

# THE JAMESTOWN ALERT.

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COUNTY OFFICERS.

County Commissioners—J. C. Nickles, P. M. Jones, C. W. Hendricks.

County Clerk—H. J. O'Neil.

County Treasurer—J. C. Nickles.

County Assessor—Archibald McKechnie.

County Register—George W. Vennum.

County Surveyor—Thomas S. Collins.

County Sheriff—E. Wadsworth.

County Superintendent of Public Schools—J. J. Nierling.

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E. F. WELLS, Office with James River National Bank.

From the Daily, Saturday.

Fish are getting too common—for breakfast.

Attorneys Bill & Watson are catching on to a good live practice.

Henry Doolittle is in Sanborn, clerking for Chas. C. Booth & Co.

Hon. Albert Klaus leaves for Glendive soon to be absent several weeks.

An interesting article on railroads is unavoidably laid over until to-morrow.

Next Monday evening the village council will vote opera house or no opera house.

Mr. Lloyd has commenced selling lots in his addition. See his ad in this issue, first page.

The foundation for the Catholic church is being put in on Fifth avenue.

From the indications it is to be a commodious structure.

There are evidences of a general clean up all over town. Rubbish is being piled up and burned, manure carted away and other improvements made.

Mr. Poole's barber shop has been undergoing repairs and will be improved in appearance. He has also a bath room in connection with the shop.

Argus: D. E. Hughes, formerly of the Novelty Carriage works in this city has started a carriage manufactory in Jamestown. Mr. Hughes is a first class workman and his friends here wish him much success in his new field.

J. M. Thompson is running a portable hot coffee and lunch stand which is a great convenience and accommodation to the traveling public who pass through this place on the train, and only stop as long as the train stands at the depot.

The Alert has received from T. W. Teasdale, general ticket agent of the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha Railroad, a new and very correct map of the northwest, copies of which folder map will be sent free of charge to all who desire it.

Mr. Gwynne Vaughan, the proprietor and principal promoter of Gwynne City, in Wells county, was in Jamestown again yesterday. Mr. V. has taken steps towards the organization of Wells county which he is hopeful will be perfected at an early date.

Fargo Republican: Artist Davids will go to Jamestown Monday to paint the scenery for the elegant new theatre in that town. Mr. Davids' reputation as an artist is rapidly spreading throughout the Northwest. From Jamestown he will go to Winnipeg on a similar mission.

Argus: E. Elmer of Jamestown was in the metropolis yesterday to see the sights and purchase a stock of liquors from Kohn & Alder. Mr. Elmer is building an open house in Jamestown which will add one to the many attractions promised during the season to the citizens of the booming capital city.

Col. Lamborn the new land commissioner of the Northern Pacific was born in Chester, Penn., of Quaker descent. He entered the army as a lieutenant-colonel in the nineteenth Pennsylvania regiment and served on the staff of Gen. Mead. In 1867 he was secretary of the Kansas Pacific railway. Col. Lamborn is a college graduate and a man of great vigor, intelligence and culture, and of the highest integrity.

Mr. Jno. A. Babcock, of Kason, Minn., a brother-in-law of Attorney Jno. D. Benson, was in the city yesterday, on his way to Billings, Montana, where he proposes, in partnership with Mr. Wells, of Jamestown, to go into the real estate business. Mr. Benson, who is also interested in the enterprise, thinks that Billings offers fine inducements to capitalists, and will soon be one of the busiest young cities in the Northwest.

From later developments it seems the sneak thieves are not all caged yet. Mr. Roper of the firm of Porter & Roper had

a coat stolen from a room in the Dakota house yesterday, but the sneak thief has not been apprehended yet.

H. S. VanCleve returned from Billings yesterday.

Tony came home yesterday from his eastern trip.

Frank Harney is in town on a business and pleasure trip.

C. E. Haupt, one of the sold men of Mandan, is in town.

Bush & Corwin are disposing of a large quantity of seed wheat.

F. A. Douglas came down from his home at last evening.

Thomas Narley died at Dawson yesterday afternoon, of fever.

Mr. J. R. Waller returned from Charles City, Iowa, Thursday night.

O. H. J. Briggs is coming up from Sanborn to-day to see city life once more.

The west bound Northern Pacific passenger train yesterday was an hour and a half late.

Mrs. Johnson and Mr. Goodhue go south to-day to Eden river where they will locate claims.

Mr. Smith will have another free lunch at Kelleher's old stand this evening. Everyone invited.

Some wag registered Chas. Guitau, Washington City, at the Grand Central yesterday evening.

Wells county is the next promising field for the emigrant. It abounds with good timber, land and excellent water.

Mr. E. Carrier, brother of Mrs. T. Jones, of this city, has arrived and will engage with Mr. Jones in the sale of farm machinery.

The prairie fire over the river yesterday evening was a beautiful sight to look upon and very forcibly reminded us of the scenes of our early days in Illinois.

Quite a number of families in town are making preparations to go northwest from 30 to 40 miles on the line of the branch. They will remain on their claims during the summer.

Chas. Hensel, the genial head clerk at Buck & Mills, has made up his mind to sell his house and lot on Fifth avenue. Whoever gets the property will get something worth having.

Although we printed a larger edition of the Weekly Alert yesterday than usual, we were unable to accommodate all with copies who wished them. We will try to print enough next week.

The velocipede craze is liable to strike Jamestown this summer. We saw a fellow going up the street at a 2-40 gait yesterday evening, followed by the longing and envious eyes of a large number of spectators.

It is the purpose of the editor to write up the various church organizations of the city for the readers of the Alert in the Sunday morning edition. Copies of the paper can be had of the newsboys to-morrow morning.

If the parties who are making a practice of stealing the Morning Alert from the door latches of certain business in Jamestown, will stop doing so, we will send them a paper free, if they do not feel able to pay for it.

The Grand Rapids stage with four mules on the tongue went out again loaded yesterday morning. This is quite a change from two years ago when a single horse and a buckboard sufficed to carry the light mail down south.

Duluth Tribune: This is the first year that there have been any shipments of wheat from Duluth by lake prior to the first of May. Up to this evening the shipments from this port by lake this season are as follows: The large D. M. Wilson, 28,063 bushels; Tacoma, 53,000 bushels; Fairbank, 49,200 bushels; Owen Sound, 19,800 bushels—making a total of 238,823 bushels. There are enough barges and vessels now unloading in the harbor, and which will load with wheat, to more than double this amount when they clear within a few days.

From the Daily, Sunday.

A pickerel weighing eight pounds was caught in the river yesterday.

The ladies are beginning to go fishing and some of them are becoming experts.

The Grand Central has put up two large signs. The painting has improved the looks of the building.

Several car loads of wood were unloaded here yesterday, and teams from the country and in town carried it away rapidly.

The subject of Rev. Demorest's discourse at the M. E. church this evening will be: To the young men—a manly character.

The attempt to move a 6,500 pound safe from the depot in Moorhead to the post-office proved unwise. The ground was soft, and the safe has not been seen since.—Bismarck Tribune.

The dramatic club have a small balance in the treasury. Tony is treasurer and the club fearing he might invest their money in a cattle ranch, will probably call a meeting to see what shall be done with the funds.

Mr. Elmer says that people are mistaken when they take it for granted that the artists who will perform at his theatre are to live in the building. They will simply be paid a salary for doing so much work and will live where they choose.

Frank Welch, formerly connected with the firm of Stevens & Co., at Fargo, was in town this week after lumber to complete his building in which he is going to open a hardware store at Grand Rapids. He says everything is booming down there and a paper will be started in about two weeks.

Pioneer Press: At Minnesota transfer there are five cars of blooded bulls, held over until three cars more of the same kind of stock can arrive from the east. The eight loads are destined to the Tongue river country. They belong to Scott & Hank, Bingham, Johnson county, Wyo., and will soon leave for the west over the Northern Pacific.

Pioneer Press: The Northern Pacific received from Chicago, yesterday one of their new Pullman sleepers called Mt.

Vernon. It went out last night to Fargo, filled with passengers, making two sleepers in the train of eight coaches.

The evening train of Wednesday had eight coaches loaded with passengers. Business on the road is increasing rapidly.

Mr. Aultschul left for Kansas yesterday.

Robt. King was reported worse last night.

Mr. H. C. Van Cleve went to St. Paul on the afternoon train yesterday.

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The wheat is said to be coming up nicely, and a shower of rain would do it good.

Geo. P. Flannery, of Bismarck, passed through Jamestown last evening en route for Yankton.

Jas. McKenzie has returned from Montana bringing with him many curiosities and specimens.

Mr. Klaus' house has been raised and is being enclosed. Mr. Webster's is in the same condition.

Messrs. Jackson, of Philadelphia, and McAbee brothers of Johnson, Pa., are in Jamestown on a prospecting tour.

There are strong indications of the Alert having an article of a sensational nature to write up in a day or so.

Mr. F. M. Kinter, of Pennsylvania, an old acquaintance of Samuel Lloyd of our town, is here on a visit with Mr. L.

The most of our Indian population has been ordered back to Fort Totten. They will remain there until they get another chance to run away.

Four mule teams from Southern Nebraska are camped by the bluff on the north side. They are bound for Montana and work on the extension.

We notice a new extension of the switch on the north side of the freight depot, and the putting down of a new crossing on 5th Ave. by the railroad company.

Charles Johnson, a brakeman on the gravel train, was killed at Valley City at six o'clock yesterday evening in trying to get on the train while in motion. His relatives live in Baltimore.

Wm. H. Dunne, accompanied by Messrs. Cole and Lathrop started for tp. 143, r. 64, on Friday morning. They staid at Esler's ranch over night and returned to Jamestown yesterday at ten o'clock in the morning.

Pioneer Press: Gen. Man. Haupt, of the Northern Pacific, left for Chicago yesterday, in the business car of the road, there to meet Vice-President Oakes and party on Saturday. They will arrive in St. Paul on Sunday morning.

From the Daily, Tuesday.

F. D. Hager is in town.

Sheriff McKechnie will put in 120 acres of barley this season.

Mr. Chess unloaded a car load of brick yesterday which were made in Bismarck.

The inquisitive can find out something about potatoes by reading Buck & Mills' advertisement.

There will soon be two new additions to the town platted. The growth of Jamestown is a marvel.

A ride into the country on Sunday showed many fields of wheat that were well up and growing finely.

The rain yesterday made our streets a little sloppy, but two hours sun will make them so that one can walk over them dry shod.

The two new residences of the Messrs. Lloyd in the north part of the town will be handsome and substantial structures when completed.

There are strong probabilities of the second daily passenger for Jamestown being put on to commence next Sunday night or the week after.

The Odd Fellows will soon remove to Masonic Hall and Judge Steinbach will use their present quarters in connection with his furniture business.

Messrs. Fritz & Malnight, the Valley City photographers, have leased a lot on Second street and will probably remove their gallery to Jamestown.

The Jamestown Orchestra will soon give a benefit dance in Klaus Hall. The arrangements are not completed but it is very likely that the affair will come off the first of next week.

An excursion party from Iowa is expected to arrive here to-morrow, and we hope our citizens will extend to them that generous hospitality for which Jamestown is noted far and near.

A new school house and court house are among the probable public improvements that will be made this season. The old ones are good buildings but the town has outgrown them.

The copious rain of yesterday morning was a much needed luxury in the way of prairie breaking, the ground having become hard and dry. The wheat and grass will boom now under the genial rays of the May sun.

Geo. W. Vennum vacated his office building yesterday and the purchasers, Dunne & Marsh, took possession. The location is a good one and the success which the new occupants have had will undoubtedly be continued in their new offices.

Prof. Clemmer reports over 120 pupils in attendance and the number constantly increasing. Many of the pupils who attended the winter term have removed to the country and the new-comers as a rule have not attended this term, otherwise the attendance would be larger.

Deadwood Times: From present appearance it is safe to say that before fall two stage lines will be in operation on the Pierre road. Superintendent Corbin, of the Sidney, is now at Salt Lake consulting with Gilmer & Salisbury with a view to stocking the road mentioned with a line of six horse Concord stages. That company has the mail contract from Pierre to Deadwood, but how it will arrange about passengers is not known, as the North-western railroad is under contract with Northwestern Stage company for all express and passenger traffic to the Hills. There is evidently some color to the re-

port, as we understand that Mr. Corbin has contracted for seven new passenger coaches for the proposed line.

Mr. James Davis, manager of the Railway Journal, and an old newspaper man, is in town interviewing our business men.

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Geo. Vennum is in Fargo.

Burt Gow is sick with the measles.

Two Indian women were in town yesterday selling beaded work.

Mr. McGinnis is having the cellar dug under his block on Main street.

Mr. Hayward is moving his house from Fourth avenue to third avenue.

A man came in from the east yesterday on the train sick with the measles.

R. E. Wallace is in St. Paul looking after the details of his new block.

Mr. Curtin is still confined to his house and is suffering from pneumonia.

Mr. Guthrie the painter has just completed a tasty new sign for Mr. Burk.

Mr. L. S. Metcalf, of the North American Review, made us a call yesterday.

A carload of soldiers went through here yesterday bound for some post out in Montana.

Mrs. Lud Foster and daughter have arrived and Lud is happy and will go to housekeeping.

The commissioners of La Moure county are taking the preliminary steps to build their three bridges and will advertise in the Alert for proposals for the work.

John Nichols starts southwest this morning with a party of Canadian gentlemen. He will go down into townships 135 and 136, range 66, and will make a four days' trip.

C. S. Fee, private secretary of Gen. Haupt, Gen. Man. of the N. P. R. R. with Mr. Daily our lively and jolly freight agent made us a pleasant call yesterday. The officers and employees of the Northern Pacific are the cleverest and most pleasant railroad men we have ever met.

McKechnie received and unloaded from the train yesterday morning twenty head of Montana cattle and a lot of sheep for his meat market. When the wild Montana cattle were turned loose on the street to be driven to the pen there was a general getting out of the way by the people.

Attorney Rose, late of Dubuque, Iowa, has fully decided to locate in this town for the practice of his profession, and the Alert understands that he has made arrangements for an office for the present up stairs over the James River National Bank, and that as soon as the new bank building is completed he will remove his office there. Mr. Rose comes to Jamestown highly recommended both as an attorney and gentleman, and the Alert wishes him prosperity in this his new field.

But few young men who came to Jamestown in the days of its infancy have met with or deserved better success than the law firm of Messrs. Allen & Dodge. These gentlemen are not only men of superior legal ability but they are gentlemen whose character for integrity warrants the fullest confidence of their clients and all who may have occasion to engage their professional services. In the last three years they have worked up a business which any law firm of towns of four times the population of Jamestown would feel proud to possess. The Alert always takes pleasure in the success of its patrons, especially when that success is founded upon merit.

Next Monday night has been decided upon as the time for holding the proposed dance for the benefit of the band and orchestra. It will be a two o'clock party without supper and tickets will be placed at the moderate sum of \$1. Our orchestra is composed of good musicians who are diligently practicing and will give us good music if they are only encouraged. Every person in town who wants to see a good musical organization here will buy a ticket to the dance whether he attends or not, and thus show that there is a desire for a good orchestra here. The members of the orchestra are also members of the band and the latter organization is also practicing and with its new members will probably be present and furnish some music.

From the Daily, Thursday.

Joe Mason has bought a fine pair of buggy horses.

The late rain has raised the water in the river several feet.

A gentleman and wife advertise for a situation in this morning's Alert.

Owing to the cheap excursions that are being proposed by the railroads there will

no doubt be more visitors at Jamestown from the States this summer than in all its history before.

Mr. Shain has gone to Fargo to secure dining room girls.

'Banker Wallace is expected to return from St. Paul to-day.

Cashier Dudley, of the James River National, still lingers abroad.

It is hard to determine just how long this spell of weather will continue.

Rubber coats and boots have been the top of the fashion for the past three days.

Measles still continue to appear in town and quite a number of people are laid up with them.

D. B. Vermilye of St. Paul, and a believer and investor in Sutsman county soil, is in town.

Tickets for the dance Monday night are in the hands of members of the band and other parties and are being sold rapidly.

A farmer on the James river, south of town, is planting sixty acres of potatoes, from which he reasonably expects a crop worth \$6,000.

A petition for a sidewalk on West Main street was circulated a few days since for signatures. The Alert has not signed it yet, but wants to.

It has been raining three days and nights almost incessantly, and yet we notice that heavy loads of lumber are being hauled out of town.

Geo. Vennum has moved his real estate office into his new quarters over Scott & Huntington's place, where he can be found by the anxious land seeker.

Argus: Receiver Pugh, of the land office, says the business is daily increasing. There were ninety-eight entries at the land office Tuesday, and it was not a good day for business either.

This issue of the Alert contains important information of decisions of the Interior Department, on the subject of pre-emptions and tree claims, to which we direct the attention of the reader.

The rains this week have raised the cry of mud! mud! mud! in all the towns except those in the James River Valley. After a half day's sunshine we can furnish dry roads on short notice to all of our less fortunate neighbors.

A gentleman who recently located here from Michigan, sent a well written article to the Eaton Rapids Journal of that state. It gives a very enthusiastic report of Jamestown and the James River Valley, but not more flattering than the country deserves.

The approximate gross earnings of the Northern Pacific for the month of April are placed at \$430,000—an increase of \$22,750 over the corresponding month last year. The earnings of the Chicago & Northwestern for April were \$1,534,819; increase \$160,207.

Parties recently returned from Fargo say there is a fine opening for some party with means to put on a line of steamers between that town and Casselton and run an opposition line to the N. P. The land between the Maple and Chelienne rivers is under water for miles and there are thousands of acres which cannot be seeded this year in the Red river valley.

The throng at the postoffice at time of arrival of the mails is so dense that those who have corns on their feet would have less fear by standing on their heads. An ordinary misstep on ones corns may, with a divine aid, be forgiven, but two with a two hundred pounder set his heel down like a pile driver on your pet corn and then pivot himself clear round on that heel—well, there is no use talking about forgiveness. The Alert scribe has no corns, he only pleads for others who have.

From the Daily, Friday.

Peter Aubertin is one of the busiest men in the metropolis at present.

Sam Matthews yesterday received a fine horse and nobly phantom from the east.

The new paper at Grand Rapids will be called the Grand Rapids Journal.

Many tickets in the dance next Monday evening have already been sold and the band will have a rousing send off.

Mrs. Geisler went to Jefferson, Wisconsin, last Wednesday to attend the funeral of her sister who died very suddenly.

F. M. Shook, one of the post traders at Fort Totten, is in town en route to the post. His wife and child accompany him.

The sun shone out brightly yesterday and the mud made by the three days' previous rain nearly all dried up in the one day.

Mr. Marshall, of Banker Wallaces' shot a very fine buck yesterday morning. The deer creature came into the back yard near the house.

The case of Hank Sutton who