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Office with James River National Bank. From the Daily, Saturday.

Elmer's theatre opens this evening. The carpenters are busy fixing up Mr. Peabody's store.

The last installment of wood disappeared in a short time. The First National Bank has erected a sign on the ground of its future site.

The extension of the Manitoba line from Clearwater to St. Cloud will be graded in about two weeks.

Some of our prospectors went down to Grand Rapids on the stage yesterday morning to view that country and new town.

Everything is in readiness for the opening of the new theatre this evening, and the long expected event will come off without fail.

The St. Paul, Minneapolis and Manitoba company have received thirty-seven new locomotives during the month of May, and more are coming.

Our real estate dealers are all busy which indicates a prosperous condition all along the line. The boom still continues to boom farther and wider.

A number of fine building sites have been purchased in different parts of the city recently, which will be adorned with good and substantial dwellings this summer.

The accommodation train which leaves this place for Fargo every morning and returns at night is a great convenience to the people all along the line between the two points.

The Band practiced at the village council room last night again. The boys are becoming experts with their horns and will make a whole music team for our Fourth of July celebration.

A postal card from C. S. Cleveland states that he has his new printing office at Grand Rapids about ready to move into and commence heralding forth to the world the name and advantage of that new town.

The new boxes for the postoffice will be here in a short time when many needed conveniences will be added. The rush at the postoffice when the mails come in is interesting to behold, but it is not so pleasant to be held in it.

The market reached the highest point ever known in Chicago. Choice cattle sold as high as \$12.50 per hundred on the hoof, and porter house steak was 30 cents per pound, sirloin 25 cents, round 16 cents at the city markets.

The squad of Indians who came into town today before yesterday were after provision and pulled out with their ox teams yesterday morning, their wagons loaded with the staff of life from the mill, and other civilized luxuries from our stores.

The Canadian landed 1,000 young English farmers at Montreal yesterday, all destined for homes in the new Northwest. They had drafts on local banks for an aggregate of \$750,000. If they had about that much in experience they would be ready to catch on to the boom and stick with some show of success.

The First National Bank of this city this morning presents its financial standing at the close of business, May 29th. The total shows a marked increase over that of May 19. The gentlemen connected with the bank are among the best in Jamestown, and with Mr. Wallace at its head it is bound to prosper.

Sanborn has subscribed over two hundred dollars already to defray the expenses of her coming Fourth of July. It would be well for a committee in Jamestown to make a round of the city some morning soon and collect in four or five hundred dollars for our Fourth of July. It would only be necessary to present this matter to our people and they will "whack up" all the money that is needed.

If the report of a good vein of coal over near Eldridge be confirmed by fur-

ther test a shaft will be sunk this summer which will very materially reduce the cost of fuel in this vicinity. There is no doubt but that plenty of coal exists at an easily accessible depth all over this country and at some future time not far distant coal mining will be one of the best paying investments offered to the capitalists.

Mr. Elmer returned from Fargo last evening, having secured his musicians and will give his first entertainment tonight.

S. K. McGinnis returned from the country up northeast of Jamestown yesterday. He says houses are going up in all directions.

Dr. J. W. Calvert, of Dawson, was in town yesterday. He is assessor of Kidder county in which official capacity he will make up the statistics of the wealth of that county this summer.

Mr. R. E. Wallace is talking up a telephone system in town. Having a telephone from the bank to his dwelling he appreciates the value of it in communication. This town ought to have 30 or 40 stations, and more as the town and its business expands.

W. H. H. Beadle, territorial superintendent of schools, arrived in Jamestown yesterday. He has a contract for surveying five townships in Ransom county, and will then go to work in the towns west of Grand Rapids, which are settling up so fast.

Fargo Argus: Gen. Cross, superintendent of transportation, passed through the city last evening on his way home. He reported that the Yellowstone division, extending from Glendive to Forsyth, was opened yesterday for traffic under charge of S. R. Ainslie as superintendent. The road is constructed for fifty miles beyond Forsyth, and by August first he expected the road would be in operation to Billings, three hundred miles west of Glendive.

The construction he said was being pushed with the greatest rapidity, and there was every indication that trains would run from Fargo to the Pacific coast in a year's time.

From the Daily, Sunday. "Limpy Jack" is in town. John Nichols returned from St. Paul yesterday.

Mr. Welch's local hits at the performance last night were appreciated. The lumber trade of this town is a booming business and employs a large amount of capital.

A representative of the Commercial Reporter was in town yesterday for the purpose of ascertaining the standing of our business houses.

The fine elevator of Bush & Corwin is provided with all the conveniences of such an enterprise and is one of the most important in our town.

Morning and evening service as usual at the churches to-day. Baptist service at the Presbyterian church this afternoon at three o'clock. Visitors will find interesting entertainment at any of these services.

Among the audience at the theater last evening could have been seen many of Jamestown's best citizens. Some went because they wanted to and others explained their presence by saying it was their duty to do so.

All the new additions that have been laid out and platted are improving rapidly, as well as the original town. The number of new houses in course of construction and just completed is a subject of remark by all strangers who visit this place.

Mr. C. G. Root, formerly traveling correspondent of the Chicago Times, but now in the management of the Wier plow company, is now on his first visit to this territory, having formerly been over every other territory in the union as newspaper correspondent.

It is both amusing and interesting to witness the expression of wonder on the countenances of the Indians as they stand and look at the Northern Pacific trains go by. But a tribe of Indians on the move in aboriginal style would attract as much interest from the pale faces.

Work on McGinnis new bank building has been retarded some on account of the lack of stone on the ground but the foundation is nearly completed, and is almost as permanent as the pyramids of Egypt. Unless torn down that foundation will be there when ten millions of people inhabit the present bounds of Dakota, but the present inhabitants will all have emigrated.

Argus: A reporter called at the land office yesterday to get the weekly report, but there was such a crowd of eager claim flers the officials were too busy to slip up. A kind word from Receiver Fugli suggested that an entry of between seventy and a hundred had been the daily portion for Uncle Sam's domains, and that the finance receipts away up among \$20,000 for the week.

Argus: Supt. of Construction Delano, of the Northern Pacific road, is in the city, and a large force of workmen are now engaged in unloading ties on the southwestern branch, which are coming in at the rate of several car-loads a day. Mr. Delano expects to have a large force of men at work track-laying this week, and the same will be pushed as fast as possible, and no let-up is expected until trains are running into Lisbon.

Amendiant with a coat hanging on his shoulder was in Fargo begging alms the other day. A tender hearted Fargoan gave him a quarter and his blessing but the beggar unwisely disclosed his "got" arm just then and the exasperated Fargoan suddenly horizontalized his arm in the direction of the fraud who suddenly learned "suthin' drap," and about as suddenly picked himself up and betook himself away to greener fields and pastures new.

Mr. Foster is surveying the land belonging to Messrs. Pannell & Atkinson west and south of the river, which will soon be platted and placed on the market. This will provide some magnificent suburban residence sites for the future Jamestown millionaire who may wish a more quiet and retired place for his home than in the bustle of the busy city. It does not require a great stretch of fancy or imagination to see the beautiful bluffs on either side of the river ornamented with handsome residences.

Mr. Brown, brother-in-law of J. M. Davidson, of the firm of Mulliken & Co., arrived in town yesterday, having come here from Mahomet, Ill., with the hope of improving his invalid wife's health. In common with all others he expresses himself well pleased with the looks of the town and country.

County Superintendent Nierling came up from Spiritwood yesterday and brought with him some specimens of lettuce and tomato plants from the garden of Mr. Geo. Elliott of that place that would convince any one who is not stone blind that Dakota will produce garden stuff equal to any place in the United States, and superior to most. The lettuce was over six inches and the tomato plants nearly two feet in height, and both looked as vigorous as these plants ever grow.

From the Daily, Tuesday. The side track at Mr. Klaus' brick yard is built.

The village board of trustees met last evening. Born, Monday, June 6, a son to Mr. and Mrs. E. Elmer.

A large party, including two ladies, leave for Gwynne City this morning.

A party of several went out to Spiritwood Lake last Sunday, which is a pleasant resort.

Rev. David Wirt, who visited Jamestown last summer at the dedication of the Presbyterian church, is in town.

Mr. Richards having been admitted to the Dakota bar will on Friday leave for Frederick, where he will open an office.

Little Freddie Dodge, son of Samuel and Mary Dodge, aged one year and five months, died Sunday and was buried yesterday.

Though we do not particularly need it, a little of the surplus rain they are having down in the states could be used here just now.

Tony returned from Glendive yesterday and will probably go back to-day. Mr. Kelley went to St. Paul last week and will arrive to-day with girls for the hotel.

Henry Gesheke has sold his farm seven miles northwest of town to Wm. M. Lloyd, Jr., for \$3,400. It comprises 100 acres with eighty acres under cultivation.

Gordon Loucks has a raft of 20,000 cubic feet of lumber in the James and will navigate this raging stream with it to Grand Rapids and dispose of the same for a profit.

J. Gwynne Vaughan informs the Alert that Gwynne City is making rapid strides and already possesses a boarding house, a store and a hotel in course of erection.

The west Main street bridge builders are making haste very slowly. They tore down the bridge in a very short time, but from some cause the reconstruction does not proceed.

Col. Conrad, of Fort Totten, made the Alert a pleasant call yesterday. He was on his return from his visit of several weeks to New York, Philadelphia, and the other eastern cities.

The star-spangled American flag was unfurled to the zephyrus Sunday in honor of the coming of the special train of railroad magnates, and was kept there until after their departure.

The weather for the past few days has been warm enough to make one pine for a trip to the north, or to join the next crew that goes on an exploring expedition to the north pole.

A jury trial in Justice Watson's court yesterday, in an action for breach of contract in which J. T. Bush was plaintiff and W. H. Colby was defendant, plaintiff was awarded a verdict of \$20 damages. Judgment on the verdict for \$20 and costs of suit.

Tracklaying has commenced on the Mouse River extension. A frog was put in at the starting point Sunday and yesterday the track was laid out about a half mile. About thirty miles of the road bed is graded ready for the ties, and the track will be laid out that far immediately.

"Duke of Dakota," Sheriff McKechnie's famous bull, was yesterday taken to McKechnie & Vennum's stock ranch, northeast of town. Mac says he will have fifty cows there this week and 2,500 sheep soon. They have a man in Montana and also one in Minnesota looking up the latter.

While we are sitting out on the street in the shade this fair weather it is rather amusing to contemplate the people way down in states five hundred miles south hovering around stoves from the cold rains and with solemn and sad feelings telling their children how people freeze to death up in Dakota in the summer time. Some of them have repeated this story until they half believe it.

The local editor of the Havana, Ill., Republican, who has been reading the Alert, very properly informs his readers that "Jamestown is having a colossal boom," in which Johnny judgeth mightily right. It would do his readers a great deal of good to come up here and see with their own eyes a Dakota boom. The only trouble about it is they would never be satisfied to go back and stay.

Through the indefatigable efforts of Mr. Wallace, we learn that the telephone exchange has been organized and the lines will be erected immediately. Mr. Wallace is deserving of much credit and commendation for rustling about and consummating this scheme so soon, and it is alike creditable to the business men of our town that they so readily second his efforts. It will soon be so that a person can stand in his own house and talk all over town.

The Fargo Argus man having been denied an editorial courtesy, scissors off the head of the offending party as follows: The editor of the Perham Journal, with an unpronounceable name, who is a justice of the peace, telegraph operator, and saws wood for pastime, was asked, as an editor, by the Argus, on Saturday, to view particulars of the murder reported there. But Saturday being the editor's day as woodsawer, he said he was too busy. Perham ought to grow with such a public spirited man to represent it.

Corporal Thomas King, of the 17th Infantry, Company C, arrived from the east last night and is en route for Fort Totten, where his company is quartered. Corporal King has in his possession a massive gold badge inscribed and presented to him by General Sheridan as being the best shot at the military tournament last fall. The medal is an elegant one and aside from the honor of securing it for marksmanship its value in money must be several hundred dollars.

From the Daily Wednesday. Mike Foley tried to ride a pony yesterday.

New attractions at Elmer's theatre every evening. John Vennum had a house warming in his new kitchen last evening.

Mr. Miller, the village marshal, again gives dog owners warning to license their canines.

S. K. McGinnis' new double three story building is about completed and will soon be occupied.

Fields has received a new show case and silver ware case. He is also daily receiving new goods.

Several parties who have recently come to Jamestown and bought lots are making active preparations to build.

There is a scarcity of wood in town now, and several are waiting very impatiently for the arrival of the wood cars.

A party of parties consisting of several started on a visit up to Gwynne City yesterday afternoon to view the town and country.

Mr. Kelly returned from Fargo yesterday with several girls from the Headquarters Hotel who will go out to Glendive to work for Mr. Klaus.

George Foster came down from Wells county yesterday. He says ninety-five claim shanties have already been erected in the vicinity of Gwynne City.

Mr. John Belliveau of Hornellsville, N. Y., is in town and is going to be a permanent citizen, having bought property and made arrangements to build.

Yesterday was the warmest of the season, and those who had nothing else to do took a position in the first shade they came to. Everything is growing rapidly.

The board of village trustees tried to have a special meeting last evening in order to pass an ordinance relating to pounds, but a quorum could not be gathered together.

Hon. G. P. Sanford, who has been here on a visit of several weeks, started yesterday for his home in Lansing, Mich. Mr. Sanford made many warm friends during his stay here.

As will be seen by the county commissioners' report the contract for rebuilding three bridges was awarded A. McKechnie at \$2,200, the work to be completed by the first of August.

The excavation for the basement of the new First National Bank building is progressing and the building of the foundation will soon be commenced. It will be a handsome structure.

Mr. Danes again remembered the Alert and yesterday morning delivered a key of his fine beer at this office. The Alert force tender him a vote of thanks and say they can stand that kind of treatment as long as he can.

The street commissioner has commenced to dump dirt on east Main street, to fill up the slight depressions. There is not a town in America can boast as nice, clean and level streets as Jamestown.

A man named Dan Leachy shot and killed Deputy Sheriff Preston of Miles City at Billings, last Sunday evening about 5 o'clock. The excitement ran high and lynching was loudly talked.

There is complaint of the freight trains obstructing the streets sometimes longer than they should, and it would be well enough for the conductors to heed the village ordinance on that subject in mind.

Telegrams for the following persons are at the telegraph office undelivered: F. W. Dickey, John J. Nichols, Dan Hart, C. W. Pringle, J. S. Evans, W. T. Patterson, F. M. Sperry, Mickel Eno, E. B. Fryer, Weston Lewis, J. E. Black, George M. Rice.

J. Gwynne Vaughan filed the plat of Gwynne City in the recorder's office yesterday and has sold quite a number of lots already. He expects to make that town the county seat of Wells county, and his prospects seem to be good.

Several of our sports have indulged in the luxury of a Texas pony, a lot of which were brought here from the Black Hills and are selling at from \$80 to \$100 apiece. They are all broke to saddle, but occasionally one gives the rider the circumambulating bounce.

Messrs. Mansfield and Fowler came up from Grand Rapids last night, where they had been proving up on their claims. They report the town lively and that a corps of N. P. engineers have just run a line into the valley six miles below the present town.

A few days ago a lion belonging to Forepaugh's show at Lansing, Mich., caught the spirit of the strike and struck for his keeper. At last accounts the lion held the vantage ground and the keeper was trying to ascertain what concessions his honship wanted.

As we write the voice of the violin reaches us from across the street where a small party of young folks are having a shake-down such as we used to enjoy in a country town as new as this now is, and it is not an unhappy reminder of those youthful days of long ago.

There is a rumor to the effect that the Northern Pacific will locate its division headquarters at this place, and there is very little doubt but that it will be done in the near future, if not already decided upon. The location of the car shops here will concentrate a great deal of the business transactions of the road here and necessitate the officers having headquarters in the town.

Fargo boasts of an octogenarian who was a pioneer in New York, afterwards in Michigan, and has just proved up on a claim in Dakota. Just what he intends to strike when Dakota becomes too

populous for him the Alert is not informed. He has fifteen years to live yet before he comes up to Jamestown's oldest inhabitant.

From the Daily, Thursday. Mr. Purchase went northwest to Gwynne City yesterday with two loads of lumber.

Mr. D. H. Fowler takes his departure to-day for a six weeks' visit to Lockport N. Y.

The Valley City Times will make its bow to the public as a Daily to-day. Success attend it.

An eastern gentleman was in town yesterday making inquiries about our court house bonds with a view to investing in them.

The third quarterly conference of the M. E. Church will convene on Saturday afternoon at 4 p. m. Let all members be present.

The Alert office has just received a fine lot of new type and stock and is better prepared than ever to do all kinds of work.

The wayfaring pilgrims who put up at the depot and stretch themselves out on the soft side of a hard wood bench are a great annoyance to the railroad men.

Mr. Dunne got astride a large mule early Sunday morning and went up northward as far as Newport. He returned yesterday and says matters are lively up there.

A commodious sidewalk is being laid on Front street east from Fifth avenue. Jamestown beats any town in America in the quality of its walks and will soon do so in extent also.

Fields has ordered a large and costly regulator so that the vexed question of the correct time can be settled by calling at his store, "Fields Time," will be known as standard time hereafter.

Sheriff McKechnie will drive forty five cows out to the stock ranch to-day and will soon remove Jim-ram and the sheep to the same place. Mac expects a car load of Montana mutton and beet to arrive this week.

The salutation between acquaintances in town, now is, "How do you like your pony?" And the answer about as uniformly, "Wouldn't take \$25 for my bargain." The pony boom will continue until the feed bills begin to come in.

Mr. Klaus, Tony, Mr. Kelley, six girls and two carpenters left for Glendive yesterday and will arrive there this morning. The trains now run through from Bismarck on the arrival of the train from the east and does away with the necessity of staying there until next morning.

Mr. John W. German of Harrisburg, Pa., now engaged with the Red River Valley Insurance Co., Fargo, D. T. as special agent, arrived in town yesterday and will remain a week or two. He is accompanied by L. N. Algeo, vice president of the company, and have come to establish a local agency at this place.

The quarterly meeting services, with communion, will be held next Sabbath morning at 10:30. Rev. G. R. Hair, the Presiding Elder of the Red River district, will preach. Love feast in the afternoon at 3 o'clock. In the evening a children's service will be given. Flowers and birds will adorn and beautify the church. All are invited.

The bids for building the new school house not being satisfactory yesterday the time is extended for one week at which time it is expected the contract will be awarded. Those who wish to engage in an enterprise of the contract kind will take due notice and govern themselves accordingly.

The young Perham murderer John Tibbets, who was captured at Bismarck and taken back through this place, was recognized by sheriff McKechnie and others as having been about this town a good deal last summer. He worked awhile on Klaus' milldam and also on a farm near town.

The Glendive (Montana) Times says: Between Fargo and Jamestown, the live-steel and thriest cities on the Northern Pacific, in Dakota, is running an accommodation passenger train. When a city in the Northwest is so favorably noticed and petted by great corporations as are Jamestown and Glendive its success is assured.

From the Daily, Friday. A fine tree claim for sale. Enquire of Dunne & Marsh.

A copious rain fell upon this locality yesterday afternoon and revived vegetation of all kinds.

Albertson has bought the property two blocks north of the brewery and moved his laundry there.

The earnings of the North Pacific for the month of May, 1882, were \$568,332; for the corresponding month last year \$312,705, a difference in favor of this year of \$255,627.

Titus, the man who shot and killed his companion, Edward Fagan, in Miles City about two months since, was sentenced to thirty years imprisonment by Judge Congar, last week.

The Weekly Alert issued this morning will be found a compendium of the events of the past week and a good reminder to send to your friends. Extra copies can be had at the office.

The street commissioner staked out the line of the new sidewalk on Main street from Fifth avenue to the James River yesterday afternoon, and in a few days had promenade thoroughfare will be ready for use.

The Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha line officials, are making efforts to attract settlers to south-west Minnesota, eastern Dakota, and northern Nebraska, by arranging with eastern connecting lines for excursion parties at very low rates, especially for land hunters.

The postoffice will not take punched coin hereafter. Dimes with holes are worth but five cents; quarters but fifteen cents, half dollars but thirty-five cents, and dollars but seventy-five cents. Nickels, five cent pieces, and pennies are of no value if punched. Trade dollars, punched coin, and Canadian money can not be received for postage stamps or money orders.

The rumor to the effect that the military in Dakota was to be cut down, is found to be untrue. Secretary Teller proposes rather to increase the number of soldiers in the territory. He will at once move in the matter of securing the arms and ammunition now in the hands of the Indians, and thus remove all cause for apprehension of danger.

Southern Dakota. Ellendale expects to secure the county seat of Dickey county.

A \$25,000 addition is being built to the Cataract house at Sioux Falls.

A steam plow will begin operations in the vicinity of Mitchell in a few days.

Sioux Falls has a machine for making dry pressed brick by steam which the Press claims is now turning out a perfect product at the rate of 15,000 per day.

The new county safe for Spink county has arrived at Redfield. It weighs over five tons and there is not a truck in the county strong enough to carry it to its destination and so it remains at the depot.

Miner County Advance: There is an organized society in this county composed of actual settlers whose aim it will be to make it sultry for the contemptible species of genus homo who go about the country contesting tree and other claims without good and sufficient grounds, thus causing the owners great hardship as well as loss of time and money in fighting such contests.

Frederick Free Press, We have a large lump of drift coal in our office, found about fifty feet under ground, while digging a well on Mrs. DeLendrecie's place, two miles north of town. An old coal miner informs us that we have every indication of coal fields, and as soon as proper apparatus can be secured measures will be taken to see what the bowels of the earth will yield up.

News Notes. The board of county commissioners at Minneapolis, at a recent meeting, declared the purchase of chickens and turkeys at the poor house for Christmas a needless expenditure. It may be an unnecessary expense in any case but it is not often that county boards reduce economy to such a fine point.

Huron is to have another newspaper and the wonder is what they will do with it as they already have two and that is one too many to be profitable in a town of that dimensions. The town, be it ever so small, in this country, can and will support one newspaper well, but in small towns all beyond that number have to do a good deal of threshing over of old straw.

The persistent and indefatigable Reed, attorney for Giteau, now proposes to attack the record. He evidently proposes that his client shall die with a clean record. He says that the record is false in that it recites that Garfield died in the District of Columbia when it is a notorious fact that he died in New Jersey. What the court may say to this technicality is not important as Giteau did his part in the tragedy in the D. C., and it is immaterial where the victim finally died from the effect.

A bill was introduced in the house a few days ago providing for a commission of three to settle all private land claims, and a Bohemian of the press of calculating turn of mind has figured it up one side and down the other and finds that it would take just 300 years for the commission to dispose of that business now pending. Such legislation might have answered in the patriarchal age, but since the average length of life has dropped down to thirty-three years it hardly meets the emergency of the times.

It is reported from Washington that there will be but one more election contested in this session of congress, that of Small vs. Tillman of South Carolina. The Smith-Shelly case from Alabama, is off the calendar, the contestant, Smith, having died. The house has given several of the shot-gun incumbents the go. In this session and sent them home to cooperate. It is to be hoped that the elections in the south may reform their manner of persuading voters, as the shot-gun argument is found insufficient in sustaining credence of membership. There are no doubt many other corruptions of the election franchise down there and elsewhere that need correcting. "The voice of the people is the voice of God" and it will make itself heard in some way.

It now seems highly probable that the army bill will pass without exceptions. Gen. Sherman and his friends oppose it and Gen. Sheridan's friends are urging it. The democrats are mad because the republicans would not include Gen. Hancock with Gen. Sherman in the exceptions to the operation of the bill making it compulsory retirement at sixty years of age, and they are now opposed to any exception at all. Sheridan's friends are urging the bill because it will place him in Gen. Sherman's shoes and shoulder straps. Gen. Phil Sheridan, who was dubbed the "Wild Irishman" during the war, would not be an unworthy successor to the honors of Gen. Sherman, but the latter thinks he is young and hale enough to bear the honors several more years himself.

Last week it was heralded all over the country that the Independent party, alias Judge Davis, had gone from Washington on a mission of love to the bedside of an aged African who was on the point of taking a journey Beyond the River. It now turns out that the Judge received more encomiums than his benevolence on this occasion deserved, for he escorted a beautiful Maryland widow on a journey at the same time, and that he made his visit to the African at that particular time co-incidental with the convenience of the widow in making her journey. If that widow should capture the great Independent and balance of power party of the United States and three hundred and fifty pounds of husband and millions of money, she will go on record in the political history of the country as a better manipulator of political parties than either the democratic or republican leaders who failed to capture him.

Minneapolis Tribune, June 4: George Howe, one of the leading oil producers of Pennsylvania, recently purchased one of the famous Irtympe farms in Dakota for \$60,000, and is now in St. Paul en route to visit his new purchase. Mr. Howe lately disposed of part of his interests in Bradford, Pennsylvania, and proposes to make extensive investments in the Northwest.

Fargo Republican: Mr. Geo. C. Howe has twenty-one hundred acres of wheat on his farm near Casselton, and it is looking finely. He is satisfied that Dakota is the country for a man to come to. If