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SOLEMN SPIRITWOOD.

A Collision Causes the Death of a Young Man on the Morn of His Arrival at His New Home.

James R. Winslow, the Pioneer Lumber Dealer, Receives a Full Train Load of all Kinds of Lumber.

They are Still Flocking to the Garden of Eden from Michigan, Pennsylvania and all East.

The Collision.

At half-past six o'clock on Sunday morning a freight train bound west collided with another bound east at Spiritwood, ten miles east of Jamestown. The east bound train had just arrived, and having the right of way stood on the main track. The engineer of the other train, by some miscalculation, ran at full speed until within about half a mile of the station. He soon after discovered the train ahead of him and tried to stop, getting his speed down to eight or ten miles an hour when the collision occurred. His engine rebounded, telescoping a box car containing a settler from Norwich, Canada, named Henry E. Mott, and five head of horses, together with emigrants' moveables. Mott was instantly killed. One horse was also killed, but the others, strange to say, escaped serious injury. Mott was a young man about twenty-five years of age and was about to settle on land near Spiritwood. The track was blockaded for several hours.

In the afternoon the coroner, Wm. Elmer, held an inquest, at which the following testimony was submitted:

F. M. Thompson, sworn—Stated that he was engineer of the train bound west and it was foggy; couldn't see the whistling post; did not see the reflection of the headlight until within three or four train lengths, or about one-eighth mile of other train; whistled for brakes; reversed engine and tried my best to stop; sand in sand box was wet and wouldn't run; engine slid along the track; was going twenty miles an hour when collision occurred; one brakeman was on engine and got out to set one brake; fifteen miles an hour is the usual speed, and is the rate of time fixed by the company; am frequently in the habit of exceeding this rate; could have stopped, or nearly stopped, at the depot if sand had not been wet; intended to stop at depot; did not slack up because I did not know where I was; I had orders to meet other train here; east bound train had right of road; intended to switch my train at west end of switch; whistling post is near the track; it was my duty to look out for post, and if I had been attending strictly to duty I could have seen it, although the night was foggy; I and fireman jumped from engine when within car length of other engine; train was slackened to eight or ten miles an hour when collision occurred; I knew when I left sixth siding that car containing deceased was next to the engine at eleven o'clock; did not know at time of collision that deceased was in the car; I was running wild train; fifteen miles an hour regulation applies to wild as well as regular trains.

Geo. Schoomaker, conductor of west bound train, in course of testimony said: Train was running about fifteen miles an hour, full rate of speed; it was an unusual rate of speed at which to be running when nearing a station; could have stopped if train had been running at ten miles an hour—usual speed when approaching station; tried to stop train; directed my men to put on brakes when half mile from place of accident; did not hear engine whistle for brakes just before collision; my habit is to approach stations at slackened speed; orders are not to exceed six miles an hour in approaching station or siding; ought to have commenced slacking speed two miles east of Spiritwood in order to reduce speed from fifteen to five miles an hour; did not know deceased was on train; both men were entitled to passage to Spiritwood; it is not against the rules of the company for passengers on freight train to ride in a box car; the caboose was crowded full; there was no more seating room in it until after train left Wheatland.

Nathan Kellam, engineer east bound train: His train had right of way; arrived at Spiritwood two or three minutes before I saw other train coming; called for brakes; reversed engine and started my train back; I and fireman left the engine.

Dr. Baldwin, sworn—Said he examined corpse; death resulted from injuries from two blunt bodies striking violently against chest of deceased; lower part of chest and left side severely injured by concussion with said blunt bodies; left leg broken half way between ankle and knee joint; scalp contused and face bunged.

The jury returned the following verdict:

Henry E. Mott came to his death in consequence of a collision between two freight trains belonging to the Northern Pacific Railroad company, and that said collision caused the death of deceased, which took place at Spiritwood, in Stutsman county, D. T., on the morning of the 26th of March, 1882: that the cause of said collision was the negligence of Fred Thompson, engineer of the west bound train.

Attest:

WILL ELMER, Coroner.
T. H. BOWDITCH,
J. J. ROPER,
S. J. J. BROWN.

Somewhat Deceived.

A case which comes very near being one of misplaced confidence came to the notice of the Alert yesterday. The circumstances connected with the affair are as follows: Some time during the past winter Geo. Case, formerly of this place, happening to be in New York city, dropped into the dry goods establishment of Craughwell & Co., for something or other, and while in the sfore got into conversation with a clerk by the name of Wm. H. Corcoran concerning Dakota. Mr. Case, so Mr. Corcoran says, told him that if he could only get money enough to get to Jamestown he would find plenty of employment, and that he would be able to make a fortune in a few years. He also states that Mr. Case represented himself to be a wealthy and prominent citizen of Jamestown, and that he would lend his influence in his behalf. Well, to make a long story short, Mr. C. disposed of his household goods, threw up his job, which he claims to have held over seven years, took his wife and baby and left for Jamestown, where he arrived last Wednesday, dead broke, having spent all his money for meals and railroad fare. Of course, he inquired for his old friend Case, but not to his advantage, as the outlook at present would indicate. Mr. C. is a man of ability, and we believe him to be worthy of the consideration of the people of this community, and it is hoped that every one will interest themselves in his behalf in so much as to find employment for him. He is willing to do anything, no matter what, that will earn bread for himself and family. Give the man a chance.

By the Train Load.

One of the first trains to come in Sunday afther the collision was a full train load of lumber, but it created little surprise until it was hinted around that the entire lot was billed to one dealer in Jamestown and it was unanimously decided that there wasn't anything very small about the man who got his lumber in by the train load. This dealer proved to be Jas. R. Winslow. Where he used to order a carload at a time and have it last a month he now orders a train load and it supplies the demands of his customers for only a few days. The lot which came in on Sunday consisted of all dimensions and kinds, both oak and pine. Among the oak being material for carriage and wagon work. There were also two carloads of sash and doors, two carloads of ship-lap, three carloads of common boards and other kinds in proportion. His lumber yard was like a bee hive yesterday and all the men that could be hired were set to work unloading the cars. Jim is always noted for keeping a full line of lumber and during the spring boom doesn't intend to run short. No one would care to have to pay his freight bill since January 1, and if the amount was known it would surprise many. This train load is to be supplemented by others which are ordered and on the way, and people about to do any kind of building from a claim shanty to a $5,000 house should get his figures. He keeps a large part of his stock under cover and consequently can furnish dry finishing lumber when required.

Stealing Papers.

Several parties have complained that they do not get their Alert every morning and especially if they are a little late in opening, the paper is sure to be gone. It is probable that the newspaper fiend is abroad in Jamestown and steals them as is the case in all towns until one is caught and made an example of. The Alert is always delivered promptly and persons failing to get it can reasonably conclude that it has in most instances, been stolen, and if they can find out who the thief is will confer a favor by informing the Alert, who will see to it that they are not troubled by that particular thief a second time.

Building Association.

At a meeting of the Building, Loan and Savings' Association Monday night at the school house, two loans were made. Wm. Spangenburg bid in $1,000 at 27 per cent. premium; M. L. Parker bid in $1,000 at same premium. To show the rapid advance in value of this stock, ten shares were declared forfeited and offered for sale last evening There were six months fines against the stock, and notwithstanding that fact the delinquent would be $9 ahead to-day should he put in an appearance. It is thought probable should enough express a desire to take a new series of stock one would be issued.

The Dramatic Club.

There has been much inquiry made regarding the dramatic club as to whether its members will appear in public again this season. It is quite likely they will do so, and would have done so ere this had it not been that some of its members have been absent in the east, and the abundance of theatrical amusement in Jamestown a short time ago, The club had selected Caste as their next play and will probably commence to rehearse it or some other piece at once. The two entertainments which they gave were liberally attended and a third would be equally as successful.

The Grand Central.

By this name the well known Jamestown House will in the future be known, Mr. Auldschul and Mr. Foley having decided on this name. The house will probably be opened on or about the 15th of April. In addition to the rooms in the house, Mr. Foley will have the use of the rooms over the new store which will give him thirty-six sleeping rooms and make the house second to none in capacity. The hotel and store are to be brick veneered, and Mr. Foley announces his intention to have everything connected with his house in first-class shape.

'Taint So.

Mr. Sharlow, whose name appeared in the Davenport Democrat in an unenviable light and was copied into the Alert, says that he has been misrepresented and that he is taking steps to convince people of the fact. He claims that he did not leave his old home in any underhanded way or take any mortgaged property with him. He will furnish his statement of the case and will send to Princeton for the sheriff's certificate in the affair. He also states that he, like all others, has come up here to better his condition.

Let's Make Brick.

From time to time notice has been made of brick buildings in contemplation of being erected, provided the necessary brick could be obtained to do so. Now comes word direct from the constructing engineer's office at Brainerd that 350,000 brick will be used by the N. P. R. R. in Jamestown this season if they can be got. From this it would seem that brick shops are to be put up. There is good clay here and a ready market for all that can be made. It will soon be time to begin the work, and no time should be lost by those intending going into this industry.

The Episcopalians.

We understand that the Episcopal society is seriously considering the idea of erecting a church in Jamestown at an early day, and possibly this summer. The society owns three lots on the north side and its members embrace some of the best people in town. Should the society decide to build, they are promised substantial aid from the East which, with the fund that could be raised here, would enable them to erect an edifice creditable alike to the society and town. So it may be that Jamestown will have two additional churches within its limits before another winter.

Prepared for Business.

There will be a large amount of painting done in Jamestown this season, and of this kind of work Mr. A. B. Balcam is predared to do his share. He has recently erected a neat shop on Second street, near John Moore's livery stable; has put in a stock of paints and oils and will, as he says, do all kinds of work, such as plain painting, graining, sign painting, wagon painting and calsomining with neatness and dispatch. He is expecting two of his brothers here soon, one of whom will assist him and the other will engage in farming.

Don't Get Impatient.

To the numerous persons in town who have lately arrived and are desirous of looking at the land of the famous James River Valley, we would say, do not become impatient because you are on expense and can not see the country as well or as soon as you could wish. This snow will soon disappear, the roads will dry up in a day or two and you will be able to go out and make a good location and one that will eventually repay you a hundred fold for the loss occasioned by a few days waiting at the present time.

A Worthy Act.

At a meeting of the Knights of the Red Cross last evening this resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That an assessment of the sum of $1 be made upon all Sir Knights of the St. Vitus Encampment, to be forwarded to aid in the relief of the sufferers in the overflowed district in the Mississippi valley.

This order now numbers about seventy-five members.

Death of Mr. Carey Kinney.

Readers of the Alert will call to mind the fact that mention was made of the departure of the Misses Kinneys for Cleveland, in response to a telegram announcing the serious illness of their brother Carey. Now comes the Press of that place announcing his death on the 19th inst. The cause of his death was cerebro spinal fever, and his illness lasted but a few days. He was engaged upon the reportorial staff of the Press, and the paper speaks of him in high terms.

Eldridge Etchings.

On Wednesday afternoon last, Stiphen Derolive was seriously but not fatally injured by the explosion of a torpedo at the new stopping place on the N. P. between here and Alsop.

The building in which Joe proposes opening a saloon is almost completed, and when finished will present a very neat and business-like appearance.

Your correspondent visited the famous stock ranche belonging to F. E. Jones yesterday, which is located one mile north of the village and is the most thriving in the county.

Squire Leslie of St. Paul, a former resident of this place, has been spending a few days with his brother-in-law, Jerry Collins.

James Moore and Robert Vassey will break one hundred acres apiece on their farms west of here this season.

Agent Campbell finds plenty of business now that the great rush has commenced.

Henry Vessey has purchased twelve tons of hay and has enlarged his stable to accommodate forty head of stock that he expects next week.

There was no church last Sunday, owing to the rector's eldest son Sammie being sick with the croup.

RUPERT.

The Golden Northwest.

Is the name of a publication gotten up by the N. P. R. R. in the interests of immigration. Another number is soon to be issued and in it the Alert understands Jamestown is to receive a grand send off. Our Immigration building is partly the cause of this honorable mention, and the advantages of such a building are to be held out to people bound to the Northwest. Thus does a little public enterprise already begin to repay for the outlay.

Spring Time.

Tuesday was one of the liveliest days of the season, there being more people on the streets and more business in progress than at any time this season. Several teams of lumber started for the country, a dozen teams were hauling lumber around town, and all our drays were continually on the move. The warm sun got away with a large part of the snow, and it will need but a few more such days to start people out into the country and and farmers at work seeding.

Here it Is Again.

Every mail brings notices to the Alert of people about to start for the James River Valley. The latest at hand is the following from N. S. French, of Thomson, Carroll county, Ill., and reads as follows: Please send my paper to Grand Rapids, La Moure county, D. T., as I shall soon start with about fifty of my friends for the glorious valley of the Jim So much for the teachings of the Alert.

Still they Come.

W. T. Allen returned from Homer, Mich., yesterday accompanied by Frank Pennoyer and D. Parneo. He says Jack Pennoyer and James Newton were to leave Albion, Mich., on Saturday for Jamestown with two carloads of stock, etc. Mr. Allen says cars are loading at all the towns for the James River valley and that the Weekly Alert has done much to arouse an interest in this country.

Yankton Press and Dakotaian; Gen. Beadle, in his efforts to procure a census of the southern half of Dakota through the school district plan, finds that the rapid settlement of the country is liable to keep him busy. Since he sent out his first installment of blanks to eleven hundred districts, some two weeks ago, he has been notified of the formation of about two hundred additional districts. These have been supplied and the general has hopes that by working early and late he will be able to keep up with the educational advancement of Dakota.

TRIFLING WITH TRUTH

Truth Hauls One of Our Correspondents Over the Coals Quite Severely for Trifling With Truth.

Sharlow Skips From Princeton, Iowa, With Several Thousand Dollars Worth of Mortgaged Property.

The Literary Entertainment at the Methodist Episcopal Church an Enjoyable Affair.

Mr. R. E. Wallace Intends Erecting an Elegant Three Story Brick, the Upper Part a Hotel.

A List of Real Estate Deals that Would Strike Terror to the Heart of an Eastern Man.

Programme of the Entertainment to Be Given For the Benefit of the Methodist Church---Other News.

Mistakes Righted.

EDITOR ALERT—You should be careful to take with "salt" every communication sent to you on Catholic matters. In the Good Book we read that our Lord said: "Not every one that saith to me Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven: but that doth the will of my Father who is in heaven." Now, I say: not every one that writeth "up" Catholic affairs knoweth aright whereof he writeth. I make this assertion in reference particularly to what appeared in yesterday's Alert, and in which not a few egregious mistakes occur.

Mistake No. 1—The Klaus Hall has not been leased. There was no necessity for any such formality. Mr. Klaus is one of our staunchest friends and our most liberal patrons, whose purse and heart is always open to us as it is to all callers. A few of our representative men called upon the Messrs. Klaus and exposed our situation, whereupon the latter agreed without more ado, to give the use of the Hall for what your correspondent calls a "very reasonable figure."

Mistake No. 2 is perhaps more serious, and for two reasons: First—Your correspondent would seem to intimate that none but Catholics contributed toward the purchase of the church organ. A downright error, without calling it—a lie. Others—and many too—not belonging to the Catholic faith, have contributed generously, to whom, for this and many other tokens of liberality, our cordial and lasting gratitude is extended. Second—Our very efficient and accomplished choir have reason to be insulted by the gross manner in which he "writes them up." Evidently there is no room for musical appreciation in his dried up soul, else he would find more appropriate terms to express his "musicky" feelings. It would be charitable if the choir would buy him a "buffalo" to warm his cliled "in'ards."

"Our Rev. ———, although a stranger among us, is an eloquent speaker." Bosh! What has the fact of a man being a stranger to do with his eloquence, or vice versa? Well, that gentleman looks old enough to be able to defend himself. At last the climax is reached. The church is called a "shining monument in our midst." This, I hope, is not, as it ought not to be, the object of Rev. Mr. Flanagan in building his church, and we do not want a church for any such purpose in "our midst." St. Paul, writing to Timothy, called the church the "house of the living God, the pillar and the ground of truth." Hands off these, Mr. Popgun, with your "shining monument."

TRUTH.

Jamestown, D. T., March 23.

Programme of the M. E. Concert.

There will be a vocal and instrumental concert at Klaus Hall on Friday evening next, March 31, at 8 p.m., for the benefit of the M. E. church. The following will be the programme:

Prayer.
Chorus—Angel of Peace.....Keller
Quartette—Drifting With the Tide.
.....Thompson
Misses Everett, Reid, and Davidson, and Messrs. Turner, Fowler, Davidson and Townsend.
Piano Duet—Ojos Criollos....Gottschalk
Mrs. Demorest and Mrs. Keepers.
Duet—Minute Gun at Sea.....King
Messrs. Burke and Turner.
Piano Solo—La Favorite.....Ascher
Mrs. Demorest.
Solo—The Clang of the Wooden Shoon.....Molloy
Mrs. Porter.
Piano Duet—Valse Brillante....Schulhoff
Mrs. Demorest and Mrs. Keepers.

PART II.

Duet—See the Pale Moon.....Campana
Mrs. Keepers and Mrs. Porter.
Male Quartette—Stars of the Summer Night.....Yale Club
Messrs. Burke, Turner, Fowler and Townsend.
Solo—The Flower Girl.....Berignani
Mrs. Keepers.
Duet—David and Goliah.....Bliss
Messrs. Turner and Demorest.
Solo—A Mariner's Home's the Sea.
.....Randegger
Mrs. Porter.
Piano Duet—Mattei.....Wels
Mrs. Demorest and Mrs. Keepers.

Skipped.

Davenport Democrat.

One of the best known citizens of Princeton township, in this county, was James L. Sharlow, who had lived in the township from his youth up, and run a farm of eight hundred acres only four miles northeast of Princeton village. He was one of the best known litigants, too, that ever retained counsel—and you can't count the different lawyers he engaged during his years of litigation on the ends of your fingers, either.

Seldom has a term of court been held in ten years, anyway, when Sharlow vs. Somebody, or Somebody vs. Sharlow, was not on the docket. Sharlow's fine farm has been covered with mortgages for years—and all his personal property has likewise had its chattel blankets for shelter for a good while.

But Princeton township knows Mr. Sharlow no more—though the county jail may.

On the night of the 8th inst. Mr. Sharlow, with the assistance of five of his neighbors, put all the household goods and agricultural implements that three or four wagons could carry, and lit out from his old home for the west, his two brothers going with him, and fourteen head of horses also. All the goods, implements, wagons and horses were under mortgage, and he had no right whatever to take them away; The party made their way to Lyons, crossed by the ferry to Fulton, Illinois, where horses, goods and implements, were loaded on the cars the same day, and in a hurry, and off for Dakota went Mr. Sharlow.

Sheriff Leonard and deputy Susenmehl have been in Princeton to take charge of what is left—and what is left is in the neighbors' hands, they supposing they had a right to it, as they bought it. For instance a farmer had a span of fine horses for which he paid Sharlow $300, all ignorant that a mortgage of $200 was over them. The sheriff attached twenty-five tons of hay which Sharlow had sold to neighbors, but on which a mortgage was placed as soon as it was cut, and the purchasers didn't know it. There was 100 tons of mortgaged hay on the farm which the mortgagee looked out for. A mean thing which Sharlow did, was to sell a team to a deaf and dumb farm hand who had a deaf and dumb wife, and take the good team away and leave an old blind team instead, with a worthless cow as a sort of reparation.

It is likely that Mr. Sharlow will have occasion to visit Davenport before he can settle down comfortably on a Dakota farm.

The same paper adds;

The Princeton township farmer, James L. Sharlow, who skipped out belween two days with hundreds of dollars worth of mortgaged property, has been heard from. He has settled down on a farm of 320 acres near Jamestown, Dakota— a rented farm he writes.

Literary Entertainment.

The Jamestown Literary Society gave another enjoyable entertainment Tuesday evening at the M. E. church by carrying out the following programme:

1. Recitation—A Ballad of the War—Alice S. Clemmer.
2. Recitation—Curfew Shall not Ring Tonight—Laura Atkinson.
3. Lecture—American Literature—Wm. C. White.
4. Duet—Hope Beyond—Miss B. Schuellenbaugh and Mr. Richards.
5. Reading—Darius Green—Mr. Boynton.
6. Recitation—Advice to Young Men—J. B. Mathews.

The recitations were well delivered and highly appreciated by the audience. The musical part of the entertainment was not very extensive, but made up in quality what was lacking in quantity. Mr. White's lecture was carefully prepared and showed an extensive acquaintance with American literature. He dwelt particularly upon the historical, theological and political writers of America, quoting from Capt. John Smith, Jonathan Edwards and others.

The next lecture will be delivered by B. S. Russell, Esq., on the Mexican War.

Deals in Dirt.

N P R R to Frederick Guss sw¼ w of se¼ se¼ of se¼ sec 17 tp 142 r 65, 281 acres, $1,120.

N P R R to Wm Huelster, sw¼ sec 5 tp 142 r 65, 160 acres, $640.

N P R R to Molson's Bank of Montreal, secs 29, 31 and 33 tp 142 r 62, $7,740.93.

Pannel & Tiliston to A M White, lots 22 and 23 b 1, P & T's ad, $150.

John Black to A Klaus, lots 9 10 11 and 12 b 31, $3,500.

F O French to Eagan & Tilden, lot 13 b 2, Spiritwood, $1.

Wm A Caldwell to W M Lloyd, jr., lots 2 3 and 4 b 11, $1,200.

A & A Klaus to D R Long, lot 8 b 67, lot 12 b 73, $600.

S F Lambert to T F Branch, lots 1 2 3 10 11 and 12 b 19, lots 1 26 and 3 b 18, lot 1 b 11, lot 5 b 10, Lloyd's ad, $2,032.42.

John Bigham and wife to Ellen W Dennis, lets 10 11 and 12 b 69 Klaus ad, $1,000.

D R Long to Irene Birdsall, lots 197 and 198, J & V's ad, $315.

Jas B Baldwin to T F Branch, lot 3 b 11 Lloyd's ad, $200.

E P Wells to A A Camp, lots 178 179 and 180 J & V's ad, $550.

A & A Klaus to Chas Wermer, lots 1 2 3 10 11 and 12 b 77, Klaus ad, $1,000.

Jones & Vennum to Adam Walters, lot 82, J & V's ad, $50.

W M Lloyd, jr., to John McAlpine, lot 12 b 12 Lloyd's ad, $200.

Fletcher Turner to W H Wetmore, lots 5 and 6 b 8 McGinnis' ad, $525.

W M Lloyd jr. to M L Parker, lots 253 and 254 J & V's ad, $325.

J F Pannell and wife to Margaret Tileston, the original ½ of lots 22 and 23 b 1 P & T's ad, $150.

E D Strong et al to W H Dunne, und four-fifths interest in lot 8 b 11 Curtin's ad, $100.

A & A Klaus to John Rippberger, lots 9 and 10 b 74 Klaus ad, $400.

Clara W Allen to Peter H Foley, lot 60 J & V's ad, $550.

P H Foley to A A Allen, lots 451 452 453 454 455 and 456, $950.

D H Fowler to Mrs Helen Blood, lot 12 b 67 K[illegible]

S K[illegible] lots 8 and 9 b 7 McG's ad, $55[illegible]

F W Eldridge to Louella [illegible]ge, nw ¼ sec 10 tp 140 r 65, $1.

Geo F Shippey and wife to W W Dudley, se¼ sec 28 tp 140 r 63, $1,450.

Richard Sykes to Henry Platt, secs 15 16 19 21 29 and n½ sec 31 tp 145 r 68, $17,600.

F H Hagerty to W M Lloyd jr., e½ of e½ and w½ of w½ see 7 tp 138 r 62, $1,750.

U S to Wm H Kelleran, nw¼ sec 20 tp 141 r 65, $400.

U S to F W Eldridge nw¼ sec 10 tp 140 r 65, $382.

U S to Alva Tenney, se¼ sec 6 tp 138 r 63, $381.

Thomas Kitchen to Chas M Hutchinson lots 10 11 and 12 b 16, lots 7 8 and 9 b 17, $1,050.

L P Ashmead to Chas Hutchinson, lots 7 8 and 9 b 14, $525.

Chas M Hutchinson to Wm M Lloyd jr, lots 10 11 and 12 b 12, lots 7 8 and 9 b 14, lots 10 11 and 12 b 16, lots 7 8 and 9 b 17, $2,700.

U S to Andrew Kindschi, se ¼ sec 22 tp 141 r 63, $400.

N P R R to E P Wells, sec 31 tp 143 r 64, $2,560.

U S to Geo S Atkinson, w½ of nw ¼ of sec 14, tp 139 r 64, $200.

U S to Clare B. Bouvie, ne ¼ sec 26 tp 139 r 64, $400.

U S tho Chas Morrow, se ¼ sec 2 tp 150 r 62, $400.

W W Thayer to Henry Huelster, sec 3 tp 145 r 67, $2,560.

W W Thayer to W I Dudley, ne ½ sec 27 tp 138 r 65, $800.

Jas S Hotchkiss to Wells & Dudley, lot 12 b 52, $525.

Wm Myers to Mary C Vermilye, lots 7 8 9 10 11 and 12 b 51; lots 1 2 3 4 5 and 6 b 52, Klaus ad $5,000.

F H Hagerty to Mary C Vermilye, lots 136 137 138 232 233 284 200 201 202 203 204 205 206 207 208 209 and 210 Jones & Vennum's ad, $1,700.

Geo J Kispert and wife to D C & F W Buck lot 16 and s ½ of lot 17 b 32, $3,000.

Theo Kitchen to T B Lloyd, lot 10 b 18, $400.

M C Smith to Chas M Hutchinson, lots 10 11 and 12 b 12, $525.

A Three Story Brick Block.

Mr. Wallace informs the Alert that he has purchased the four lots extending from the corner of Main street and Fourth avenue east, and will have a three story brick block erected thereon at once. The plans are not completed, but he intends to have three stores underneath, the corner one to be used as a banking room by the First National bank, and of the two stores remaining, one will front on Main street and the other on Fourth avenue. Mr. Wallace says the upper two stories will probably be used as a hotel. These lots are among the most desirable in town and a three story brick block on them will be a boom for Fourth avenue. More hotels are needed in Jamestown, and one on the corner mentioned with modern conveniences, such as bath rooms, etc., would fill a place in Jamestown's wants, which at the present time is void. With the usual alacrity with which buildings are put up in Jamestown it will be but a short time from the commencement of the block until its completion. Mr. Wallace is to be congratulated upon having secured these lots and deserves praise for the use to which he proposes to devote them.

The Village Election.

Inasmuch as there is an almost unanimous desire on the part of the electors of Jamestown to see our old board of village trustees remain as nearly intact as possible, it is highly probable that there will be no opposition to their reelection. It must be remembered that the gentlemen composing that board did not seek their positions but were appointed by the legislature. Time has shown the wisdom of their selection for it is doubtful if any other five citizens could have been selected who would have worked more in harmony and more effectively for our city's best interests. Everyone is satisfied with the work already accomplished and desire to see their present policy so successfully inaugurated carried out. To accomplish this it will be necessary to secure their services with the exception of James Lees, who will move to his ranch, and declines an election.

The old board will consent to serve if elected and for this our town is to be congratulated. It is always bad policy to remove experienced officials with clean records, but especially so in cases similar to this, where a town has just started in life and where a distinct policy on the part of its officials has not been matured. At such a period in its existence above all others, does a town need the benefit of experienced officials to guide it safely through the many perplexities that confront every city in the earliest years of its existence. In view of the experience of our trustees and the satisfaction with which their policy has been received, we would look upon a revolution in the membership of our board of village trustees at the present time as dangerous to Jamestown's best interests, not that capable men could not be secured, but because they would be lacking in experience and a new policy would necessarily be experimental. Mr. John J. Roper, of the firm of Porter & Roper, a gentleman of experience as a village trustee in an Illinois town has consented to serve if elected, and at the request of many citizens we present his name. Mr. Roper is probably as level headed a business man as there is in town and would make a good officer if elected.

Doc Campbell, our present village clerk, has written a letter announcing his intention of remaining out of the territory and hence declining a nomination. Mr. DeWitt C. Flint, bookkeeper for David Curtin, will be a candidate. Mr. Flint's election is desired by the principal people of the city. He is eligible and capable in every respect.

For justice of the peace, Mr. John T. Eager, a gentleman of good judgment and business qualifications, will be a candidate.

Mr. H. J. Ott's name is mentioned for treasurer in place of Mr. Wallace, who owing to his residence outside of the village, is not eligible.

MORE PATENT WAR.

The McCormicks and Their Combination Claim to Own all Automatic Twine Binder Patents and Bring

SUITS AGAINST APPLEBY ET AL.

There has been considerable talk for a day or two past among the machinery men and their customers in regard to recent action of the McCormick folks and N. C. Thomson and Helen A. Gorham, of Rockford, Illinois, who, it seems, have combined together under an old patent of one Gorham who is said to be the first inventor of the twine binder.

THAT APPLEBY'S TWINE BINDER,

so-called, which is being used on other machines, is an infringement on the original Gorham patent, and that this Illinois combination has brought suit against all those manufacturers using twine binders, to compel them to pay a royalty or discontinue the so-called Appleby twine binder or anything similar thereto in the future, alleging the same to be an infringement on the original Gorham patent.

C. H. McCormick is the well-know first

INVENTOR OF THE HARVESTER

machine. He made the first practical harvester ever put into a wheat field and continued to manufacture more extensively than any other corporation in the world. The McCormicks make twine binders, wire binders, iron mowers and self rakers and have grown so immensely rich that now they are able to enter into a law suit that probably involves millons of money, for the purpose

OF TESTING THE QUESTION

of whether a man who obtains a patent from the United States government has any protection or not.

Among the more prominent machines that will be particularly effected by this action at law brought by McCormick is what is called the Minneapolis twine binder, a few of which were in use in the Red River Valley last year. It is said they have some five thousand machines about ready to turn out for the harvest of 1882, all to be equipped with the so-called Appleby twine binder, the inventor of which is superintendent of their factory and personally inspects every detail in the construction of their machine. They claim that his reputation as a first-class mechanic is unquestioned, and what passes under his inspection may be confidently relied upon.

Mrs. Gorham is the wife of the alleged original patentee, Gorham, who is dead. Thompson is a relative of Mrs. Gorham, and the

M'CORMICKS, ALWAYS KEEN

and shrewd, and ever on the alert to gather in everything of a valuable nature in connection with their business, long ago obtained an interest from Marquis L. Gorham, at Rochford, soon after he had filed his caveat for the patent, and it is claimed by the combination that it owns, controls and should regulate all the patents relating to the automatic binding of the bundles of grain, and that any other twine binder now in use is only an imitation of Gorham's, and an infringement on the patent the combination owns, unless the right is granted by Gorham or the combination for its use. Besides the Minneapolis Harvester works, the Deering company of Chicago, the Champion Reaper company of Springfield, Ohio, and the Easterly Harvester company of Wisconsin, there are many others using twine binders made under the

SO-CALLED APPLEBY PATENT,

all of whom are to be proceeded against in like manner, as bills have been filed against the Minneapolis Harvester works already.

Gen. M. D. Leggett of Ohio, at one time commissioner of patents, and accredited to be one of the ablest patent lawyers in the United States, is engaged, with other learned counsel, on behalf of the McCormick combinaton, and there is no doubt every effort will be made to compel the companies now using the twine binder without authority to cease operations and pay royalty for those already sold.

In these days of combinations and law suits and expensive quarrels, it behooves the purchaser of harvester machines to select such as, when paid for, will be their own, and not be subject to a costly and expensive law suit for the purpose of defending what they supposed was their own by right of purchase. In many cases where the question came up in other patents, innocent purchasers of machines have been compelled to

PAY A ROYALTY BEFORE ALLOWED

to harvest their grain or work the machine they had bought and paid for, because of some alleged infringement which they could not possibly have known, and did not know until the courts compelled them to satisfy the monopoly that owned the rights.

No one can blame the McCormick combination—having put money into the patent—from wanting to prevent others from using it without pay. The law pre-supposes that a patent is issued for the purpose of protecting the inventor, and no matter how valuable the invention, if he could not dispose of it to capitalists, it would be useless to him, and capital would scarcely be found to take hold of it however valuable a patent unless its rights were secure.

It looks from a legal standpoint at present as though the

M'CORMICKS HAD EXCLUSIVE RIGHT

upon the twine binding patent relating to the automatic handling of bundles of grain, and this being the case, should not farmers be careful in purchasing automatic twine binding harvesters to secure those which they know to have legal and genuine existence in the name of the parties manufacturing the machines?

The following dispatch to the Chicago Times shows that the McCormick representive has already commenced proceedings in Minneapolis against the Harvester works there, and should the court grant the orders prayed for it is possible those using that machine will be compelled to pay the royalty themselves or make some compromise. This is the dispatch:

ROYALTY RIGHTS.

St. Paul, Minn., March 23.—The visit of Mr. Chas. Calahan of Chicago to this city and Minneapolis to-day was, it is understood, for the purpose of demanding of the Minneapolis Harvester works in the name of C. H. McCormick of Chicago, Norman C. Thompson and Helen A. Gorham of Rockford, Ill., a royalty of $10 upon each twine binding harvester that said company has made or will make. This claim is based upon the patents which, after several years of controversy in the patent office, were in 1880 granted to Marquis L. Gorham of Rockford, and it is claimed by the parties who demand the royalty that they own and control an the patents relating to the automatic binding of the bundles of grain. The Minneapolis Harvester works, the William Deering company of Chicago, the Champion Reaper company of Springfied, O., the Esterly Harvester company of Whitewater, and all others that are using twine binders made under the Appleby patents are to be proceeded against by the parties controlling the Gorham patent. The attorneys who have been engaged by the McCormick faction are Geo. Harding of Philadelphia, E. N. Dickerson of New York, M. D. Leggett of Cleveland, Ohio, and Parkinson & Parkinson of Cincinnati.

Check My Trunk.

A St. Paul commercial traveler while in Jamestown yesterday approached a stranger as a freight train was about to start, and said:

"Are you going on this train?"

"I am."

"Have you any baggage?"

"No."

"Well, my friend, you can do me a favor and it wont cost you anything. You see, I've two rousing big trunks, and they always make me pay extra for one of them. You can get one checked on your ticket, and we'll euchre them. See?"

"Yes, I see; but I have'nt any ticket."

"But I thought you said you were going on this train?"

"So I am. I'm the conductor."

"Oh!"

He paid extra as usual.

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 meetsng.

A. MCKECHNIE, Dist. Clerk.
Dated this 15th day of March, 1882.

Seed Corn.

I have on hand and for sale one hundred bushels of the Meda Minnewakau, or Devil's Lake Indian corn: yields from sixty to one hundred bushels per acre. $1.00 per peck, or $3.00 per bushel. Address,

FRANK PALMER,
Fort Totten, D. T.

Choice seed wheat, barley and oats for sale at the elevator. dw-tf