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JAMESTOWN LODGE A. F. & A. M.
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S. T. VITUS ENCAMPMENT, Ancient Order Knights of the Red Cross, meets in Masonic hall, 5th St. between 1st and 2nd streets, every Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock. All brothers in good standing cordially invited to visit us. H. GIPPIN, N. G. L. B. MIXER, R. S.

COUNTY OFFICERS:
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS—J. C. Nickes, P. M. M. C. W. Hendricks.
JUROR OF PROBATE—H. J. Ott.
CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT—J. C. Nickes.
SHERIFF—Archibald McKechnie.
REGISTER OF DEEDS—George W. Vennum.
Treasurer—Thomas S. Collins.
ASSESSOR—John J. Nichols.
SURVEYOR—T. S. Wadsworth.
CORONER—Will Elmer.
SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS—J. J. Corning.

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CONSTABLES—John Vennum, George W. Kurtz.

Money furnished for moving up 100,000 to loan. Wm. C. White.

Two Thousand Dollars to Loan.
A term of years, on Real Estate Security. No red tape. No waiting to submit the application to eastern parties; but loan can be closed and money paid same day application is made. E. P. WELLS, Office with James River National Bank.

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TIME CARD.
TRAINS GOING EAST DEPART:
Passenger..... 2:35 p. m.
Freight..... 8:00 a. m.
do..... 7:30 p. m.
do..... 12:30 p. m.
Close connections at St. Paul with all east bound trains.

DEPART GOING WEST.
Passenger..... 1:40 p. m.
Freight..... 6:20 a. m.
do..... 10:30 p. m.
P. M. DAILY, Agent.

From the Daily Alert, Saturday, March 14.
Judge Steinbach went to St. Paul yesterday.
Geo. Shippy has gone to Minnesota on a visit.
Billy Nickes is jumping the counter at Curtin's.
Another crowd of land lookers arrived yesterday.
A party of land hunters will go to Grand Rapids to-day.
Pete Aubertin moved the Jamestown House kitchen yesterday.
Carpenter Hotchkiss has commenced building Mr. Balcan's paint shop.
Some stubborn mules caused considerable amusement on the streets yesterday.
Mr. Hedges went east yesterday. He will visit Chicago and go as far east as Ohio.
Major Lyon has charge of Judge Steinbach's furniture store during the latter's absence.
Mr. C. S. Manley will probably start his cigar factory here. He is negotiating for a building.
A copy of the Bismarck Tribune's boom edition is at hand and is worthy of the praise it has received.
The court house commissioners will soon begin to advertise for bids for the construction of the court house.
Further information concerning the proposed movements of the Chicago & Milwaukee road will be found on the first page.
John Moore's heart is light and he smiles when the carpenters work on his new barn, but he hasn't been smiling all this week.
Mike Foley is in Chicago buying the fixtures for the new hotel and sample room. The sample room will occupy the old dining room.
Congressman Strait, of Minnesota, has reported a bill for the committee on public lands, to provide for two new land districts in Dakota.
Deadwood Pioneer: Now-a-days when Fargo has a Sunday school concert, the press of that city designate it as "Dakota's musical convention."
A portion of the goods arriving this week have been damaged slightly by frost. They were ordered during the warm spell and did not get through in time.
General Washburn states that the bill introduced by him does not contemplate the sale of Indian lands in Dakota, but simply those in Minnesota—that is to say, the pine lands.
Groton News: We like consistent liars, but when the Alerdien board of trade talks about their pure, cold, running water, we would like to know where the devil they get it.
Pete Foley drove in from the country yesterday afternoon and before 6 o'clock an advertisement for a pair of horses taken up was handed into the Alert office. They were the same that Peter drove in with.
A letter received here from Mr. Abington announces that he is lecturing throughout England on North Dakota, and is getting a colony together to start for Jamestown.
Mr. E. G. Manley has secured several names of those who are willing to take

part in the organization of a branch of the Equitable Aid Union and will most likely form the society.
Chamberlain Register: Some of the smart young men attempted to fleece a Spotted Tail chief who was in town the other night, but found they had reckoned without their host. The red man was civilized enough to beat them at their own game.
Delegato Pettigrew has introduced a bill to provide for the support and civilization of the Turtle Mountain band of Pembina Chipewyan Indians, and to extinguish their title to lands claimed by them in the territory of Dakota.
The Alert will publish the arrivals at the different hotels of Jamestown each day if they are furnished. It is customary to have pay for publishing them to arrive and a good showing of arrivals is a credit to the town the Alert will take pleasure in doing it.
Minneapolis Journal: The hopeful cheerfulness of the prosperous country along the Northern Pacific finds its only prototype in Mr. Mark Tapley, whose sole regret was that circumstances were never sufficiently unkind to give cheerfulness any credit. All winter the Northern Pacific papers have been exulting over the fact that the country was not exposed to the inconvenience of a snow storm. Now a good substantial blizzard has smote the bonanza belt again, and the papers indulge in congratulatory remarks upon the thoughtfulness of Providence in not forgetting them, and the great advantage to the soil which a real good snow-storm must be. If the country should be swept with a flood the inhabitants would post themselves on the house-tops and rub their hands with the self-congratulatory remark that "all the country ever really needed was a good washing out."

From the Daily, Tuesday.
Bob Wallace is in Pennsylvania.
Ward Bill went to Spiritwood yesterday.
Harry Cornwall has gone back to Eldridge.
Jamestown is to have a new lumber yard.
Have you seen that new suit Lud from Michigan sports.
Mr. Carr was unloading a car load of Iowa oats yesterday.
The Northern Pacific will have out a new time card in a few days.
Last night, our hotels, five in number, were filled from cellar to garret.
John Fry received two cars of stock and other plunder for his farm yesterday.
John Powers, an extensive grain and stock dealer of Homer, Mich., is in town.
Mr. White has sent his map to Philadelphia to have it printed and have copies for sale.
Robt Jordan expects his father and family to arrive this week from Ontario, Canada.
Peter Fried arrived from the east to-day with a carload of stock and emigrant movables.
This morning's Alert can be had at the Dakota house, Northwestern or post-office stand.
Goodrich & Johnston have their new buggies set up. Liverman Moore caught on to five or six of them.
Hon. W. S. Dickinson, connected officially with the Northern Pacific, was in the metropolis yesterday.
Col. P. M. Daly, who has been in Bismarck and Mandan for the past day or two, returned last evening.
John Vennum's mules got away the other evening and when found were in the vicinity of Beaver creek.
The Catholic people of Jamestown propose to have a church and are going about in a business way to get it.
Joe Mason went to Eldridge yesterday and hired Henry Vessey's new building. He will start a saloon in it at once.
Dr. A. E. Collins, of Homer, Mich., has arrived and will raise No. 1 hard on his section of land between Jamestown and Eldridge.
One carload of sleek looking mules arrived yesterday for Brown & Brown. They will be put on their big farms near Jamestown.
A number of emigrants (American) arrived yesterday. They will open farms near Jamestown in the famous James River valley.
Mr. Bush got in a whole load of bedsteads yesterday, and yet the North Pacific House is unable to accommodate its numerous patrons.
Capt. Eddy informs the Alert that he received word Saturday that several carloads of goods would leave Albion this week for Jamestown.
The village council held their meeting at which fire limits were established on Friday evening last, not Thursday as was stated in Sunday's Alert.
The Presbyterian society are already beginning to find that additional seating room in their church is necessary and are looking about to see how it can best be done.
E. J. Schwelienbach, one of the night operators at the Northern Pacific telegraph office, young, courteous and accommodating, spent the Sabbath in Jamestown visiting his family.
Peter Fried has just returned from Arcadia, Wis., with stock and says that the Alert has done good work in that vicinity many families will leave there for Jamestown this spring.
At the Northwestern: F. M. Warford, E. H. Blush, Chicago; J. M. Armstrong and boys, Cordova; J. Gwynne-Vaughn, Sanborn; John P. Weiss, S. O. Powell, Moorhead; L. D. Brang, Janesville; O. H. Bunker, city.
Columbia, down the Jim, is to have a floating mill, a company having been formed for that purpose. The Northwestern road will build a branch from Ordway to the mill. There is good water power there.
At the Dakota: James Welch and wife, Bismarck; Lewis Klein, Wm. Klein, Byron Town Brook, Ypsilanti, Mich.; M. H. Van Horn, Milwaukee; A. O. Powell, Port Arthur, Wis.; C. M. Matley, city; W. D. McCabe, Colvidger; E. A. Collins, John Powell, Homer; W. M. Dunlap, Lodi; Geo. D.

Wilson, Fargo; C. H. Mannering East Lynn, Conn.; D. M. Murphy, St. Paul; J. J. Roggen and wife, J. M. Kelly New York; L. B. Duessing and wife, J. H. Hartman, Jamestown; Wm. Lee, Decatur, W. Scherffino, No. Shields, Eng.
Davenport, Iowa, Democrat, 8th: Mr. J. A. Atkinson, of Jamestown, who has been spending a fortnight here on business matters, left for home and "the raising of a great crop of wheat," to use his words, last evening.
Mr. Welch being unable to secure music decided not to give his entertainment here at this time, but will go to Fargo and Grand Forks and will return here and go to Fort Totten next week and favor us with a performance then.
Conductor Pomeroy's train went into the ditch last Sunday, wrecking five cars but not doing much damage to them. They were loaded with merchandise for Bismarck and Mandan. A broken rail was the cause of the accident.
Things begin to boom in every line of business and the present indications point toward a prosperous season. Stutsman county with additional railroads, supplemented by good crops, will stand among the first counties in Dakota.
Messrs. H. Fenwick and P. Scherffino, of North Shields, Eng., arrived direct from across the big pond yesterday. Two of their friends who stopped over in Fargo will reach here to-day. These gentlemen are possessed of means and will go to farming.
Our literary society meets this evening at the Presbyterian church. J. C. Nickes Esq., will lecture on the "Reconstruction of the Southern States." A good programme of music and readings will also be carried out. This entertainment promises to be one of the society's best efforts. All are invited to attend.
The Stockport (Eng.) Advertiser, just at hand, as the following announcement: "Mr. Richard Sykes, of Edgerly, has just concluded a big purchase of land in America. He has, according to advices lately received from Chicago, recently bought from the Northern Pacific railroad company 45,000 acres of land lying north-west and southwest of Jamestown, D. T. It is stated that Mr. Sykes intends to take out in the spring a number of English emigrants to settle on the land he has purchased, the terms offered being unusually attractive."
Deadwood Times: A deed was recorded in the office of the register of deeds of this county last week which for a compensation called for love and affection and one dollar. The property transferred was valued into the thousands of dollars. This, we believe, is the first instance on record where a value was ever placed, publicly at least, upon love and affection, and according to the deed of transfer in this case, the price placed upon this, to our mind not to be purchased indispensable, was thousands of dollars.
From the Daily, Wednesday.
David Curtin went to St. Paul yesterday.
Mr. Van Dusen, of the Troy Farm, is in town.
Mr. Douglas has resigned the office of village justice.
J. A. Stoyall, Esq., of Bismarck, was in town yesterday.
T. W. Fields has just received several new styles of clocks.
The literary society held an interesting meeting last evening.
Mr. Wells's chapter ad experiences a change this morning.
Two car loads of stock for the Buchanan farm arrived yesterday.
Mr. Chesa will do the mason work on the Lloyds' new house.
Two wagon loads of lumber started for Grand Rapids yesterday.
Attorney Dodge and Mr. Fuller are expected home next Saturday.
John T. Eager is preparing to do an extensive business in the farm machinery line this season.
The snow and sleet yesterday greatly interrupted telegraphic communication for several hours.
O. H. J. Briggs, the head line fiddler of the Alert, contemplates catching on to some James River dirt.
Mike Foley returned from Chicago yesterday, where he had been to purchase fixtures for the new hotel.
Every effort is being made by Mr. Daly to keep the crossings clear at this point. An effort worthy of note.
Tom Bowditch has become a follower of "Sunflower" Oscar and will soon come out in a pair of knee breeches.
Mrs. S. E. Pierce, proprietress of the Northwestern, has disposed of her Glynod property at a goodly bargain.
The total amount of telegraph business transacted at this station during the month of February was nearly \$300.
At the Northwestern House: James R. Harvey, Tolland, Mass.; J. A. Coomford, Kansas City; M. V. Green, Jamestown; R. W. Billing, Kansas City.
A large emigration is pouring into Jamestown daily and the depot is crowded with emigrants who are obliged to remain there in consequence of not having shelter.
Pat Moran, one of Jamestown's extensive farmers, says that he will put in 200 acres of wheat and 100 hundred acres of oats this season, besides breaking some 600 acres or more.
The summer time schedule of the N. P. will take effect soon and it is understood there will be considerable change in the time of freights, but passenger trains will probably run on their present time.
Argus: J. C. Marshall entered upon duty as United States mail route agent between Fargo and Bismarck yesterday, vice A. Plummer, who resigned to become a Fargo real estate boomer with "the old established."

Mr. Welch, of Fargo, who has been spending a few days in Jamestown, remarked to an Alert reporter yesterday morning that he entertained a high regard for Jamestown and thought that if

he should ever leave Fargo he would come to Jamestown to live, for in his opinion it was the most charming little city in the Northwest. The Alert assures him that no one would be more welcomed by the great James River metropolis than himself.
Mr. Vamey, formerly a passenger train engineer on the Northern Pacific and well known to many of our citizens has been appointed master mechanic of the construction department of the Northern Pacific road in Montana.
Not a vacant house in town and calls for them every day. The man who puts up a dozen small houses which could be rented for \$10 or \$15 per month would prove a benefactor to the people and have a gold mine for his trouble.
A west bound freight train jumped the track near Spiritwood yesterday, badly wrecking several cars and blocking the track for several hours, delaying all trains. Behan and his construction gang cleared the track for traffic.
In the columns of the Chicago Times' state items of March 11, the following clipping is taken from among the Illinois state news: "The Dakota fever seems to be breaking out rather extensively in McLean county. There will be a considerable emigration this spring."
The land sales of the North Pacific for February are as follows: On the Minnesota division, 1,676 acres; Dakota division, 5,700 acres and ninety three town lots; Missouri division, 480 acres and four lots; Yellowstone division, eleven town lots. The total receipts from land sales was something over \$50,000.

Hon. D. M. Kelleher has just received a telegram from Fair Play, Cal., announcing the sad news of the death of his brother Matthew. Mr. Kelleher expects to leave for Fair Play in a few days to settle up the estate of the deceased. The Alert is informed that he was extensively interested in good paying mines at that place.
The contract drawn by Attorney White between the Jamestown Immigration Society and Col. Flint was presented at the meeting held at the Dakota House yesterday afternoon and met with general approval. Mr. Flint declared his intention to immediately proceed with the building and the fund raised as a bonus will be handed to him as soon as the lumber is on the ground. The harmony which has characterized the proceedings of the society prevailed and the meeting adjourned subject to the call of the president.
Grand Forks Plaindealer: "The circumstances are peculiarly favorable for a first class blaze in Grand Forks one of these windy nights. In the first place we have no water, and our little one horse chemical extinguisher is quite useless when a building is wrapped in flames. It can, no doubt, be used with good effect in the first stages, when a fire is confined to a single room; but when sheets of flame are leaping from block to block and from street to street, our citizens could only stand by in utter helplessness and see their property crumble to ashes. The Plaindealer is no prophet of evil, but the day of reckoning is sure to come sooner or later. We should have a first class steamer and a well organized fire brigade—but first we must have the water works."

Argus: Larimore is in the Grand Forks county, nearly seventy miles north of Fargo, and consequently some twenty miles outside of the railroad limit. This charge that Captain Towner and his friends are taking a colony of colored people to that section to locate on government lands and then rob them of the same, is as absurd as nefarious. The gentlemen engaged in the Larimore enterprise are not of the character to engage in such a job. The government lands in that section of the territory are unsurveyed, and no rights can be obtained except as squatters. Captain Towner informed the Argus several weeks ago that he was going to Missouri to bring out a number of colored people to work upon his bonanza farms. Captain Towner is a native of the south and fought bravely and well on the confederate side all through the war of the rebellion. After the war was over he was one of the few southerners who had energy enough to make his way north and make his mark: He says the negro is well adapted to this climate, and those he brings to Dakota will make good citizens. There is no doubt that the five thousand colored people coming to Dakota to settle and grow up with the country would be a benefit, and it is hoped that they will come from every southern state, being assured of a hearty welcome. No prejudice exists in North Dakota against any man who is willing to work out his own salvation, and as Colonel Hob Ingersoll puts it, "give a negro an even chance for his life, and if he comes out ahead in the race, he is entitled to the credit." Captain Towner deserves the thanks of all enterprising people for his exhibition of grit.

From the Daily, Thursday.
Henry Vessey was in town yesterday.
John Moore is moving into his new barn.
Bismarck has organized another national bank.
Geo. W. Vennum returned to Jamestown yesterday.
C. G. Holcomb, of Grand Rapids, is at the Northwestern.
A good sized house is being built on Sixth avenue, south side.
Born—Tuesday, March 14th, a son to Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Dorney.
Freight trains are coming in from the east at a livelier rate than ever.
H. Mattison, of the spiritwood farms, took dinner at the Northwestern yesterday.
Frank Adams, (Peter Funk) who drives the upper end of the Totten stage line, is in town.
The warm sun of yesterday melted nearly all the snow which fell the day previous.
Frank Palmer, of Fort Totten, will advertise in the Weekly Alert for purchasers for one hundred bushels of Meda Minnowakan, or Devil's Lake Indian corn.

It yields well and grows to maturity in this country.
The passenger trains from the east have been a little late in arriving for the past few days.
A freight train got off the track yesterday at Sanborn and delayed business several hours.
Superintendent Hobart of the Northern Pacific passed over the road yesterday in his pay car.
All passenger trains were quite late yesterday, delayed by waiting for connecting lines.
The Elder walks with the aid of a cane. A premature discharge of a mule's hind leg caused it.
Messrs. Dec & Garrigan find their present store room too limited and are building on an addition.
Mr. Kearney, manager of the well known Buchanan Farm, returned from the east yesterday.
Mr. McClure went to St. Paul yesterday in pursuit of more printers. The Alert has a large amount of work on hand and additional help is needed.
The town is full of strange faces. Quite a change from a month ago when one knew every man he met on the streets.
The pockets of the employees of the Northern Pacific on this division were replenished yesterday by the advent of the pay car.
The court house primer in this morning's Alert was handed us for publication and the writer of it will be recognized by many.
A large warehouse has been built near the old school house for Mr. Bykes, and three car loads of goods are already stored there.
A large number of mules are being brought in this season. They stand the grief well and are best teams for this country.
Scarcely a night passes but one or more families are compelled to stay in the passenger depot for want of accommodations within their means.
The Grand Forks Daily Herald has enlarged to a seven column paper and shows continued evidence of thrift. It is one of our most valued exchanges.
Postmasters have been appointed at Steele and Dawson stations. Mail for these points have heretofore been forwarded from this place by train baggage-man.
Mr. A. H. Miller, who will be interested with Frank Brown in the grain and farm machinery business, arrived from Chicago yesterday. Frank is expected to arrive to-day.
John Nichols and Mr. Hughes returned from their trip into the country Tuesday night. They ran about six miles of lines and then postponed the work on account of the snow.
Some friend has sent the Alert a copy of the Buenos Ayres Herald, but as the greater portion of it is printed in Spanish we haven't extracted anything especially interesting as yet.
A large party of emigrants arrived here yesterday from Wisconsin destined for the Buchanan farm. They report Dakota fever raging in their vicinity and there is "still more to follow."

The telegraph company has reduced the rates to principal points. The half rate system has been abolished and the present rate for night messages is two-thirds the tolls on full rate messages.
The party of land lookers who went to Grand Rapids on Saturday returned Tuesday. They all speak in high terms of the country and a portion of them located and the balance of the party will do so later.
Bismarck Tribune: Jamestown doesn't propose to wait for the North Pacific to put up an immigrant house. The citizens have raised money to erect such a structure Bismarck had better make a move to the same direction.
Bismarck Tribune: W. H. Hurd yesterday telegraphed Mr. Bly that he would not come to Bismarck at present and take charge of the Sheridan house. Therefore there is still an opening for some good man.
Mr. DuBuisson says that the next time those gentlemen borrow his delivery cart to wheel young ladies home from the literary society meeting and upset them, he will charge for the use of the cart.
John Adams, Adams, Mass.; T. H. Bowditch, Mouse City; T. W. Fields, Mouser; H. Mattison, Spiritwood; M. E. Walsh, Valley City; C. G. Holcomb, Grand Rapids; J. C. Elder, Alma, Wis.; Fred P. Spencer and lady, Jacksonville, Minn.; E. J. Fudell, Moorhead; P. H. Foley, Hell's Gate, Wis.; W. H. Cole, Duluth; and F. C. Adams, Fort Totten, are registered at the Northwestern.
At the Dakota: W. Gray, J. W. Hoxie, Spring Valley, Minn.; C. G. Castellin, Farwell, Mich.; J. Van Dusen, Troy Farm; F. W. Ingalls, Grand Rapids; P. Ver Plank, F. G. Mulliken, M. J. Griffin, Geo. Eastwood, G. W. Farnsworth, St. Paul; Wm. E. Lee, Decatur; G. Gusa, B. F. Carpenter, Fargo; G. A. Snow, Albany, N. Y.; J. C. Engle, Legoneer; H. Larson, Larchwood; A. H. Miller, Chicago; Y. W. Prouty; S. H. Carpenter, Neenah, Wis.; John B. Weiss, Moorhead.

From the Daily, Friday.
St. Patrick's day.
The 17th of Ireland.
Who says Jamestown is not to have a land office?
Wm. Slowey returned from Albion, Mich., yesterday.
Charlie Clark, the grocery fiend, was in town yesterday.
The young folks will have a dance in the hall this evening.
The real estate transfers this week are not as numerous as usual.
A car load of lumber for Mr. Hewitt's new house arrived yesterday.
The Grand Rapids stage has six passengers booked to go south this morning.
Mr. Booth, one of Sanborn's merchants, came up to the metropolis yesterday.
A party of hunters who have been in Montana for several weeks, passed

through here yesterday. They report game plenty and had an enjoyable time.
Capt. Elliott is up from Grand Rapids. His first appearance in several weeks.
J. B. Crum, of Grand Rapids, is at the Northwestern House en route home from the east.
Van Cleve & Wadsworth have some splendid bargains in town lots. Call and see them.
The Northern Pacific pay car returned from the west last evening and remained here over night.
Geo. Vennum has a daisy real estate sign fresh from the artistic hands of Mr. Wolf, the painter.
Train loads of iron and ties are passing here daily for the Northern Pacific extension in Montana.
Mr. Aultschul is having a cellar dug for the brick store which he will shortly have erected adjoining his hotel.
Thomas Glacier, R. T. Glacier and R. Edmanson arrived from Michigan yesterday with two car loads of farming outfit. Our merchants are receiving large quantities of spring goods and are making extensive preparations for the spring trade.
Mr. McKean was in town yesterday from Sanborn. He says ground was broken there yesterday morning for a brick block.
The first cable telegram from Jamestown was transmitted over the wires yesterday. Its destination was London and tolls were \$7.20.
We would call the attention of our readers to the advertisement of Hartman, Durstine & Co. our new lumber men, which appears on our second page this morning.
Frank McKenzie, of Concord, Mich., arrived yesterday afternoon with a car load of stock and farm machinery, with which to go to farming in the Beaver creek region.
Mr. Manly will remove the building formerly occupied by Mr. Pratt as a jewelry store to the lot adjoining Slowey & Thomas' tin shop, and open out his cigar business in a few days.
A large amount of baggage is received here each day from the east, and our station baggage-man, Mr. Walsh, is the only citizen regretting the immigration. The exercise is a splendid appetizer.
Argus: Gwynne City, the county seat of Foster county, is the next great gun to be fired at the whole world by that indomitable J. Gwynne Vaughan, whose financial head is equalled by few and excelled by none.
At the Northwestern: F. E. Jones, Eldridge; C. A. Allen, J. R. Crum, Grand Rapids; Judson Ransom, C. L. Holmes, R. O. Heath, Eldridge; A. E. Brown, Levanna, N. Y.; E. W. Hendricks, Toledo; W. H. Cole, Duluth.
Jeff Smith, the "original farmer," is in town awaiting the arrival of his daughter, who is expected to reach here to-day. She will be followed by her husband and a car load of goods and they will locate near Beaver creek.
From the rapidly with which Hartman, Durstine & Co., are unloading cars of lumber it will be but a short time before they will have a full line of all kinds. Parties desiring dry lumber can now be accommodated.
Aberdeen News: Mr. F. H. Hagerty has just returned from Chicago where he went for the purpose of having plans made of the tree claim and homestead adjoining Aberdeen, which he recently purchased. He has had the whole 320 acres platted, making in all 106 blocks, and is now prepared to sell desirable building lots at prices ranging from \$50 to \$125.
The Mason City (Ill.) Independent contains the following: "The Conshay brothers have left Mason City for the north, to try their fortunes in Dakota in raising wheat. These young men are shrewd in business and generally successful in what they undertake. We trust their future may not be marred by a single obstacle and that the bread cast upon the waters may return ere many days, bringing four-fold its value in shining shekels." Both these young men are accommodating and agreeable to transact business with, and their gentlemanly demeanor is highly spoken of by those who have business at the passenger depot. They will undoubtedly meet with success. Frank has 1300 acres of fine land in the James River valley which has greatly increased in value since the flustering prospects of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad being constructed up the river. Robt. the "Evening Star," is not so fortunate. He is equally as good and comes with his pockets full of Colorado bullion, Sunday school tracts, and a certificate of good character from his Sabbath school superintendent.

Notice of Annual Dist. School Meeting.
Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of district No. 1, of Stutsman county, Dakota, that the annual meeting of said district will be held at the school house at Jamestown, on the fourth day of April, A. D. 1882, at nine o'clock, a. m., for the purpose of electing one director, voting a list school tax, receiving district treasurer's report and such other business as may come before said meeting.
A. McKENZIE, Dist. Clerk.
Dated this 15th day of March, 1882.

Land to Let.
N^o. of Sec. 23, tp 140, r 65. Seed furnished or not, as desired. 100 acres on S¹/₂ of Sec. 10, tp 140, r 65. 122 acres on S¹/₂ of Sec. 12, tp 140, r 65. Tenant to furnish seed. These lands are situated from five to eight miles northwest of Jamestown, in the immediate vicinity of Eldridge station; are of the very best of early breaking and well backed, with two inches of subsoil. Apply to
S. L. GLASPELL, d&wz. Jamestown, Dakota.

A Good Place To Go To.
Mr. Welch writing from Fargo desires the Alert to return thanks for favors shown himself and wife by the officers of the post at Fort Totten; also to Mr. Cramsie, the Indian agent, and Mr. Peck, the post trader. Furthermore, to say that they had a pleasant time and to say that Fort Totten is a good show town.

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Davenport, Iowa, Democrat, 8th: Mr. J. A. Atkinson, of Jamestown, who has been spending a fortnight here on business matters, left for home and "the raising of a great crop of wheat," to use his words, last evening.
Mr. Welch being unable to secure music decided not to give his entertainment here at this time, but will go to Fargo and Grand Forks and will return here and go to Fort Totten next week and favor us with a performance then.
Conductor Pomeroy's train went into the ditch last Sunday, wrecking five cars but not doing much damage to them. They were loaded with merchandise for Bismarck and Mandan. A broken rail was the cause of the accident.
Things begin to boom in every line of business and the present indications point toward a prosperous season. Stutsman county with additional railroads, supplemented by good crops, will stand among the first counties in Dakota.
Messrs. H. Fenwick and P. Scherffino, of North Shields, Eng., arrived direct from across the big pond yesterday. Two of their friends who stopped over in Fargo will reach here to-day. These gentlemen are possessed of means and will go to farming.
Our literary society meets this evening at the Presbyterian church. J. C. Nickes Esq., will lecture on the "Reconstruction of the Southern States." A good programme of music and readings will also be carried out. This entertainment promises to be one of the society's best efforts. All are invited to attend.
The Stockport (Eng.) Advertiser, just at hand, as the following announcement: "Mr. Richard Sykes, of Edgerly, has just concluded a big purchase of land in America. He has, according to advices lately received from Chicago, recently bought from the Northern Pacific railroad company 45,000 acres of land lying north-west and southwest of Jamestown, D. T. It is stated that Mr. Sykes intends to take out in the spring a number of English emigrants to settle on the land he has purchased, the terms offered being unusually attractive."
Deadwood Times: A deed was recorded in the office of the register of deeds of this county last week which for a compensation called for love and affection and one dollar. The property transferred was valued into the thousands of dollars. This, we believe, is the first instance on record where a value was ever placed, publicly at least, upon love and affection, and according to the deed of transfer in this case, the price placed upon this, to our mind not to be purchased indispensable, was thousands of dollars.
From the Daily, Wednesday.
David Curtin went to St. Paul yesterday.
Mr. Van Dusen, of the Troy Farm, is in town.
Mr. Douglas has resigned the office of village justice.
J. A. Stoyall, Esq., of Bismarck, was in town yesterday.
T. W. Fields has just received several new styles of clocks.
The literary society held an interesting meeting last evening.
Mr. Wells's chapter ad experiences a change this morning.
Two car loads of stock for the Buchanan farm arrived yesterday.
Mr. Chesa will do the mason work on the Lloyds' new house.
Two wagon loads of lumber started for Grand Rapids yesterday.
Attorney Dodge and Mr. Fuller are expected home next Saturday.
John T. Eager is preparing to do an extensive business in the farm machinery line this season.
The snow and sleet yesterday greatly interrupted telegraphic communication for several hours.
O. H. J. Briggs, the head line fiddler of the Alert, contemplates catching on to some James River dirt.
Mike Foley returned from Chicago yesterday, where he had been to purchase fixtures for the new hotel.
Every effort is being made by Mr. Daly to keep the crossings clear at this point. An effort worthy of note.
Tom Bowditch has become a follower of "Sunflower" Oscar and will soon come out in a pair of knee breeches.
Mrs. S. E. Pierce, proprietress of the Northwestern, has disposed of her Glynod property at a goodly bargain.
The total amount of telegraph business transacted at this station during the month of February was nearly \$300.
At the Northwestern House: James R. Harvey, Tolland, Mass.; J. A. Coomford, Kansas City; M. V. Green, Jamestown; R. W. Billing, Kansas City.
A large emigration is pouring into Jamestown daily and the depot is crowded with emigrants who are obliged to remain there in consequence of not having shelter.
Pat Moran, one of Jamestown's extensive farmers, says that he will put in 200 acres of wheat and 100 hundred acres of oats this season, besides breaking some 600 acres or more.
The summer time schedule of the N. P. will take effect soon and it is understood there will be considerable change in the time of freights, but passenger trains will probably run on their present time.
Argus: J. C. Marshall entered upon duty as United States mail route agent between Fargo and Bismarck yesterday, vice A. Plummer, who resigned to become a Fargo real estate boomer with "the old established."

Mr. Welch, of Fargo, who has been spending a few days in Jamestown, remarked to an Alert reporter yesterday morning that he entertained a high regard for Jamestown and thought that if

he should ever leave Fargo he would come to Jamestown to live, for in his opinion it was the most charming little city in the Northwest. The Alert assures him that no one would be more welcomed by the great James River metropolis than himself.
Mr. Vamey, formerly a passenger train engineer on the Northern Pacific and well known to many of our citizens has been appointed master mechanic of the construction department of the Northern Pacific road in Montana.
Not a vacant house in town and calls for them every day. The man who puts up a dozen small houses which could be rented for \$10 or \$15 per month would prove a benefactor to the people and have a gold mine for his trouble.
A west bound freight train jumped the track near Spiritwood yesterday, badly wrecking several cars and blocking the track for several hours, delaying all trains. Behan and his construction gang cleared the track for traffic.
In the columns of the Chicago Times' state items of March 11, the following clipping is taken from among the Illinois state news: "The Dakota fever seems to be breaking out rather extensively in McLean county. There will be a considerable emigration this spring."
The land sales of the North Pacific for February are as follows: On the Minnesota division, 1,676 acres; Dakota division, 5,700 acres and ninety three town lots; Missouri division, 480 acres and four lots; Yellowstone division, eleven town lots. The total receipts from land sales was something over \$50,000.

Hon. D. M. Kelleher has just received a telegram from Fair Play, Cal., announcing the sad news of the death of his brother Matthew. Mr. Kelleher expects to leave for Fair Play in a few days to settle up the estate of the deceased. The Alert is informed that he was extensively interested in good paying mines at that place.
The contract drawn by Attorney White between the Jamestown Immigration Society and Col. Flint was presented at the meeting held at the Dakota House yesterday afternoon and met with general approval. Mr. Flint declared his intention to immediately proceed with the building and the fund raised as a bonus will be handed to him as soon as the lumber is on the ground. The harmony which has characterized the proceedings of the society prevailed and the meeting adjourned subject to the call of the president.
Grand Forks Plaindealer: "The circumstances are peculiarly favorable for a first class blaze in Grand Forks one of these windy nights. In the first place we have no water, and our little one horse chemical extinguisher is quite useless when a building is wrapped in flames. It can, no doubt, be used with good effect in the first stages, when a fire is confined to a single room; but when sheets of flame are leaping from block to block and from street to street, our citizens could only stand by in utter helplessness and see their property crumble to ashes. The Plaindealer is no prophet of evil, but the day of reckoning is sure to come sooner or later. We should have a first class steamer and a well organized fire brigade—but first we must have the water works."

Argus: Larimore is in the Grand Forks county, nearly seventy miles north of Fargo, and consequently some twenty miles outside of the railroad limit. This charge that Captain Towner and his friends are taking a colony of colored people to that section to locate on government lands and then rob them of the same, is as absurd as nefarious. The gentlemen engaged in the Larimore enterprise are not of the character to engage in such a job. The government lands in that section of the territory are unsurveyed, and no rights can be obtained except as squatters. Captain Towner informed the Argus several weeks ago that he was going to Missouri to bring out a number of colored people to work upon his bonanza farms. Captain Towner is a native of the south and fought bravely and well on the confederate side all through the war of the rebellion. After the war was over he was one of the few southerners who had energy enough to make his way north and make his mark: He says the negro is well adapted to this climate, and those he brings to Dakota will make good citizens. There is no doubt that the five thousand colored people coming to Dakota to settle and grow up with the country would be a benefit, and it is hoped that they will come from every southern state, being assured of a hearty welcome. No prejudice exists in North Dakota against any man who is willing to work out his own salvation, and as Colonel Hob Ingersoll puts it, "give a negro an even chance for his life, and if he comes out ahead in the race, he is entitled to the credit." Captain Towner deserves the thanks of all enterprising people for his exhibition of grit.

From the Daily, Thursday.
Henry Vessey was in town yesterday.
John Moore is moving into his new barn.
Bismarck has organized another national bank.
Geo. W. Vennum returned to Jamestown yesterday.
C. G. Holcomb, of Grand Rapids, is at the Northwestern.
A good sized house is being built on Sixth avenue, south side.
Born—Tuesday, March 14th, a son to Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Dorney.
Freight trains are coming in from the east at a livelier rate than ever.
H. Mattison, of the spiritwood farms, took dinner at the Northwestern yesterday.
Frank Adams, (Peter Funk) who drives the upper end of the Totten stage line, is in town.
The warm sun of yesterday melted nearly all the snow which fell the day previous.
Frank Palmer, of Fort Totten, will advertise in the Weekly Alert for purchasers for one hundred bushels of Meda Minnowakan, or Devil's Lake Indian corn.

It yields well and grows to maturity in this country.
The passenger trains from the east have been a little late in arriving for the past few days.
A freight train got off the track yesterday at Sanborn and delayed business several hours.
Superintendent Hobart of the Northern Pacific passed over the road yesterday in his pay car.
All passenger trains were quite late yesterday, delayed by waiting for connecting lines.
The Elder walks with the aid of a cane. A premature discharge of a mule's hind leg caused it.
Messrs. Dec & Garrigan find their present store room too limited and are building on an addition.
Mr. Kearney, manager of the well known Buchanan Farm, returned from the east yesterday.
Mr. McClure went to St. Paul yesterday in pursuit of more printers. The Alert has a large amount of work on hand and additional help is needed.
The town is full of strange faces. Quite a change from a month ago when one knew every man he met on the streets.
The pockets of the employees of the Northern Pacific on this division were replenished yesterday by the advent of the pay car.
The court house primer in this morning's Alert was handed us for publication and the writer of it will be recognized by many.
A large warehouse has been built near the old school house for Mr. Bykes, and three car loads of goods are already stored there.
A large number of mules are being brought in this season. They stand the grief well and are best teams for this country.
Scarcely a night passes but one or more families are compelled to stay in the passenger depot for want of accommodations within their means.
The Grand Forks Daily Herald has enlarged to a seven column paper and shows continued evidence of thrift. It is one of our most valued exchanges.
Postmasters have been appointed at Steele and Dawson stations. Mail for these points have heretofore been forwarded from this place by train baggage-man.
Mr. A. H. Miller, who will be interested with Frank Brown in the grain and farm machinery business, arrived from Chicago yesterday. Frank is expected to arrive to-day.
John Nichols and Mr. Hughes returned from their trip into the country Tuesday night. They ran about six miles of lines and then postponed the work on account of the snow.
Some friend has sent the Alert a copy of the Buenos Ayres Herald, but as the greater portion of it is printed in Spanish we haven't extracted anything especially interesting as yet.
A large party of emigrants arrived here yesterday from Wisconsin destined for the Buchanan farm. They report Dakota fever raging in their vicinity and there is "still more to follow."

The telegraph company has reduced the rates to principal points. The half rate system has been abolished and the present rate for night messages is two-thirds the tolls on full rate messages.
The party of land lookers who went to Grand Rapids on Saturday returned Tuesday. They all speak in high terms of the country and a portion of them located and the balance of the party will do so later.
Bismarck Tribune: Jamestown doesn't propose to wait for the North Pacific to put up an immigrant house. The citizens have raised money to erect such a structure Bismarck had better make a move to the same direction.
Bismarck Tribune: W. H. Hurd yesterday telegraphed Mr. Bly that he would not come to Bismarck at present and take charge of the Sheridan house. Therefore there is still an opening for some good man.
Mr. DuBuisson says that the next time those gentlemen borrow