
sive in dress.
Cleveland, the most graceful and enter-
taining in conversation.
And Bismarck for their generous scar-
city.—Bismarck Sun,
Jamestown, for their industry.

Real Estate Transfers.

The following transfers of real estate
in Stutsman county have been made for
the week ending Dec 4:

N. P. R. R. to A. E. Taylor and John G.
Riley, sec. 3, tp. 139 range 65, 630 43-100
acres.

N. P. R. R. to E. P. Wells, sec. 1, tp.
144, range 67, n 1/2 sec 13, tp 141, r 64,
1280 acres.

J. T. Bush to H. T. Bush, et al., sw 1/4
sec 4, tp 138, r 63, 160 acres, \$400.

S. F. Corwin to H. T. Bush, 1/2 interest
in n 1/2 lot 10 and lot 11, block 40, Jame-
stown, \$62.50

H. T. Bush to Mary W. Bush, sw 1/4
sec 8, tp 138, range 63, 160 acres, \$400.

S. F. Corwin to Mary W. Bush, sw 1/4
sec 8, tp 138, range 63 160 acres, \$400.

A. Klaus to Peter Lane, lots 14 and 15,
block 31, in Jamestown, \$900.

S. K. McGinnis to A. A. Allen, lot 3, block
1 in McGinnis' addition to Jamestown,
\$100.

S. K. McGinnis to Will Elmer, lot 4,
block 1, in McGinnis' addition to Jame-
stown, \$100.

E. P. Wells to A. G. Parkhurst, sec 3,
tp 138, r 63, 160 acres, \$400.

W. L. Pitkin to W. W. Thayer, e 1/2 sec 14,
tp 137, range 63, 80 acres, \$200.

Lake Superior and Puget Sound Co.
to Raymond & McGinnis, sec 3, tp 138,
range 61, 43 48-100 acres, \$1576.30

John D. Benton to A. E. Law, lot 2,
block 40, in Jamestown, \$500.

A. Klaus to W. J. Henry, lot 4, block
60, in Klaus' addition to Jamestown, \$100.

Robert Hager to Hugh Dempsey, lots 9
and 10, block 42, lots 7, 8 and 9, block 29,
Jamestown, \$500.

A. Klaus to Right Rev Bishop Martin
Marty, lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11,
and 12, block 66, in Klaus' addition to
Jamestown, \$1200.

S. K. McGinnis to S. F. Lambert, lot 6,
block 12, in McGinnis' addition to Jame-
stown, \$100

Jones & Vennum to D. H. Long, lots 187,
188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196,
197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205,
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