

Notice.

Copies of this number of the Record will be sent to all people in the county whose addresses we have been able to obtain...

REPUBLICAN PLATFORM.

Adopted at Chicago on June 5th. The Republicans of the United States, in national convention assembled, renew their allegiance to the principles upon which they have triumphed in six successive Presidential elections...

We lament the death of President Garfield, whose sound statesmanship, long conspicuous in Congress, gave promise of a strong and successful administration...

It is the first duty of a good government to protect the rights and promote the interests of its own people; the largest diversity of industry most productive of general prosperity and of the comfort and independence of the people...

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in a hatred of slave labor, and a desire that all men may be truly free and equal, is opposed to placing our workmen in competition with any form of servile labor...

Reform of the civil service, auspiciously begun under Republican administration, should be observed in all the executive appointments, and all laws at variance with the objects of existing reform legislation should be repealed...

The public lands are the heritage of the people of the United States, and should be reserved, as far as possible, for small holdings by actual settlers.

The Republican party favors a policy which shall keep us from entangling alliances with foreign nations, and which gives us the right to expect that foreign nations shall refrain from meddling in America's affairs.

We demand the restoration of our navy to its old-time strength and efficiency, that it may, in any sea, protect the rights of American citizens and the interests of American commerce...

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The perpetuity of our institutions rests on the maintenance of a free ballot, honest count, and correct returns. We denounce the fraud and violence practiced by the Democratic party in the Southern States...

We extend to the Republicans of the South, regardless of their former party affiliations, our cordial sympathy, and pledge to them our most earnest efforts to promote the passage of such legislation as will secure to every citizen, of whatever race or color, the full and complete recognition, possession and exercise of all civil and political rights.

Work Before Him. "My dear," she said, poking him caressingly, "it's growing late. You must get up."

"What time is it?" he growled. "It's after 7 o'clock." "Well, that's not late for Sunday morning."

"But, my dear, you forget that there is work before you. We are to have chicken for dinner, you know, and you have got to catch them."

The strong man was out of bed in a second.—Philadelphia Call.

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OUR FIRST LAWSUIT.

Charged with Assault.

The county bearing Jimmy Emmons' eponymous cognomen has passed another milestone on her way toward that condition of things which now prevails in the mother and grandmother communities of the States from whence she has drawn her population.

Not many days ago "there might have been seen"—in fact, there was seen—riding through the streets of Williamsport "a solitary horseman."

After arriving at the hotel, on Broad street, the couple dismounted and entered, and the nature of the visit was then made known.

From the story of the complainant, the citizens of Williamsport were led to believe that his life had been endangered by the sanguinary and bloodthirsty action of a "bad man from Bitter Creek" who lives in the plaintiff's vicinity.

Messrs. J. H. Stevenson and John Avery are neighbors, residing some ten miles north of Williamsport, the former in Emmons County and the latter in Burleigh.

According to the plaintiff, he was peacefully pursuing the gentle and soothing occupation of punching speed out of a yoke of steers with an ox-goad, when suddenly from beside the trail there sprang up a form which caused as much terror to come to the heart of "the said plaintiff" as did the shadows to King Richard.

"Are you going to do that breaking?" quoth the assaulter.

The assaulter did not answer in the negative; for the reason that about an arm's length in front of the gentleman with breaking to do, and pointed toward him (the plaintiff) was the business end of an ugly-looking specimen of the "British Bulldog" revolver.

The plaintiff further stated that his assailant desired, at the point of the pistol, to exact a promise that the plowing would be done.

Being much alarmed, as he stated, Mr. Avery at once set about calling in the strong arm of the law.

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Armed with a warrant, the Sheriff went out to the Long Lake Creek neighborhood and brought Mr. Stevenson back with him. He found him at work in his garden. The "desperado" made no resistance; but it is believed that if he had had the pistol with him the cabbage and tomato plants about would have been saturated with gore.

The trial (what there was of it) took place last Wednesday before Justice Kurtz. Attorney Armspang appeared for the prosecution and Attorney Herick for the defense.

Thus ended the first trial in Emmons County since its organization, and we sincerely hope it will be many a day before any criminal trial shall take place in our midst possessing more of the elements of seriousness than that of Avery vs. Stevenson.

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it there for "rejuvenation." The "gun" was shown at this office by Mr. Dwyer, and is still in need of the blacksmith's services.

The Averys are said to be industrious and law-abiding citizens, and we hope the parties to the controversy may yet be reconciled.

DROPPED TO THEIR DEATH.

William Henry Gribben and George Andrew Horn were hanged at Ashland, Ohio, recently. They were led to the scaffold at 10:06, and the double drop was sprung at 10:12.

The scene when Gribben bade a last farewell to his wife and baby was enough to melt the stoutest heart.

Horn and Gribben slept well the night before the execution. Horn rose to see his last sunrise, and sat an hour and a half gazing idly out of his cell window.

At 8 o'clock the men were dressed and shaved. At 9 o'clock a crowd of 4,000 persons gathered outside and yelled that blood would be spilt.

Horn and Gribben murdered Harry Williams on the 25th of March, 1883. All these men were engaged in cutting wood near Polk, Ashland County.

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Williamsport's Sabbath School.

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Dakota's Soil and Climate.

Much has been said and written about Dakota, and one cannot pick up a paper but there is something said about this great northwestern territory.

A Dakota girl who went out to the gate after dark to meet her beau met a bear by mistake, and bruin, after the manner of

Our Sabbath School.

I remember, when a school-boy, as I conned my lessons o'er, How upon the maps were pictured just a desert—nothing more.

So mistaken were the authors of the text-books then in use That to us, with better knowledge, it is hard to them to excuse.

Fair Dakota! Land of promise! where intelligence holds sway; Where illiterates most seldom care to come and with us stay.

Where the States may boast fine churches—something we must now forego; But to say that we are heathens is to strike a cruel blow.

That upon each Sabbath morning, from their claims both far and near, Come the settlers, Christian scholars, seeking truth divine and clear.

Which reveals a "liberal giving" when the list is passed around.

Thus it will be seen most plainly that in this great New Northwest, Far removed from seats of learning, and with churches slightly blest;

Where but rarely roamed the red man, and who yet remains hard by, Knowing well his race is doomed and the day is drawing nigh;

And believe in the near future this will be the pride of earth.

A Traveler's Views of Our County.

Through the kindness of the writer we are permitted to copy the following communication, recently sent by him for publication in an Eastern journal:

Being a lone wanderer on the face of the earth—in fact, a "man without a country"—instinct either led or incited reason guided me to the land of the north—even to this Dakota, you hear so much about.

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bears in assailing human beings, proceeded to hug her, and she murmured: "Oh, John; you're just splendid!" and gave the bear a hug in return that nearly broke his back, and the mistake so embarrassed the bear that he was all broken up and got away from the girl and made for the woods, blushing like a schoolboy, while she was mad at being left, and yelled at him to know why he was crawling off on all fours.

Dakota Newspaper Work.

A writer in the Sioux City (Iowa) Journal, in speaking of the Dakota papers, says:

Taking the fraternity as an average, a brighter set of men cannot be found in the Territory; and I will go further and say that nowhere in the Union will they average better in point of snip, general pushing qualities and intelligent effort in their particular line.

An Old-Timer, Sure.

John McCrory and Louis Agurid, of Winona, were in Williamsport recently, and gave the Record a call.

A Welcome Settler.

Last Wednesday afternoon Professor Keim arrived at Williamsport, and will settle on his claim (the southwest quarter of section 20, township 135, range 76) near town.

An Illinois Relic.

Sheriff Wade the other day left at this office a very odd-looking "weopin," in the shape of an old double-barreled pistol belonging to his father-in-law, Mr. Thomas Parks, living near Gayton.

The Way of Wall Street.

Bank Cashier—"Well, what do you want?" Tramp—"Only a little matter o' business, sir."

Coal Gators.

Although Emmons County is blessed with a goodly supply of wood for fuel purposes, yet it is with great satisfaction we make the announcement that coal in paying quantities has recently been found in three different places within the county.

Base Ball.

And now to Williamsport has come the base ball fever. A club is to be immediately formed, and for that purpose an invitation is hereby extended to all lovers of the great American game to attend a preliminary meeting to be held on Saturday afternoon next at 2 o'clock, at the Postoffice Building.

Mr. PHILIP ALEXANDER informs us that his nephew, Mr. H. A. Seignour, will be here by the 8th of July. The gentleman is Auditor of Sibley County, Minn.