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HERE AND THERE.

The Coming Boom of Jamestown That will Eclipse all Past James River Valley Booms.

The Ways that are Sly and Tricks that are Thin of the Hungry Fargo Politicians.

General and Local Condensations Gathered from the Four Corners of the Earth.

Eldridge Squibs.

Several millionaires from Napierville, Illinois, late neighbors of the Rev. Wm. Huelster of this town, were here last week on a speculating tour and invested very heavily in Dakota lands, situated in Stutsman county, which they say is ahead of anything in the shape of tilable ground that lies outside of doors west of St. Paul.

The Northern Pacific railroad company shipped five more car loads of wood to this station last week for the use of settlers.

F. E. Jones and Isaac Penoyer returned from Ellendale on Monday, after having secured three more sections of Dakota's inexhaustible. They report crops as looking most unusually fine in that locality.

L, B. Miner, the worthy ex-deputy register of deeds of Stutsman county, passed part of a day here last week while en route to his vast domains northeast of here.

William Phillips has 120 acres of barley that is almost ready to cut. He says that he will sail into it with a harvester next Wednesday. There is a wager of $300 on this grain between two Chicago men. One bets that it wont go more than fifty bushels per acre, while the other is quite willing to take his chances on sixty.

Three young Buffalos were seen quietly feeding in a meadow two miles west of here last Saturdry. It is supposed that they strayed away from the large herd that went north on the 28th of June.

The medium weather of the past two weeks is having a good effect on crops. Grain of all kinds is heading out finely.

RUPERT.

God Made the Country; Man makes the Town.

One of the most important, if not the most important, enterprises of Jamestown and Stutsman county, is the Roller Flouring Mill of Messers Klaus, Fox & Co. It runs night and day and consumes 500 bushels of wheat per day in the manufacture of flour, celebrated far and near for its excellent quality. The consumption of wheat at this mill is 13,000 bushels per month or 156,000 bushels per year. The advantage to the farmers in this vicinity of such a manufacturing enterprise is almost incalculable affording as it does a home market for that amount of wheat produced, and prepares it for consumption without the cost of transportation of the wheat to distant mills and return of the flour. The dam which afforded excellent water power until carried away a couple of months ago, will be rebuilt this summer, and in such a substantial manner that no apprehensions of another washout will be felt. The mill was wisely provided with ample steam power so that in case of accident to either the mill could be kept going. Two dams have been built and carried away by the stream, and from the knowledge of the defects in the former ones the new one will be constructed in view of them and made to stay. A large amount of piling will be used in the construction of the new dam, and neither time nor expense be spared in making it one that will stand the test of a generation. This mill, together with other manufacturing enterprises that are in contemplation for the near future, will give Jamestown a prestige in commercial circes and a solid basis for future enterprise, that in a very few years will develop this village into a city whose inhabitant will be numbered by the tens of thousands and merit the distinction of being the leading boomer of North Dakota, the metropolis of the Northwest, surrounded by magnificent farms, provided with all the comforts and conveniences of those of the states, in which the owners will have an inexhaustible mine of wealth yielding its annual treasure of wheat which will assay a profit of from $20 to $25 per acre. Every immigrant who casts his lot in the James river valley now can have, no matter how poor he may be, as much as 160 acres of land, and by a few years "roughing it," will be comfortably situated for life.

The Coming Boom.

It is the universal testimony of the farmers of Stutsman county, and of all other counties in North Dakota, that never within their knowledge has there been such a flattering prospect for the wheat crop as there is this year. Every man who has a wheat crop growing can now almost count it as cash assets, and yet in no country is the wheat crop safe until it is market. But it would be reprehensible folly for one to shut his eyes to the prospect now and instead of enjoying the contemplation of the scene sadden himself by forebodings of what might happen. The farmers of Stutsman county certainly have everything in the way of crops to encourage them. It is well enough, while waiting for the crop to mature, to consider the circumstances that will govern the market, which, to a great extent are conjecture. The threatened European war, if carried to a culmination, will create a heavy demand in that direction next summer. Another fact, and one deserving consideration, is that the Minneapolis Mills, whose full capacity is 7,000 barrels of flour per day, are now only running that amount per week, and they are making special effort to buy up what little remains over of the last year's crop of Dakota wheat. The present supply is reported not sufficient to keep the mills going at one-sixth capacity until the present crop comes in, and it is likely that wheat will be shipped back to Minneapolis from Chicago as it has been in times past. It is reasonably certain that the efforts of the Minneapolis mills to keep running will run the price up. With the abundant harvest in prospect and the favorable outlook for good prices our farmers are certainly in a position to extract a great deal of happiness from the situation. But do not set your figures too high either on yield or price, for it is much more agreeable to have your anticipations exceeded than fall short. With all these favorable circumstances realized there will next year be such an accession to the population of Jamestown and the country around as was never before dreamed of, and the demand for houses will be beyond foresight to provide for.

The Capital.

Minneapolis Journal: The people of north Dakota feel certain that the bill to erect that region into a new territory under the name of Pembina will become a law at this sessson. The fight for the capital between Fargo, Jamestown and Bismarck has already begun.

The St. Paul and Minneapolis papers seem to be laboring under the delusion that the people of North Dakota are so anxious for division that they would willingly yield the Name and accept any other to gain that desired end. This is a very great mistake, and one we are led to believe was purposely imposed upon those papers for a political purpose by some ring or clique who have axes to grind in their own interests. The language of the above item would seem to indicate that we were desirous of the passage of that bill. Nothing could be further from the real wishes of the people. We do not regard the division of the territory and separation by a state or territorial line by the "cow counties" as in any degree a compensation for the loss of our name. As for the capital Jamestown holds her Capitol Hill in readiness at any time the division takes place and we need a capital north of the "46th." There is no contention between the places named for the capital—it is very generally conceded to Jamestown except in the way of a joke Bismarck and Fargo sometimes "catch on" to the scheme.

A call was issued on the 22nd inst. by D. M. Inman, chairman of the democratic central committee of Dakota, for a meeting of the committee at Elk Point on July 18.

The hunters of the Yellowstone will have to look to their laurels. A new species of nimrods, says the Glendive Times, are rapidly filling up the country. Mr. Sartin, of Newland, a few days since met one of these individuals forty-seven miles from town. He was alone and on foot, wore a linen duster, a plug hat, and carried an umbrella. He was hunting deer and antelope. He is regarded by the hunters of this section as the man of the period.

Fargo Republican: In reply to questions from the house judiciary committee on Friday last, President Villard, of the Northern Pacific, stated through Mr. Gray, attorney general of the road, that the twelve hundred miles of road, completed May 1, 1882, and one hundred and seventy miles more graded, including the rolling stock, cost $63,500,000; that the net proceeds of lands already sold amounted to $11,500,000; and that two million six hundred thousand acres have been sold for preferred stock since 1875.

The weekly papers with glowing headlines of the Fourth of July celebrations last week are about all in now, and that agony is over, thank God. It was a sort of double dose, the hanging of Guiteau and Fourth, both coming within one issue and vieing with each other in prominence. The enterprise of some of these aspiring papers was wonderful. In their zeal to be ahead of all competitors, some of them "run in" patent medicine cuts and informed their readers that they were engraved especially for the readers of that particular paper at a heavy expense.

The Minneapolis Journal tells of a drunken railroad man who fell from a third story window, a distance of thirty-five feet to the sidewalk below, his head striking first and breaking the walk in a horrible manner. Some by-standers carried the corpse, as they supposed, to a convenient building, and when they tenderly laid it down, the corpse assumed a fighting attitude and they had to call in the police to take him in charge, which they did, and locked him up till he cooled off, when he was released and went on his way rejoicing.

Following is the way the Black Hills editor extends an invitation to "call around" and see him. The presumption is that the fellow referred to had other pressing engagements so that he could not avail himself of the hospitality of the Pioneer man.

"The big, two-fisted, broad-shouldered, gentlemanly, artistic hero of the squared circle who called so meekly at the Times sanctum last evening, looking for the reporter that incidentally mentioned him, will please call at the Pioneer office this afternoon at 2 o'clock, when Coroner Smith will be found ready to take his measure for a wooden overcoat."

If it be true, as the Valley City Times asserts, that a squad of politicians held a dark lantern conference at Fargo a few days ago and agreed to and did send notice to the senate committee having the matter in hand at Washington that the people of North Dakota would be satisfied with the new name of Lincoln, they must have been a very cheeky gang indeed. There is not a man, woman or child north of the "46th" that will not indignantly repudiate such representation except it be someone who has a selfish object in view. The man who aids this atrocious scheme of name robbery with a hope of securing a territorial office will be incontinently "set down on" by the people if he ever comes up for office of any kind. The man who takes a hand in this scheme is, so far as office at the hands of the people of North Dakota is concerned, like unto the man who overtered the gate of Dante's Inferno, enwhich was the inscription: "He who enters here leaves hope behind.

The Valley City Times voices the sentiment of North Dakota in the following words: It is the universal sentiment of the press and the people of this side of the "46th", and one that is held with desperate earnestness: "All there is worth having in the name of Dakota, the golden wheat belt of North Dakota has given it, and that is exactly the rub. If Southern Dakota can come into the union as the only Dakota on the map then all that has been done by us to advertise this great agricultural region, with its cities, culture, wealth and future, will redound to the glory of the cow counties: while we, shelved under a strange, picked-up name, will be lost sight of. Everybody knows now that the Dakota the emigrant makes for is the Northern Pacific country—is North Dakota; but nobody will know that the Dakota the nations of the world are looking to with longing eyes is "Pembina," or "Lincoln," or "Pettigrew," or "Ordway." The whole thing is a crime so damnable that one is surprised to know that even congressional turpitude and sectional envy could carry things so far.

NEWS OF A DAY,

The Covered Wagon Immigrants Arriving aud Catch On When They See James River Valley.

The Town Council Fill Up the Official Gaps and Make Some New Laws For the City.

The Daily Harvest of the Doings of Town and Country Gathered and Put in Proper Shape.

Pilgrims Coming In.

Every day immigrants moving by teams pass through town on their way to prairie homes which extend to them a cordial invitation and receive them with a hearty welcome. Some of these movers weeks ago from way down in the states packed up their effects and took their families in their covered wagons and started on the long and tedious trip of, in some cases, a thousand miles, with the broad domain of Dakota as their destination. They bade farewell forever perhaps to the associations of the first half of their lives and set toward the star of empire that is now seen in the Northwest from as far back as the Atlantic coast. Days have accumulated into weeks and weeks into months as they trudged the weary and monotonous journey, across rivers, over hills and through valleys on and on till at last the magnificent valley of the James River is reached where all the beauties of scenery and the glory of North Dakota are stretched out in panoramic view before the weary and toil worn traveler. Step by step and mile have they watched the ever-changing scene as they proceeded farther and farther toward the frontier of the great Northwest until the climax of anticipation is reached and realized in the James River Valley. Here their hopes end in fruition and their faith is lost in sight. They care not to explore the beyond, but at once cast about for a claim where they may settle down, lords and master of their own domain, and have none to dispute their right or levy tribute upon their toil. The ties of their early associations and homes are soon forgotten in the new, strange and interesting scenes of the far Northwest, and almost before they realize there is a change going on they have lost the attractions of the olden home in those of the new. Thousands will come here in that way, and when a family has "sand" enough to make such a journey they have stamina enough to stay and make permanent homes and become the bone and sinew of the country.

[Official.]

Proceedings of Village Board of Trustees.

Jamestown, D. T., July 10, 1882.

The Board o Trustees met in session at 8:30 p. m.

Present—J. T. Bush, David Curtin, L. Lyon, J. J. Roper and J. J. Flint.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

On motion of J. J. Flint M. Murphy's bill of $499.75 for building sidewalks was allowed.

On motion of L. Lyon J. R. Winslow's bill of $122.02 for lumber was allowed.

L. Hayward was appointed village justice on motion of L. Lyon.

W. E. Mansfield was appointed village marshal on motion of David Curtin.

On motion the salary of the marshal was fixed at $50 per month, not including fees.

Moved by L. Lyon that the clerk be allowed leave of absence and that he appoint a deputy to act during such absence, which was seconded by D. Curtin and carried.

On motion of L. Lyon the clerk was instructed to draw an order for the payment of the balance due G. H. Purchase and deliver the same to J. T. Bush who is to hold the order until the dirt left east of the elevator is placed according to agreement.

Adjourned to meet Monday, July 17th, at 8 o'clock p. m.

DEWITT C. FLINT,
Village Clerk.

Dakota Crops.

Pioneer Press:

Mr. W. F. Steele, of the Steele farm, Kidder county, D. T., was in town yesterday and talked some to a Pioneer Press reporter about the condition of the crops along the line of the Northern Pacific in Dakota. Mr. Steele brought with him samples of the growing grains, which were perfect vouchers for his assertions that the prospects for an abundant harvest were never before surpassed at this season of the year. The wheat samples measured 44½ inches and were nearly ready to head, while barley which stood 36½ inches was claimed to be but a fair average specimen of the stand of several hundred acres which is certain to give an enormous yield.

"The wheat from Jamestown west," said Mr. Steele, "is the best I have seen. It is the best stand and the best color we have ever had—even superior to that of 1880. We have 2,200 acres in grain, and our wheat, we expect, will reach an average of over thirty bushels to the acre. The crop west of Jamestown is in very much better condition every way than it is east of that point. One of the best indications, to my mind, that permanent prosperity is assured to our section of the country lies in the fact that farmers are beginning to diversify their labor and their products. Dairying is beginning to be a very important industry, and is developing rapidly. I think it will soon be a leading feature out our way. On the Steele farm we are just building an enormous hennery—over 300 feet long—and shall stock it with at least 1000 chickens. Steam heating and steam cooking apparatus will soon be applied, and we expect to show pretty big results in that line."

Flandreau, D, T., July 8: Crops are looking splendidly, except corn, which is nearly up to an average. Wheat never looked better and promises a very large yield. We have had occasional showers sufficient to keep the ground in first class condition and if nothing happens we shall harvest the largest crop ever known here. Barley, oats and flax also look first class and promises the most bountiful harvest, should nothing happen,

Transparently Thin.

Pioneer Press: A north Dakotain now in St. Paul says division is only a question of a few days, and then the territory of Pembina will be an assured fact. He thinks that Col. John B. Raymond will be chosen delegate, and Fargo the future capital under the territorial organization. Col. Raymond served the territory of Dakota several terms as marshal, and is fully advised of the needs of the people and would make a most popular delegate.

The above is certainly refreshing to Fargo, at least, and the only wonder is that the "north Dakotain" who went to St. Paul to be interviewed on the subject had not located the "future capital" of the "Territory of Pembina," he so complacently refers to, somewhere over in Minnesota, instead of almost straddling the line. That interview throws some light upon the dark lantern caucus some of the local politicians held in Fargo a few days ago to which the Valley City Times referred; and if the Col. John B. Raymond spoken of is in league with these political tricksters and conspirators to rob North Dakota of its name the Alert ventures the prediction that he will scarcely attain to the delegateship through the votes of the people he would thus wrong no matter how many terms he served as marshal nor how well advised he may be as to the needs of the people. That little political scheme is altogether too gauzy to "run the gauntlet" of North Dakota. It is conspicuously thin.

"The Last Straw, Etc."

Fargo Republican: If the territory of Dakota is to be divided, and the whim of certain members of congress who have it in their power to over-rule the wishes of the people, render it impossible for it to retain the name of North Dakota, why not call it Fargo? Fargo is identified with North Dakota, and is as widely known.

Our esteemed cotemporary over reaches in the item above quoted and adds the "last straw that breaks the camel's back." Fargo is too notorious for its boating privileges to extend its name over the James River Valley. Though we might be willing to go with our cotemporary into any scheme from a game of marbles to a Star Route combination, when it comes to extending the name of Fargo over the James River Valley we "kick." That's too much. North Dakota has all the Fargo notoriety she can comfortably take care of now. Fargo contains good people and is a good town. She is a boomer, but she is always wanting to "bite off more than she can chaw."

A "Crank" Abroad.

The cranky mantle of the late Guiteau must have fallen on the shoulders of the gentleman "prominent in Dakota politics" who gave the following information away in an interview with a Pioneer Press reporter. Call the roll of the insane asylum and see it some lunatic has not escaped. The Washington authorities should be on the lookout, for this "crank" may wander down that way and slay a president. The country is not safe with such a man running at large. Read what he says in the following interview;

A gentleman who is prominent in Dakota politics is in town for a week's enjoyment of civilization, and is a free talker on the subject of division of the Territory and the probable outcome of the present contest for delegate in congress. He also has a theory about the location of the future capital, which will be of decidedly more interest to Fargo than to any of its sister cities who are big with hope that the seat of government will advance their respective interests.

"In my opinion," said he, "Capt. John B. Raymond, ex-United States marshal, will be chosen delegate to congress. He has the inside track now, and I happen to know that several gentlemen who have been mentioned by the papers as likely opponents of Raymond are among his best friends and supporters. I think he has a walk-over, He is just the man to represent us---understands thoroughly the necessities of northern Dakota, is a worker, and will prove to be 'our man' every time."

"How do you regard the situation relative to the division of the Territory?"

"We expected that the bill would pass the senate last Friday, and it is certain to go through within a very short time, any way. It will of course be rushed through the house, and then Pembina will be a fact.

"Then will begin the fight for the location of the capital."

"Not then, for it has already begun."

"And which town in your opinion, is to be handicapped and eventually killed by the alleged honor?"

"We don't look at the matter in that light. We all want it. Everything considered, I think Fargo stands the best show—and I think it is the best place, for the present at least. The way I figure it is this: Bismarck and Jamestown are the hot-headed rivals and each is prepared to cut the other's throat. In the meantime Fargo has a good place in the race, and will be helped along by either Bismarck or Jamestown as soon as each one sees that the other is gaining any. I think that just as soon as Bismarck sees that it cannot secure the prize it will throw its influence in favor of Fargo, with the hope that there will then be some chance for a removal of the seat of government at no distant day. And then, Fargo is the real gateway of the territory, is an important railway center and a good town,

And now comes the report that the new star route grand jury will probably indict a United States senator for complicity in the mail frauds. That is encouraging, for it looks like going at the root of the evil. The plan of these high functionaries has been to make a scapegoat of some obscure person who could be sent to the penitentiary without causing any sensation. If this senator is to be gobbled up we hope it will be done quickly for by it the bill to steal away the name of North Dakota would lose one vote. There is no question as to how a senator who is implicated in the star route frauds would vote on the Pembina territorial bill fraud.

Deadwood Pioneer: Hon. J. D. Hale, the sheep grower of the Hills, was in town this week. He has finished shearing and will have between 5,000 and 6,000 pounds of wool for this season's yield, and estimates that the wool crop this year about the Hills will amount to 75,000 pounds,

MORNING HASH.

Still the Wise Men of this Generation Catch on to Town Lots and Wheat Soil.

The Town's Daily Record Posted up by Reporters for the Alert Readers' Delectation.

Deals in Dirt.

Vincent S Stone et al to J B Matthews, lot 8, b 10, Burton, $25.

W W Dudley to Hattie E True, lots 1, 2 and 3, b 69, Klaus' add, Jamestown, $800.

J G C Lee to J S Aron, lot 5, b 29, Jamestown, $600.

Helen M Reed to Jerome J Flint, lots 157 and 158, J & V's add, $275.

Mary E McMahon to J J Flint, lots 53 and 54, J & V's add, $350.

Margaret F Randolph to J J Flint, lots 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 75, 76, 77, 78 and 157, J & V's add, $1,300.

Wm M Lloyd to Geo Oppy, lot 4, b 48, Klaus' add, $200.

Sanford Hoff and wife to F C Johnson, lot 12, b 48, Klaus' add, $400.

Thos B Lloyd to John V McCarroll, lots 11 and 12, b 76, Klaus' add, $375.

R M Winslow to Wm McPherson, lots 10, 11 and 12, b 15, $1,050.

Wm M Lloyd, Jr, to J V McCarroll, lot 1, b 15, McGinnis' add, $350.

T S Wadsworth to T D Wadsworth, lots 327 and 328, J & V's add, $200.

P H Foley to Wm E Mansfield, lot 168, J & V's add, $250.

Churchill & Webster to John Swan, lots 10, 11 & 12, J & V's add, $600.

J J Flint to A E Kendrick, undivided ½ interest in lots 53, 54, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 75, 76, 77, 78, 158, 156 and 157, J & V's add, $1,225.

Waldo Dennis to Ellen P Dennis, sec 3, tp 138 n, r 64 w, $4,480.

E W Decker to M M Decker, nw ¼ sec 6, tp 140 n, r 64 w, $1,500.

D R Long to C A Myers, nw ¼ sec 18, tp 142 n, r 64 w, $1,250.

John Swan and wife to Churchill & Webster, n ½ ne ¼ sec 18, tp 139, r 62, $1,100.

U S to Lizzie E Wells, sw ¼ sec 32, tp 142 n, r 64 w, $400.

U L to Melissa S Wells, nw ¼ sec 32, tp 144 n, r 64 w, $400.

U S to Wm Clark, ne ¼ sec 22, tp 139 r 63, $400.

U S to D R Long, nw ¼ sec 18, tp 142, r 64. $370.68.

U S to Hugh Bole, ne ¼ sec 10, tp 140, r 55, $400.

U S to Jeremiah Collins, sw ¼ sec 26, tp 140, r 65, $18.

U S to Michael O'Brien, se ¼ sec 8, tp 138, r 62, $400.

B S Russell & wife to R A Davison, lot 10, sec 26, tp 140, r 64, $7,000.

Eugene F Powers to Joseph G Bradstreet, secs 1, 3 and 11 in tp 144 n, r 62 w, $8,640.

N P R R to J W Pence, sec 7, tp 145, r 64, secs 19 and 31, tp 146, r 64, secs 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 23, 25, tp 145, r 66, s ½ sec 9, s ½ sec 11, secs 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33 and 35, tp 146, r 65, secs 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, 35, tp 145, r 65, secs 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, 35, tp 136, r 66, secs 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 24, 27, 29, 31, 33, 35, tp 146, r 62—46,360 acres—$115,900.

N P R R to J W Pence, w ½ sec 25, tp 145, r 68, $800.

N P R R to J W Pence, secs 17, 19, 21, 27, 29, 35, tp 145, r 66, sec 31, tp 145, r 64, $11,200.

Wants To Know.

ED. ALERT.—Some few weeks ago you published a report of a meeting of the Jamestown Board of Trade organization, list of officers &c., and also the many benefits such an institution would be to the future prosperity of Jamestown and Stutsman county. May I ask what has become of it? Though weeks have elapsed since the Secretary was instructed to take immediate steps to advertise our Board of Trade in the Railway Journal, its last issue of July 3d shows that nothing appears to have been done, and the page of that Journal tendered to the Board by Messrs. Wells & Dudley still remains to be filled by the officers instructed by the Board to fill the same. About a week ago rumor on the street informed me that a meeting of the directors of the Board of Trade had been called to consider matters of vital importance to the welfare of our town. I presume they met (?) and that the interests of Jamestown and the James River Valley were fully discussed, and some steps resolved upon any information they received that would benefit this community. Now on behalf of several members of the Board, we think that the result of such meeting should be given to the members, so that we can one and all outside of the honorable Board of directors advance in any way the interests of the object of that meeting. Yours, &c.,

July 13th, A MEMBER.

It Might Have Been.

What might have been an accident that would have required the official action of the coroner terminated very fortunately without any serious damage yesterday evening. A team consisting of a mule and a horse hitched to a lumber wagon took fright at a locomotive and ran down eastward on Main street at a furious rate. At the Dakota House corner they took to the sidewalk and cleaned out the row of chairs on short notice. The strange feature of the circumstance was that the row of chairs were vacant at the time, something that has never been known before since the weather has been warm enough to sit out doors. Some account for the absence of the crowd almost invariably to be found there, as a dispensation of providence, but the Alert takes a more practical view of the case and accounts for it on the theory that they had all with one accord gone into the saloon to take a drink. Be that as it may, they were fortunately absent and only a chair or two instead of human necks and bones were broken. The team was headed off and stopped in front of the Empire Store when the excitement collapsed.

ADDITIONAK LOCALS.

The theatrical troubles at Elmer's theater to-night shows up Lumber Dick as well as Sylvester's Kid.

The Fifth Avenue Hotel yesterday put up an awning to protect the front from the penetrating rays of the afternoon sun.

Plasterers are at work on the new dwelling house of Mr. Webster. Mr. W. will have one of the most attractive residences in the city.

The lawn festival to be given by the ladies of the Presbyterian church to-night on the new park grounds in front of the depot will no doubt be a pleasant one, and those who attend will be well repaid for the time and trouble.

The suit brought before Justice Watson Wednesday by J. T. Bush, for the recovery of $130 damages from A. J. Woodbury; was decided in favor of the defendant. Attorney Dodge for plaintiff and Nickeus for defendant. The case was appealed.

Republican Territorial Convention.

Special to the Alert.

Bismarck, July 12.—The convention to be held at Grand Forks on September 6th will consist of 343 delegates—North Dakota 109, South Dakota 193 and Black Hills 41. The following is the apportionment of North Dakota: Cass and Grand Forks, 15 each; Burleigh, 10; Walsh, 8; Pembina, 12; Traill, 12; Richland, 10; Stutsman, 6; Barnes, 6; Kidder, 2; Ransom, 3; Morton, 6; LaMoure, 2; Griggs, 2.

Bismarck, July 12.—The convention to be called at Grand Forks on September 6 makes the very liberal apportionment for Cass and Grand Forks of 15 delegates each.

The Eastern War.

London, July 12.—A dispatch from Alexandria sent at 9:25 this evening says the vessels of the fleet took up the following positions off the port before morning: The Sultan off Fort Pharos, and the Superb, Temeraire, Inflexible, Alexandria and Achilles to the eastward. The Invincible, Monarch, Penelope and all the gunboats are in the outer harbor. It is presumed that this arrangement is made in order that the vessels may be in readiness to shell the forts or cannonade the town to-morrow in the event of failure of negotiations.

It is supposed that the Egyptian troops will evacuate the town to-night. A large portion of the town is deserted. It is believed that the town will be burned and left to the low Arabs and possibly to the Bedouins to plunder at sunset.

Private advices indicate that the Suez canal will be reopened.

Alexandria, July 12.—It is supposed that the town is being reduced to ashes willfully.

London, July 12.—The following dispatch has just been received. Off Alexandria, July 12.—At midnight the barracks, houses and windmills around Fort Mec had been splintered to pieces. A portion of the Razeltine palace, inhabited by Dervish Pasha, and which formed a separate building from the khedive's residence, has been burned to the ground. The lighthouse still stands, but a number of holes are visible in the masonry and the light appears to be injured.

The Bittern after takingthe flag of the Lieut. Commander on board proceeded to the harbor to learn the object of the flags of truce. Information was conveyed to the commander of the Bittern that Toulba Pasha, military commander in Alexandria, wished to communicate with Admiral Seymour. Lieut. Lambin replied that as a preliminary condition to further negotiations the forts commanding the entrance to the harbor must surrender. Toulba Pasha refused to accept these terms and the Bittern returned. It was understood among the officers that firing would be resumed at four o'clock in the afternoon, but no order to that effect was given. The Egyptians subsequently hoisted a second flag of truce and the Helicon was dispatched to learn what was wanted.

Ordinance No. 19.

The president and trustees of the village of Jamestown do ordain as follows:

Sec. I. No sale of goods, chattels or personal property at auction, except sales made under legal process, shall be made within the village of Jamestown, except by an auctioneer or other person who shall first have obtained from the village clerk a license, and executed a bond to said village as hereinafter provided.

Sec. II. No person shall receive a license to sell goods, or personal property at auction in this village, until he shall first have executed to said village a bond in the penal sum of five hundred dollars, with two sufficient sureties, to be approved by the village clerk, conditioned for the faithful compliance of said license with the provisions of this ordinance, and for the payment to said village of all moneys belonging to the same which may come into his hands as such auctioneer.

Sec. III. There shall be charged for every license granted under the provisions of this ordinance, the sum of fifty dollars in advance; and every such license shall be granted in the name of the village and be signed by the president and village clerk, and shall be granted for a term of one year from its date.

Sec. IV. In addition to the license fees to be paid by auctioneers as in this ordinance provided, it shall be the duty of every person selling goods, chattels or personal property at auction, to pay into the village treasury, one per cent. of the gross receipts of all such sales made within this village by virtue of his license.

Sec. V. Every auctioneer so licensed shall make report to the village treasurer on the first Monday of each month, verified by his affidavit, shewing the amount of sales made by him subsequent to the date of his license or his last preceding report, and he shall at such time or times pay to the village treasurer, one per cent. upon the gross receipts of said sales.

Sec. VI. Whoever shall violate any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be fined not less than ten dollars nor more than twenty-five dollars and the costs of prosecution for every such offense.

Sec. VII. Whoever shall exhibit and offer for sale at auction any article, and induce its purchase by any bidder, and shall afterwards secretly substitute any other article for the one so exhibited, with intent to deceive and defraud such bidder; or whoever shall, while engaged in or about the making of any auction sale, be guilty of any device, trick, or fraudulent practice with intent thereby to deceive or defraud any bidder, shall be fined twenty-five dollars for each offense, and the license of such person shall be deemed to be forfeited.

Sec. VIII. Notwithstanding any of the provisions of this ordinance, the board of trustees shall have power upon application to grant permits for the sale at auction of personal property, without license, in the manner following, to-wit: The person desiring to obtain a special permit under this section, shall present to said board a petition describing concisely the property which he desires to sell at auction, the value thereof, and where the same is situated, together with the reasons why such permit should be granted him. He shall at the same time present to the said board a bond, with two sufficient sureties, running to the village of Jamestown, in double the amount of the goods to be sold, and conditioned that in case such permit be granted, such petitioner will render a true account of all sales thereunder within twenty days after the same are made, to the village treasurer, and will at the same time pay to said treasurer two per cent. of the gross amount of such sales—sales on credit and property bid in by the vendor, being reckoned the same as cash sales. Such special permit shall not be deemed to authorize the sale of any goods or property not described in the petition.

J. T. BUSH, President.

DEWITT C. FLINT, Village Clerk.

Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the county commissioners of Stutsman county will receive bids for a bridge across the James, river at Ypsilanti, until 12 o'clock M., July 14th, 1882. Bids to be made for a stone buttment and pile bridge according to plans and specifications now on file in the county clerk's office. Board reserving the right to reject any or all bids.

Given by order of the county commissioners this 3d day of July, A. D. 1882.

G. ..., Clerk.

TELEGRAPHIC TIDINGS.

Latest News from Egypt—The Khedive a Prisoner.

Raising the Sciota—Drowning of a N. Y. Editor.

Washington Briefs.

By Western Associated Press

Washington, July 13.—Byron Coon and Jno. Callahan, postal employees, were before the grand jury to-day as witnesses in the Star Route cases.

Secretary Folger has appointed Representative Crowley of New York, E. P. Alles of Milwaukee and Jas. G. Hill, supervising architect, commissioners to decide upon the selection of sites for public buildings at Detroit, Minneapolis and Denver.

The report of Drs. Somers and Hartigan upon the Guiteau autopsy is completed. In the preface the report of the physicians says that so much contention has grown out of making this autopsy through press correspondents that we are constrained to give a brief history of the case. Drs. Somers and Hartigan then tell their story, which differs but little from the story already told for them in the newspapers.

The following army orders were issued to-day by order of the president: The military department of West Point will be discontinued in August, 1882; Col. W. Merrill, of the 5th cavalry is appointed superintendent of the academy at West Point, and will relieve Brig. Gen. O. O. Howard Sept. 1st; Gen. Howard is assigned to the command of the district of the Platte, relieving Brig. Gen. George Crook, who is assigned to the command of the department of Arizona, in place of Brevet Maj, Gen. O. B. Wilcox. Col. Wilcox and his regiment, the 12th infantry, will go to the district of the Platte.

Star Routers.

Washington, July 13.—Court at close to-day tendered a decision as follows in the star route cases: In regard to what had been paid, relative to Senator Dorsey he did not think there was anything in that which required the attention of the court. If he had done anything which he should not have done as a member of the stnate there was a statute which covered that act; here he was indicted as a member of a conspiracy. In regard to the claim of the defense that they must not go beyond May 23rd 1877, it was true the indictment fixed that date, yet the position taken by the defense that no evidence as to facts that transpired anterior to that time could be received, was erroneous.

The court thought it was proper to prove these parties were in combination anterior to the conspiracy. On the other hand it was not competent to prove the existence of conspiracy by evidence of any previous existence, as filed in the indictment.

Merrick stated that he expected to orove J. W. Dorsey had entered into an arrangement with Boone to procure these contracts and divide the profits.

Raising the Wreck.

Mingo Junction, O., July 13.—The Mail City, Annie Lee, The Welcome, and Belprince are working to raise the Sciota. They have eight siphons at work and have lowered the water 17 inches lower in the hold than it is on the outside. The machinery of the boat is damaged very little. The cabin and frame of the boat are almost a total wreck, everything looking as if it would fall apart. The port side of the hull is stove from stem back about 30 feet and the heavy guard for that length torn off. The damage to the boat indicates that the two boats came together with a full head of steam. It is expected that it will be raised by 9 o'clock and taken to Wheeling for repairs. The cost will be about $3.000. Capt. Booth is superintending the raising. Capt. Dwing has been on the Sciota all day and says that there should have been no collision, and that the pilots should not have misunderstood the signals. He says that while the signals should not have been changed there is no reason why the pilots should not have understood them as they now are.

War Bombs.

Alexandria, July 13, 6 p. m.—The khedive is stated to be at Rawley surrounded by Egyptian troops. His position is thought to be critical.

London, July 13, 7 p. m.—A dispatch from Alexandria says that the Turkish dispatch boat Izzdedue arrived this afternoon. It is supposed that the Egyptian troops will prevent the khedive from leaving. The British gunboat Bittern is cruising off Rawley. The fire in Alexandria is extending in the direction of the port. Admiral Seymour to-day landed 450 marines and 150 sailors and inspected the town and forts.

London, July 13—9 p. m.—A dispatch from Alexandria, dated 6:30 this evening, says that since the marines and sailors entered the town firing has been heard.

Admiral Pinney has a telegram dated 8:45 p. m., announcing that the khedive and Dervish Pasha were safe.

An Editor Drowned.

Milwaukee, July 13.—The following telegram was received by James Barker, general passenger agent of the Wisconsin Central railway, yesterday from John Dubois, a professional guide in the northern part of this state:

I wish to let you know that J. E. Pond, who engaged me as guide on a fishing trip down the Flambeau river, is probably drowned. He was one of the editors of the Turf, Field and Farm of New York city. When I came back to camp after shooting a few birds I found he had taken the boat and fishing tackle. After a while I went below the rapids near camp and found that the boat was turned bottom side up and had floated to the bank. The river is high and I have not found the body yet. I think Mr. Pond is surely drowned.

MINOR TELEGRAMS.

Moscow, July 13.—A train with 217 persons on board ran off the track between Lehesay and Bostinjeur and 176 persons were killed.

Glencoe, Minn., July 13.—At the republican convention of the third congressional district to-day, H. B. Strait was nominated by acclamation.

New York Stock Market.

New York, July 13.—Money is quoted at 2½@3 per cent.

Prime mercantile paper is held at 4@5 per cent.

Stocks—The following are the latest quotations;

Northern Pacific	45
Do preferred	84¼