

THE JAMESTOWN ALERT. DAILY AND WEEKLY.

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From the Daily, Saturday.

Otto Gasall is laboring in the harvest field, for himself.

H. F. Elliott, esq., has just completed a fine residence on the south side.

The new millinery establishment on Fifth avenue is fast approaching completion.

It is about time the Daily Graphic, with the proposed sketches of Jamestown, should show up.

Frank J. Mead, of Mandan, is in the city. Mr. Mead is Morton county's choice for the legislative assembly.

Architect Grove is sketching the town in a view from Prospect Hill addition, which, when completed, will be sent east and lithographed.

Duck shooting is becoming one of the fine arts in this country now, and our citizens are indulging in the recreation all the leisure time they have.

A prominent Pennsylvania senator, who has made Jamestown his summering place argues that temperance and morality are props to civilization and should be practised as well as preached.

In the practice of these virtues the senator thinks Dakota beats the world.

Mr. Porter Churchill, of Galeana, Mich., brother of druggist Churchill, of this city, arrived in town yesterday and will engage with Slowsky & Thomas, he being a tinsmith.

Street Commissioner Vennum is entitled to the thanks of a long suffering public for replacing dilapidated cross walks with new ones in the streets of the capital city.

The list of sidewalk assessments published in the Weekly Alert yesterday is a matter of special interest to those who have the significant figures set opposite their names.

Work on the new school building is being pushed along as rapidly as possible and every effort will be made to have it ready for the commencement of the school term the 15th inst.

The Alert has the honor of erecting the first brick building on the south side and the second one in the city. There are five or six others in the process of construction, however.

The efforts put forth by the people of Stutsman county in preparing the exhibit for the Minneapolis fair are certainly commendable, and if we do not receive the chief prize it will not be for want of a good showing.

Billy Maze, the telegraphic editor of the Bismarck Tribune, who is a most pleasant and whole-souled young man, was very much pleased with Jamestown and its people, and especially enjoyed the Presbyterian festival which he attended night before last.

There seems a reasonably fair probability that a reading room will be established in Jamestown before the winter sets in, and it is the duty of every good citizen to aid in every possible way the proposed laudable enterprise. It would furnish a pleasant and instructive place for whiling away the long winter evenings.

The list of real estate transfers published in the Daily and Weekly Alert yesterday morning was the largest ever before given in one week, and indicates that the people are catching on to town lots and wheat lands at a lively rate. We have yet quite a number of extra copies of the weekly to supply those who desire them to send away.

Dunne & Marsh, we find, have some choice bargains in their books, notably a section of land, two and a half miles from each of two stations and seven miles from Jamestown, which they can sell at \$10 per acre. They have been our most successful real estate sellers this season and Mr. Dunne attributes their success in this direction largely due to their advertising in the Alert.

Jackson McCabe and wife and H. W. Leutz, of Williamsport, Pa., arrived in town yesterday. The party are friends and old acquaintances of Messrs. Wallace and McGinnis of this city. The Alert is pleased to note the arrival of the staid and steady citizens of the Quaker state, for when they once get out here many of

them are never afterwards satisfied until they become permanent citizens.

A Bismarcker, upon his arrival in Jamestown a few days since made the remark that he "came to Jamestown to boom Bismarck." Soon afterwards, as he began to gather himself together for a homeward trip, he was heard to remark "that our sprightly little city had taken the love of Bismarck entirely out of his soul, and that he should return to Bismarck and boom Jamestown. He is not the only man who has unintentionally fallen in love with this model city.

W. H. Dunne not satisfied with rusticiating at his farm yesterday morning, undertook to break his young stepper to get the horse in shape for land seekers and the ladies, you know. He invited a gentleman friend to do the driving but the critter didn't seem to understand the business. It took half an hour to get the half block from Fry & Insley's to Fifth avenue, but the friend stuck to the onerous task and succeeded in making two blocks and return on Fifth avenue in the remarkable time of two hours. Neither of the gentlemen sustained any injuries but the bit was broken and the horse returned to the stable a sadder, if not a wiser quadruped. He has been doing well under saddle and in double harness but he evidently don't like to go it alone to a buggy. We are sorry for the friends who expected to ride behind him next Sunday eve but prophesy that ere a fortnight rolls around it will be as nice a driver as anybody's horse.

From the Daily of Sunday.

A fine house is being erected on Capitol Hill - the future boulevard of the city of Jamestown.

The mother of M. E. and P. H. Foley arrived in Jamestown yesterday on a visit to her sons.

Stutsman county transfers for the past week more than double Cass county transfers.

Street commissioner Vennum is a good boy. He has substantially repaired all the broken sidewalks.

That good old pioneer, H. F. Elliott, has moved into a handsome new residence at the foot of Sixth avenue.

Duck and chicken shooting is improving, and in this week records of one and two hundred ducks a day will be made by Jamestown shooters.

Commander Gorrige, of the United States navy, and Sir John Pender, M. P., of England, are en route to St. Paul for a trip out on the line of the Northern Pacific.

A petition signed by fifty settlers on the north shore of Devil's Lake, asking for the establishment of a postoffice there to be known as "The Narrows" has been forwarded to Washington.

Mrs. David Curtin will pass the winter in the south. She will leave Jamestown in October and return in May. The lady's many friends will wish her a delightful trip and a return with restored health.

Several high-toned weddings are looked for this month. One old bachelor, a prominent Jimtown boomer, is a prospective groom, and a very handsome Pennsylvania widow will again don the bridal veil.

Anton Klaus, proprietor of the Jamestown Koller Mills, is worthy of a vote of thanks. He has reduced flour, the staff of life, two dollars per barrel in the market. The Belle of Jamestown is now quoted at \$7; the Golden Northwest at \$6.

F. A. Conehay, the popular ticket agent, is out again. During his sickness, his brother, Bob Conehay, as good a boy as ever trod on neat's leather, did double duty. P. A. Murray, a lightning telegrapher from Bismarck, is now assisting the Conehays.

The secretaries of the Masonic and Odd Fellows fraternities report many accessions to their ranks. Ninety-nine out of every hundred new comers belong to one or other of the grand brotherhoods - most of them sport three links as well as a square and compass.

Pennsylvania is looming up in grand proportions. Thirty Keystoneers have "clamped on" in Jamestown in the last seven days. Michigan is in danger of losing the sceptre. Maj. Thos. B. Lloyd is the Pennsylvania candidate for mayor at the next municipal election.

Attached to the train from the east on the Northern Pacific, last evening, was a special car containing General Anderson, chief engineer of the road; Mrs. Haupt, wife of the general manager; United States Commissioners E. B. Johnson and J. R. Sanborn, and Mrs. Sanborn.

Mrs. J. T. Eger and sister, Miss F. E. Heslet, from Illinois, are making a short visit in town. Miss Heslet is much pleased with prairie life in Dakota, having much improved in health during her seven weeks stay in Dakota, having gained seven pounds in weight in that time.

William Withauer, a newcomer from Wisconsin, died in Jamestown yesterday. His friends have been notified. The deceased was about twenty-five years of age and came to Jamestown two weeks ago. He died in a boarding house on Fifth avenue. Several hundred dollars was found on his person.

Mr. M. V. Richards, a worthy deputy of Col. Peter B. Groat, the emigration agent of the Northern Pacific road, left for St. Paul last evening. He says that the James River Valley is the finest land on the line of the road. Richards is a good man and his chief, Col. Groat, is the best railroad man in the country.

The democratic territorial convention will be held at Mitchell Sept. 27th. Under the call, Cass county is entitled to eight delegates; Barnes, four; Burleigh, eleven; Grand Forks, eleven; Griggs, one; LaMoure, one; Morton, five; Pennington, six; Ransom, one; Richland, three; Stutsman, four; Traill, three; Walsh, two; Kidder, one.

Gen. Phil Sheridan, that grand old soldier, passed through Jamestown, on a special, just before daybreak yesterday morning, en route to Chicago from the Yellowstone Park. In his company was John McCullough, the eminent tragedian.

Had Gen Sheridan passed through Jamestown in daylight he would have received an enthusiastic greeting.

Twenty members of the legal profession can be found in Jamestown. Nearly all of these deal in real estate and, in fact, almost every business man in the town does something in North Dakota dirt.

The most delightful entertainment of the week was given by the ladies of the Presbyterian church, at the Dakota House on Thursday night. They realized \$75, to be expended in liquidating the debt on the handsome church parsonage.

The following ladies deserve mention in connection with this entertainment: Mrs. J. J. Flint, Mrs. R. M. Winslow, Mrs. A. R. Hathorn, Mrs. J. A. Dole, Mrs. W. E. Dodge, Mrs. E. D. Strong, Mrs. R. E. Wallace, Mrs. E. Hicks, Mrs. McGee, and the Misses Lloyd, Wells, Kinney, Lyon and Del Klaus. The entertainment will be repeated at an early date.

Last night Justice Allen solemnized a marriage. In his exaltation over a twelve pound boy, a well spring of pleasure in his own household, he lost the key to his office and in consequence the ceremony was performed in the hall way, the city editor of the Alert being the sole witness to the deed. Justice Allen was very happy in his address to the couple; he told them to be friendly, productive and happy.

The editor captured the first kiss from the blushing bride, Mrs. Christina Boas, the owner of a tree claim near Eldridge. She has sworn to love, honor and obey one James H. Donolua, a bricklayer of Jamestown.

From the Daily, Tuesday.

I, C. Wade is going on about a month's tour of inspection and pleasure down in the vicinity of Aberdeen.

Cleveland is the name of the new station just established, midway between Jamestown and Spiritwood.

Messrs. J. Lit, of Chicago, and L. E. Ziegler, of Cincinnati, were among the arrivals on the train last evening.

The ticket and telegraph office, which has been undergoing repairs, is about completed and will be ready for occupancy in a few days.

Work on the First National bank building is being pushed at a rapid rate, and when completed it will be one of the finest in the city. It is to be heated by steam.

A large force of surveying parties are now at work subdividing sections up in Foster county, and a great deal of the land has already been taken by "squatter" claims.

The number of words of Associated Press news received by the Alert during the month of August was 65,000, several thousand words in excess of the previous month.

Howard T. Hetrick is no longer connected with the Alert. It is one of the Medo-Peyson rules of the office that its employees must be sober as well as capable.

The Sunday mail is a great convenience to our people in various ways. A great many remain out in the country all week and come to town on Sundays to get their mail and write their letters.

The railroad company has at last put in Rubie Winslow's side track and he will at once commence the erection of his coal house, which will be 100x24 feet, divided up in bins of a capacity of eight car loads each.

Mr. A. C. Palmer has his hay press in operation and a large force of men employed baling hay preparatory for shipment. From present indications the market promises good for prices, the coming winter.

Mr. A. E. Taylor, roadmaster of the Northern Pacific railroad, was in town yesterday. He is putting the road in excellent condition for the fall traffic. The company is anticipating a very large business in the way of immigration.

Senator Beck, of Kentucky, was in town last Sunday during the halt of the train. The senator was on his way out to Montana, where he has a son extensively engaged in the cattle business. He expressed himself delighted with this country and with Jamestown.

The Alert desires to remind the people of this county that the Cass county fair will be held at Fargo, commencing the 10th of September, and would also suggest that Stutsman county should make an exhibit, which we are informed would not only be welcomed to, but will be accorded, a place.

Frank Anson reports having had a nice little dance up at Sykes & Hughes' ranch one night last week. The scattering shacks congregated until they had fourteen young ladies and two married women, enough for four sets, and they made the starry heavens smile to witness the merriment of the occasion.

Geo. Grimm, of the firm of Grimm, Giesler & Mueller, doing business on Fifth avenue, arrived in Jamestown last Saturday, from Jefferson, Wis., where he resides. Besides his interest in the mercantile business of the above firm, he has quite an extensive farm and town property interest here and in this vicinity.

And all the rush of business, and the efforts for other enterprises, we hope the people will not neglect or forget the reading room which has been talked of for some time. Jamestown can ill afford to do without that important place of resort the coming winter. As an advertisement of the town and an inducement for immigration, such an enterprise would be of incalculable value to the town.

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