

# JAMESTOWN WEEKLY ALERT.

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## WEDNESDAY'S BUDGET.

The Reading Room Question Agitated from Another Quarter.

The Banner Township for Settlement-Commissioner's Proceedings.

That Reading Room Again.

From Thursday's Daily.  
No good reason can be advanced for the absence of a free reading room in Jamestown; on the other hand, there is every assurance that a determined effort in this direction would be crowned with complete success. A sufficient number of our citizens have expressed a willingness to contribute books, papers and periodicals to insure its success from the start. All that is needed is an organized effort. Who will move in the matter? Where is our Literary Society, which has for its corner stone "free reading room and public library"? It has already neglected a glorious opportunity in ignoring Messrs. White & Hewitt's generous offer of free room, and cannot afford to postpone the matter any longer. If it can not act promptly, let some other organization undertake the business. We have heard several plans suggested: First, the old way of passing around the hat. Second, the inauguration of a series of winter entertainments, such as lectures, readings, concerts, theatricals, etc., for foreign talent, which, while giving a full return for all money expended, would also put a respectable amount in the reading room fund. Third, to turn the matter over entirely into the hands of the ladies.

By all means let the ladies undertake it. They have more energy in such matters than a dozen organizations like our Literary Society. The ladies have succeeded in similar enterprises where men have made signal failures; in any event, they couldn't surpass the signal failure of last winter. Why not have our Literary Society meet and place the matter in the hands of the ladies, with instructions to push the movement for all it was worth. If they could be induced to undertake the enterprise we could count not only on first class winter entertainments but also on a reading room before the fall of snow.

This movement can not be started too soon. We have with us during the summer a class that is absent all winter. Many of these would cheerfully assist the enterprise if requested, but they must be interviewed before leaving. Again we ask, who will move in the matter? Let us hear from our citizens.

The Code in Dakota.

Several persons noticed blood on the face of the moon as she stood over our neighboring city on the Sheyenne, Valley City, the other night, and the phenomenon could not be accounted for until the following appeared in print:

VALLEY CITY, Sept. 5, 1882.  
MR. LOUIS STRASSER—  
I hereby challenge you to fight me either with pistols or fists on the 15th of this month.  
C. CONYER.

The Alert hopes we are not to have a duelling boom in this country in addition to our farming and real estate booms. It is not only a relic of a past age that is frowned upon by the civilization of this age, but in this day of bad marksmanship it endangers the lives of innocent parties—the seconds, whose duties require them to remain within range of the weapons. There was a time when a duel meant death to one or the other of the principals, but now it means safety to them and danger to the seconds, and for the reason alone that "innocent blood" would be shed, if for no other, this relic of a bygone age should be condemned. The better way to settle difficulties in this country would be to make a contest of raising wheat, and the one that came short in the competitive crop "throw up the sponge." There would be much more manliness in that kind of a way of "obtaining satisfaction," and there would be no violation of law in it either.

Proceedings of Board of County Commissioners.

In session, Sept. 4th, 1882, at 4 o'clock p. m.

Present, Nickens, Moran and Hendricks. Nickens in the chair.

Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

On motion the petition of J. J. Flint and others for highway running south on range line between range 63 and 64 was received.

On motion the chairman appointed John F. Vennum, L. Lyon and Thomas B. Lloyd as road viewers to new road petitioned for by Flint and others, said viewers to meet and view said road on Thursday September 7th, 1882, at 2 p. m., and to report at the next meeting of the board.

On motion Lloyds Bankers were allowed \$36 dollars in cancellation of road orders No. 48, district No. 1.

W. W. Bill allowed \$722 in cancellation of road orders No. 159 and 160, district No. 2.

Buck & Mills allowed \$497.25 in cancellation of road order No. 161, district No. 2.

R. E. Wallace allowed \$455.50 in cancellation of road orders No. 152, 150 and 162, district No. 2.

James River National bank allowed \$891 in cancellation of road orders No. 149, 153, 154, 155 and 158, district No. 2, and order No. 48, district No. 1.

On motion the minutes of June 6th, 1882 are hereby amended to read as follows: The bid of A. McKeechlin on repairing bridges to read \$25 instead of \$22.

David Curtin allowed \$38.32 for rope furnished county supervisors in saving bridges.

Goodrich & Johnson allowed \$135 for road scrapers furnished the county.

On motion the action of the county in issuing A. McKeechlin \$350 in county orders for part payment in repairing bridges was approved.

On motion the levy of tax was postponed until next meeting.

On motion the board adjourned until the 11th of September, 1882, at 10 o'clock a. m.

GEO. W. VENNUM,  
County Clerk.

Township 137, Range 66.

From Friday's Daily.  
The above township, located on the west side of the James River about eighteen miles southwest of Jamestown is a model of development and settlement in the James River Valley. The government lands in that township were opened to settlement and claimants the first of last March and yesterday the last quarter section was filed on. The settlers on these claims have broken and prepared for cultivation next year 2,000 acres of these lands. The firm of Brown & Brown, of this city, own 4,500 of the railroad lands of that township which they have in wheat this year 600 acres that will average 25 bushels to the acre and 200 acres of oats that will average 60 bushels per acre. They have this year had 2,000 acres more broken which will also be put to crop next year. They completed the harvest yesterday and commenced stacking, and will at once commence the erection of a granary with a capacity of 25,000 in which to store the grain when threshed, and keep it in good order until leisure or pleasure affords the time to draw it into market.

Court Calendar.

The calendar of cases for the district court which convenes on Tuesday, Sept. 12, is quite interesting. The cases are as follows:  
No. 39—Frank Ganzel against William Bowman. Payment for services rendered.  
No. 40—J. I. Case Threshing Machine Co. against Geo. W. Vennum. Action on promissory note.

No. 60—Nathan Myrick against Rose A. Bill et al. To replevin certain frame buildings.

No. 61—Anthony Dallar against John Dee. Appeal from Justice's court.

No. 62—J. R. Brown against Samuel L. Gaspell. Appeal from Justice's court.

No. 72—Edward McMahon against School District number six. Action against school board.

No. 73—Archibald Semple et al against J. H. Barnes et al. Demand for money.

No. 75—Territory of Dakota against O. B. Hamilton. Bailment. It is not likely that this case will be tried, owing to the absence of the prisoner.

No. 76—Territory of Dakota against Clark Treatman. Willfully maiming a horse.

No. 77—Territory of Dakota against V. W. McCarty. Riot.

No. 79—H. W. Phelps against Will Clark and J. Cornwall. Payment of note.

No. 80—Territory of Dakota against John Severin. Misdemeanor.

No. 81—Frank Goggan against the N. P. R. R. Co. Damage to stock in collision.

No. 82—Nellie A. Harris against F. M. Harris. Divorce.

No. 83—Jane L. Bowman against William Bowman. Divorce.

No. 84—Victoria Bornholdt against Jacob Bornholdt. Divorce.

No. 85—Parlin Semple against A. Klaus and D. Curtin. Money demand.

No. 86—J. T. Bush against A. J. Woodbury. Breach of warranty.

No. 88—Geo. W. Vennum against Emma Vennum. Divorce.

No. 89—Mary McDonald against Ernest Brenner.

No. 90—Parlin Semple against J. H. Barnes and S. P. Lambert.

No. 92—Powell & Douglass against A. McKeechlin.

Real Estate Transfers.

The real estate market has not been as active during the week as it was the week previous. A glance at the following list of transfers will, however, convince one that a large amount of land is changing hands, and nearly all of it is going into the hands of those who will improve it.

Sylvanus Whitney to Ralph Reynolds, lots 7 and 8, block 60, Klaus addition, consideration \$1,000.

B. W. Fuller, et al, to Joseph Griffin, lots 4, 5, 6, block 1, Biverside addition, consideration \$150.

J. W. Tousey and wife to Chas. D. Whitall, lot 17, block 21, lot 7 block 5, New Minneapolis, consideration \$70.

J. W. Tousey and wife to John A. Schuler, lot 18 block 21, lot 8 block 5, New Minneapolis, consideration \$70.

J. W. Tousey and wife to Harry E. Van Auld, lots 15, 16, block 19, New Minneapolis, consideration \$150.

Josephine V. Keppers to R. E. Brand, lots 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, block 8, town of Newport; consideration \$370.

Josephine V. Keppers to W. B. Thomas, lot 4 block 8, Newport, consideration \$66.

Sarah D. Plummer to Kelley & Fuller, lots 8 and 9, block 16, of original town, consideration \$600.

Sarah B. Jones to Henry Jones, Lots 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, in Jones & Vennum's addition, consideration \$1,200.

Sarah B. Jones to Francis Sears, lot 115, Jones & Vennum's addition, consideration \$200.

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Melissa S. Wells to Edward P. Wells, nw 1/4 sec 32, tp 142, r 64, consideration \$1,000.

U. S. to Walter F. Williams, ne 1/4 sec 8 tp 138 r 63, consideration \$400.

U. S. to Bruce M. White, c 1/2 sw 1/4 and w 1/2 sec 1/4 sec 22 tp 139 r 64, consideration \$400.

U. S. to Elmer B. Dewey, se 1/4 sec 22 tp 138, r 63, consideration \$400.

U. S. to Byron W. Fellows, se 1/4 sec 34 tp 139 r 62, consideration \$400.

(Official.)

Meeting of Board of Village Trustees.

Jamestown, D. T., Sept. 4, 1882.

Board of Village Trustees in session at 6:30 p. m.

All the members present, J. T. Bush in the chair.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

L. Lyon presented a communication from Geo. H. Purchase explaining that a considerable part of the dirt hauled by him from the bank called and charged to the village, in a bill formerly rendered, was put upon the private property of Bush & Corwin, by direction of the president of the board, and that the action of the board refusing payment till he should remove the said dirt is unjust.

Upon motion of J. J. Flint, seconded by J. J. Roper, the entire board was constituted a committee to investigate the matter and report to the next meeting.

The following bills were allowed and the clerk instructed to draw orders in payment thereof, viz:

J. B. Goffinet, for burying a dead horse..... \$ 5 00

David Curtin, for chairs and lamp..... 5 00

Hayward and Meisler, for rent of ground for hook and ladder house..... 6 00

W. E. Mansfield, for bill and nippers..... 3 00

W. E. Mansfield, for assistance in preserving the peace..... 19 25

W. C. White tendered his resignation of the office of village attorney, and upon motion of J. J. Flint, seconded by J. J. Roper, it was accepted.

Upon motion of J. J. Flint, seconded by L. Lyon, O. H. Hewitt was elected to the office of village attorney.

Upon motion of L. Lyon, seconded by David Curtin, adjourned.

D. W. WITTE C. FLINT, Village Clerk.

By G. N. Culver, Deputy.

Jamestown is soon to be visited by a noted medium of Chicago, a lady who is said to be able to call back the ghosts of the departed from Guitau to Adam and Eve. We hope our citizens will provide samples of James River Valley wheat and oats for the inspection of those old patriarchs. Wouldn't old father Abraham "clap on" to the bonanza wheat farms, and wouldn't Caleb and Joshua be at the bottom of the land that is the veritable land of Canaan which they visited after the exodus from Egypt? And there is Solomon, wouldn't he offer a round price for the court house site upon which to build a temple? And Samson, how he would arm himself with a buffalo jaw bone and go up into the Turtle Mountain range and "slew" the Indians and half-breeds—all that.

It is reported that Bismarck carried off the prize banner at the Minneapolis exposition. Well, we don't care a continental for the banner, anyhow. People will have to pass through Jamestown to go to see it, and after once getting sight of the metropolis of the James River Valley it will take more than a flag to overcome the impression on the mind of the traveler. What we said about capturing that flag was all "truff." We didn't want it—we wouldn't have it. If that flag had been awarded to us, Bismarck and Fargo in their envy would not only have called our place Jimtown in quotations, but would have called us a flag station besides.

The street commissioner's attention is again invited to the board walking leading from the Dakota House to the railroad crossing. It is a dangerous thing in its present condition, and an unguarded pedestrian is liable to break a limb, and a City inherit a bill of costs for injuries. There are numerous defective street crossings in the town, and animals in crossing are liable to get their legs in the holes, and sustain great injuries. The city authorities should see that these places are repaired immediately and avoid an accident that we may be called upon to chronicle any moment, from delay.

WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17.—The secretary of the treasury has approved the recommendation of the commission on the selection of the buildings at Minneapolis.

Surgeon General Weyler has been advised that the metallic baskets contained for the bodies of Lieut. Commander De Long and companions will tomorrow be placed on board the Otrento, which sails for New York Saturday. It is expected that the remains will arrive in this country about the middle of December.

Telegraphic advices received to-night from General Sheridan and Pope cast a doubt upon the correctness of published reports of a northern Cheyenne outbreak. No positive information of reported trouble has been received from military authorities situated in the Indian territory and no such response has been received by Acting Secretary Joslyn of the Indian department from the agents at the Cheyenne agency.

Milwaukee Items.

MILWAUKEE, Sept. 6.—The second democratic convention met in West Bend to-day. Two candidates, Briggs and DeLaney had fourteen delegates each, who stood to their choice through fifteen ballots without any result. An adjournment was taken until to-morrow.

Gen. Briggs is sick and confined to his bed at the hotel.

In the saloon of John Totten, corner of Broadway and Chicago streets, Frank Allen from Burlington, Wis., who has been residing in Milwaukee for two years,

## LATEST NEWS.

Burling County Captures and Carries off the Silk Banner.

The Territorial Convention—No Nomination yet Reported.

Affairs in Egypt—Another Victim of the Bismarck Bridge.

FOREIGN ADVICES.

DUBLIN, Sept. 6.—The services of special constables has been dispensed with.

KASSASSIN, Sept. 6.—The British outposts were strongly reinforced to-day and drove the enemy back. Lieut. Holland, of the 16th Hussars, was wounded.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Sept. 6.—The proclamation of the porte against Arabi Pasha declares that the maintenance of authority and prestige of the Khedive is indispensably necessary and that the designs of Arabi Pasha justify his being described as a rebel. Derwish Pasha, Serfer Pasha, Baker Pasha and Lebibe are to start for Egypt Saturday. The Kurdish chief, Abdulluh, has made his submission to the Sultan and been ordered to reside at Medina, in Arabia, where a pension will be allowed him.

ATHENS, Sept. 6.—An armistice had been concluded between the Greeks and Turks on the Thessalian frontier for a definite settlement of the dispute in regard to the frontier is progressing satisfactorily.

ISMAILIA, Sept. 6.—Several correspondents have protested against the appointment of a small hunting party on Wolf creek, west of the fort, who were hunting wild horses. A party was sent out to take them back to the reservation, and Gen. Pope has telegraphed assuring settlers that there is no cause for alarm. Capt. Bennett of Fort Reno telegraphed to-day in regard to the hunting party, and said there was no trouble, as the Indians have no hostile feelings whatever.

More Guitau.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 7.—The report of Drs. J. W. Arnold of New York, E. G. Shakespear, of Philadelphia, and J. W. McConnell, of the Army Medical Museum, Washington, the experts selected to make a microscopical examination of Guitau's brain, will be published in the Philadelphia Medical News Saturday. In reference to their report the Medical News will say in an editorial on microscopic revelations, that there are no reasons for changing the opinions which were originally expressed to the effect that Guitau, an abnormal character, justly suffered the penalty of the law for the high crime he had committed.

Fifty-three Bodies Found.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Sept. 7.—Special from Fort Concho, Texas, says that the region along the Concho river, visited by the great floods of two weeks ago, have been thoroughly searched and fifty-three white bodies recovered and recognized, and that a larger number than that, mostly of Mexican herders whose names are unknown, were also recovered. Losses at Senangelo and Concho foot up to \$312,000. Loss of stock and property in the surrounding country will aggregate as much more. A relief subscription for sufferers, mostly from stock dealers, reaches \$10,000.

A Bold Robbery.

PITTSBURG, Sept. 7.—A remarkably bold robbery was committed last night or this morning at the Tannery of Jas. Collyer, who is also president of the Pittsburg & Western railroad. The office of the tannery was entered by a rear window which was pried open. The burglars then proceeded to blow open the safe, using so large a charge of powder that the large safe was blown a distance of four feet. It was then ransacked and \$59 in money and about \$50,000 worth of mining stock and other securities were taken. There is no clue whatever.

The President on His Travels.

WOODS HOLE, Mass., Sept. 6.—The U. S. steamer Dispatch arrived this morning, having on board President Arthur. At noon the United States fish commissioners, steamer Fish Hawk, took the party with Prof. Baird and Major Ferguson, fish commissioners, and a large party on board. The steamer proceeded to Menasha beach and trolled and dredged for specimens. They arriving in port at 6 p. m. The president and party, with other invited guest dined with Maj. Ferguson on board the steam yacht Lookout. The Dispatch leaves in the morning.

The Grangers in Council.

ST. PAUL, Sept. 6.—The Farmers' State Board of Trade was in session this morning from 10 until 11:30, and did the preliminary business incident to the regular winter session. No changes were made in the inspection of grades of wheat. Among the resolutions adopted was one calling on congress to legislate on the saw dust business, and another instructing the secretary to have the different grades of wheat analyzed in order to determine their relative food qualities.

Only Two Dipnetts Settled.

SPECIAL ADVERT.

GRAND FORKS, Sept. 7.—At noon to-day but two cases out of the fifteen disputed ones on credentials had been settled. Speeches, of Fargo, made a brilliant plea, and the convention adjourned. The committee has promised to report to-morrow morning. Raymond has a good show for the nomination, but Hand and Pettigrew still stick to their respective lines of battle.

Minneapolis News.

MINNEAPOLIS, Sept. 7.—In the first race, the 240 class, Prince Arthur took first money, Brown Wilkes second, Mollie B. third and Lady Florence fourth. Time, 2:27 1/2, 2:27 1/2, 2:29 1/2.

The twenty mile race between Espanosa and Belle Cook, was won by Cook by over two miles, in 45m. 10s. Espanosa was thrown from his horse and considerably bruised.

while drunk to-night drew a revolver and after warning Totten's wife, shot a man named John Waters through the body, causing a fatal wound. Another man named Chas. Johnston, who tried to interfere, was also shot. Allen was arrested shortly after the deed in a drunken condition.

The Territorial Contest.

GRAND FORKS, Sept. 2.—The republican territorial convention was called to order at 12:15, by George H. Walsh, chairman of the central committee. In behalf of the North Dakota delegation he presented the name of W. F. Ball, of Fargo, for temporary chairman. A committee of nine on credentials were appointed, five from North Dakota and two each from the Hand and Pettigrew faction. The convention then adjourned to meet the committee a chance to report till 1:30, at which hour the convention again met but the committee not being ready to report, again adjourned until 8 p. m. The committee is in secret session and it is believed wont report before to-morrow noon.

Contradiction of Report of Cheyenne Outbreak.

LEAVENWORTH, Kansas, Sept. 7.—A Times reporter visited Fort Leavenworth to-day to ascertain in regard to the invasion of the state by the Southern Cheyennes and the depredations reported to have been committed, and learned that the report was started by the appearance of a small hunting party on Wolf creek, west of the fort, who were hunting wild horses. A party was sent out to take them back to the reservation, and Gen. Pope has telegraphed assuring settlers that there is no cause for alarm. Capt. Bennett of Fort Reno telegraphed to-day in regard to the hunting party, and said there was no trouble, as the Indians have no hostile feelings whatever.

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