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THE DAILY ROUND-UP.

We Should Have a Railroad Leading to Jamestown from the South Immediately.

Strangers Arriving in Town Need Information—Give It to Them Free of Cost.

A Distinguished Divine—Laud Office Business—Uncle Tom's Cabin in Klaus Hall.

"A Kingdom for a Horse."

EDITOR ALERT!—The old Romans, who achieved a high civilization and wielded the mightiest power of any nation of which the world has knowledge, compressed a large amount of truth, wisdom and philosophy into the sententious saying that "Hercules helps those that help themselves." Napoleon said a similar thing when he coolly declared that "Providence fights with the heaviest battalions." These things are as full of truth and force to-day as they were some thousands of years ago when the patrician brains of imperial Rome first evolved them. And they were not alone applicable to the grand efforts and operations which achieved the colossal power and imperial greatness of the "mother of nations." They are as true of Jamestown, the metropolis of the valley, to-day, as they were to imperial Rome in her power and glory. "Hercules helps those who help themselves," when freely translated, means that if Jamestown wants a southern railroad, she must reach out to get it.

The immediate, pressing, unspeakable want of Jamestown is a southern railroad. Last fall, when the James River Valley exhibit for the Minneapolis fair was being gathered, a Wolverine news-sourcerer here suggested that the exhibit was looked up after us at Minneapolis and sent to Michigan he would see that it was properly put on exhibition at the Michigan State fair held at Jackson. This was done. The exhibit attracted marked attention. A large amount of advertising matter was distributed at the same time. The people looked over the products with wondering admiration, and they read the glowing descriptions of the far-famed James River Valley with the most eager interest. The exhibit was then re-boxed and shipped to Lansing, where it was again put on exhibition at the Central Michigan fair, where it again elicited the admiration of the people of that section.

It is estimated that 40,000 people have or will emigrate from Michigan to Dakota in 1882. A similar interest has been awakened in other States. It is simply true to say that Stutsman, La Moure and Wells counties ought to have had 20,000 of this immigration.

But the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad has had its eye on the situation and down the state of Michigan all the winter and spring gathering in the business for their road. The freight charge from Lansing, Michigan, to Fredrick over that road was \$50 per car. From the same point to Jamestown over the N. P. road it was \$145.

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With that southern road, every pound of freight coming to Jamestown would be carried at a reduction of 40 to 50 per cent in freight charges. Every bushel of wheat grown in Stutsman county would be marketed for the right of way alone worth one bushel more than it can be without that road. With that road every dollar's worth of real estate in Jamestown will be doubled in value and farming property increased in nearly equal ratio.

Every other want pales into insignificance before that imperative necessity.

I am told that the desired road is sure to come, and is only a question of time. I have known people to die barefooted, waiting for dead men's shoes. I have also known towns having highly favorable locations to be far outstripped, while they were waiting for the right of way alone worth by towns having far less advantages of location, but a population of more brains, activity and enterprise.

Valley City has far less advantages of location than Jamestown. Her great wealth, like ours, is a southern railroad. She is reaching out for it. She seeks the assistance of Hercules by helping herself. Valley City is able to get a southern railroad while Jamestown is waiting for the right of way alone worth by towns having far less advantages of location, but a population of more brains, activity and enterprise.

Jamestown needs this southern railroad more than she needs anything else, or I had almost said, all things else. A southern railroad is to Jamestown what the good book says the love of God is to sinners; all other things shall be added unto you.

Jamestown can get this road. She may get it by waiting. But that isn't the best way even if it is a sure way. If Valley City and Sarnborn get southern roads before we, perhaps I ought to say you, to be lost the value of such a road to you will be lost to you. You will have rivals at your door which will always retard and cripple your growth.

No, waiting for it isn't the wisest way. Challenge the help of Hercules by helping yourselves.

Let the Board of Trade appoint a committee to wait upon the authorities of the Milwaukee, Northwestern and Manitoba roads and ascertain what inducements it will secure one of these roads for Jamestown by Dec. 1st, 1882.

Jamestown to be so absorbed in the sale of town lots and laying out new additions, that they fail to see the future of the beautiful town which lies now among the brilliant possibilities.

Scripto, the famous Roman senator and soldier, closed all his speeches with the stirring words, "Delenda est Carthago!" Carthage must be destroyed. If I could mould the speech of the Jamestown orators, they would all of them exclaim with one voice and with emphasis, "A southern railroad must be secured without delay!"

Show them around.

The Alert wishes to suggest that some facilities be arranged for showing strangers who visit our town around. Quite a number have come and gone who had capital they would have invested if they had been shown the advantages and beauties of the town and country. Most of those who come here are total strangers, both to the country and people, and if they are any way backward about inquiring for the information they desire they are apt to leave without it. This neglect is not on account of any indifference to them upon the part of the people of Jamestown, but it is more because all are more absorbed in business than any thing else, and a person's individual business must not be neglected on any account; therefore the Alert calls attention to this want with the hope that the board of trade or the people through some other channel will take the matter in hand and provide a suitable way and means of furnishing the information to our visitors suggested.

A suitable person might profitably be employed for this purpose. There will be thousands of people who will come here this summer to see the town, of the beauties of which they have heard so much, and the opportunity should not be lost to have those strangers see them. Hundreds of thousands of dollars of capital would be otherwise passed by. Let some sensible and gentlemanly person be employed to escort our visitors about the town and country; one who is well posted in the matter and one who is honest and truthful. To receive a stranger's business card and to give him a card in return is a man to go from here to that place. The man who advertises his business not only profits by it himself but the town in which he lives.

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Valuable Improvement.

S. K. McGinnis' new double three-story building is approaching completion, and will be a large and handsome structure when completed. It is 29 feet deep and 50 feet wide, divided in the middle by an eight-foot stairway below, and a hall of the same width above on both floors.

The third story is divided into 16 neat rooms, suitable for double bedrooms, and has now received one of the best sets of furniture in the city. The second story is divided into ten large and handsome rooms suitable for offices. It is lathed and the workmen have commenced putting on the first coat of plaster.

The ground floor is divided into two large and elegant store-rooms, which will be provided with a plate glass front and will make two of the most valuable and desirable business locations in town.

The Soil in Allen & Dodge's addition is especially adapted to the growth of trees, and by a little care in planting and caring for them, that can, in a few years be made a second Eden of beauty, and those who improve their lots there as they should, will realize an advance of several hundred per cent on their investment in a short time.

It requires time to grow trees and parties who will in the future come out here from the city will find places of residence already shaded, and those who have foresight enough to prepare for this will reap a rich reward for their labor and money expended in planting out and growing trees.

Important Notice.

All the details in the matter of securing the lands for the N. P. railroad shops and round-houses at this point are arranged except the collecting of the subscriptions for the purchase of the ground. The papers are all in the hands of the First National Bank, and the money must be paid to the parties owning the land before the company can acquire title to the same. This money must be in on or before June 1st, 1882. The bank will receive to all parties paying in their subscriptions.

TOWN AND COUNTRY.

An Echo From A Distant Clime of the Bugle Horn of the Enterprising Boomers of Jamestown in Dakota.

A Thing of Beauty is a Joy Forever, Represented in Our New Buildings and Lovely Town Additions.

Various Subjects of Local and General Interest Presented to the Readers of the Daily Alert this Morning.

Timely Hints and Random Squibs of Various Uses for Those Who Rush Through Life and Have No Time to Muse.

Advertising Tolls.

A few mornings ago the Alert made some remarks upon the indirect advantage derived by liberal advertising patronage on the part of the business men of a town in the impression it makes abroad.

We have since received a copy of the Mason City (Ill.) Journal, in which the editor of that paper has noted this very evidence of the thrift and vim and enterprise of Jamestown in pursuing the Daily Alert, and, correctly judging from that most infallible indicator, he gave our town and business men a boon that will fix in the mind and direct the attention of perhaps a thousand or more people in that vicinity to this particular place in Dakota. People in distant places intuitively measure a town and its business by the advertising columns of the local paper, and it is generally a very correct indicator. We showed one of our booming business men the Mason City paper, and, after glancing over its advertisements, he remarked that it would be like going into solitary confinement for a man to go from here to that place. The man who advertises his business not only profits by it himself but the town in which he lives.

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One of the Strikers.

A year ago in midsummer about a dozen of the girls employed at the Dakota House struck and left the house. Some remained in town and are still here, while others departed, going west or east.

Of the number which went westward to grow up with the country was Miss Mattie McGinnis. She first went to Bismarck, then to Mandan and on until she reached Coulson, where it seems from the following, taken from the Coulson Post, she has found a permanent engagement:

Gravelle—McGinnis.—On Sunday evening, the 7th inst, by Justice Olmstead, Mr. A. Gravelle and Miss Mattie McGinnis, both of Coulson.

The wedding occurred in the parlor of the National Hotel, witnessed by a few friends. After the ceremony Sammie Wilde made a neat speech in which he wished the young couple every happiness and life—sentiments which will be reiterated by their many other friends.

It is an Index.

The Alert calls the attention of its readers, and especially those in distant places and states, to the real estate transfers that are published every week, and sometimes oftener, in these columns. They are a reliable index to the extent of the real estate boom in Jamestown and the valley. The real estate transfers are numerous and of a character in most cases that denotes substantial business. In lands, we call attention to the large purchase of 11,520 acres by Willis Baker of Calvin E. Brown at \$4 per acre, the contiguous lands owned by the same party will be seen, consists of alternate sections. It was so set off by the government to prevent the monopoly of large bodies of contiguous lands, to the detriment of the settlement of the country. The government will sell its land only on condition of improvement under the pre-emption law or give it to the settler under the homestead law.

The Way It's Done.

Almost four weeks ago E. M. Sanford, Esq., of Jackson, Minn., made a visit to the place and was pleased with the town and country that he saw back to make his arrangements to return and locate here. Yesterday he returned and brought with him two others, they to be followed in the near future by still others and so it goes in every locality. The eyes of the world are turned towards Dakota and every one that comes draws others so that the tide is an ever increasing one. Dakota should prepare for such an influx of immigrants next year as has never known in a new country before. Hundreds of thousands in the states are this year shaping their business so as to come to Dakota next fall or spring.

Come Down, and Put Up.

The parties in authority will be here about the 1st of June to consummate the arrangements for commencing to build the car shops and engine house. The enterprise must be paid in advance by that time or the enterprise will yet fail. The time for talk is past and now comes the time for business—the time to show your faith by your works. Mr. Wallace, at the First National Bank, is authorized to receive and receipt for subscription that have been made, and the Alert urges it upon the people to attend to this important matter at once and not, by neglect and dilatoriness, let the enterprise go by default.

COURT HOUSE CRISIS.

The Alert Comes to You Greeting, with a Report of the Court House Meeting; of the Way It Began and Why.

It was Mutually Agreed to Delay Until the Coming of Saturday—the Final Determination and Right of the Court House Site.

The Slow Freight on the Northern Pacific Yesterday Brought the Specific for the Agony of Builders' Spleen in Klaus' New Monster Brick Machine.

One of the Dakota House Leases who Bought the Montana Passes, now Appears in the Romantic Role of a Happy Married Soul.

A Court-house Meeting.

The Court House Commissioners called an advisory meeting of the citizens at the engine house yesterday afternoon to consult upon the matter of locating and building the new court house. The calling of the meeting was a matter of course by the commissioners to the will and wish of the people, and was attended by a goodly number of the prominent business men of the town.

Upon assembling at about half past four o'clock in the evening on motion of Mr. Klaus Mr. S. K. McGinnis was appointed chairman of the meeting and Mr. A. A. Allen, secretary.

Mr. Klaus stated the object of the meeting to be to consult with the people on the matter as stated above, and Mr. Curtis stated the commissioners had obtained plans and specifications for the building which, at the time they were drawn, could have been erected for \$27,000, but the price of material having advanced since that time it would now cost \$28,500, which would only leave a balance of \$1,500 of the amount for the extreme limit of the law providing for the building, grounds, etc., and as the \$28,500 would be fully absorbed in the erection of the building, it was thought the balance of \$1,500 would be insufficient to supply the necessary out-buildings, and furnishing, etc., that the question was whether to cut down the plans, so as to enable them to complete, furnish and build the necessary out-buildings and fences, or go on upon the plans as already made and rely upon the people to subsidize in the matter.

Everything passed off harmoniously until the question of location was reached, which elicited some very warm feeling among those present, as such questions always do; and it was in the discussion of this question that a disposition to contest by legal suit was manifested. The principal bone of contention and objection however was found to have been withdrawn some days ago, and that having vanished, the meeting adjourned with a good feeling to convene again at the court house Saturday afternoon for final consideration of the matter and in conclusion we would say, in justice to Commissioners Messrs. Klaus, Curtis and Jochrid, that they manifest a very praiseworthy spirit to do their duty in the matter conscientiously, and as far as possible, satisfactorily to the whole people, regardless of any personal considerations, and if the people next Saturday will manifest a like disposition, the whole question will be amicably arranged, and work on the new court house will commence immediately. There are many ways in which unharmonious elements will arise and retard the progress of public works of this kind, and it is the duty of every good citizen to consider the organization of the people for the general good, and this is the only means by which harmony can be secured. Let every spirit of contention and personal aggrandizement be banished from the consideration of this subject, and if that be done the work will go along rapidly and smoothly. The building proposed in the plans and specifications will be a handsome one, and such an one as will be a credit to the county and town. It is not building so much for the present as for the generation to come.

Deals in Dirt.

J. F. Pannell and wife to E. H. Funk, lots 29 and 30, b 1, Pannell & T's ad, \$200.

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In a Bad Way.

Cairo, May 25.—Disastrous results are inevitable from the absence of the ministers. The government neglect all precautions for ensuring water for the crops on account of absence of labor owing to co-operation. The natives entreat the protection of the British consular general. He has taken the soldiers' quarters, and the villages are becoming deserted through fear.

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