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THE FOLLOWING BISMARCK BUSINESS men and individuals by their advertisements are assisting in the maintenance of a paper devoted to the interests of Emmons County, and they should be remembered by our citizens when visiting the Capital in quest of professional services or for the purchase of goods.

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**NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF.**  
LAND OFFICE AT BISMARCK, D. T., OCT. 15, 1884. The following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Register and Ex. Secy at Bismarck, on Friday, November 21, 1884. For the substance of said section 10, township 18 N., range 74 W., see notice the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: R. T. Herrick, Thomas Kelly, George Walker, C. H. Erick, all of Williamsport, D. T. J. H. L. Smith, Register.

**NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.**  
THE COMMISSIONERS OF EMMONS COUNTY will meet at the Emmons County Courthouse, Bismarck, D. T., on Thursday, October 23, 1884, to receive proposals for the construction of a school building. Plans and specifications to be furnished at time of letting.

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For Vice-President, JOHN A. LOGAN, OF ILLINOIS.

For Delegate to Congress, OSCAR S. GIFFORD.

**COUNTY OFFICERS.**  
For Commissioners—First District, James D. Gayton; Second District, F. D. Walker; Third District, R. W. Childs.  
For Sheriff—William V. Wade.  
For Register of Deeds—Thomas Parks.  
For Treasurer—Joseph N. Hoop.  
For Superintendent of Schools—J. H. Worst.  
For Probate Judge—George Dougherty.  
For County Attorney—E. T. Herrick.  
For Assessor—H. Burnstead.  
For Surveyor—D. R. Rapert.  
For Coroner—Daniel Bong.  
For Justices of the Peace—A. M. Walker, Gayton; Elliot Campbell, Williamsport; D. R. Jones, Winona; Robert Maxwell, Winchester.  
For Constables—S. L. Parks, Gayton; Ed Campbell, Williamsport; Charles Lock, Winona; W. C. Kennedy, Winchester.

As the RECORD circulates in all sections of Emmons county, and as every dollar expended for goods by our citizens must of necessity go to Bismarck, the columns of this paper are an excellent medium through which the merchants of that city can reach our citizens.

THERE is one action in which the RECORD thinks the recent county convention made a mistake. We refer to the choosing of commissioners—not in the men chosen, but in the precedent established for the manner of their choosing. We are of opinion that the selection of a commissioner should be left to the people of each district, and for this reason: Portions of certain school townships are in different commissioners' districts. If every member of the delegation of five from a school township were qualified to vote on candidates for a certain commissionership, all would be well. But under the present method such is not the case; for, when delegates from a township attend a convention, it may be that all of them reside in one commissioner's district. Where this happens, that portion of the township in another district has no finger in the pie. For instance, Cherry Grove School Township is part in Gayton's district and part in Yeater's. If the delegates present from that township at a

county convention are all from Gayton's district, the balance of the township is unrepresented. The same is true in case the delegates are all from Yeater's district. We trust our next convention will see the necessity of remedying this defect.

Try Frisby's Corn-Killer.

**Philosophico-Hymeneal Advice.**  
The RECORD believes that one of the surest evidences of the abiding faith which Dakota's citizens have in her future prosperity lies in the fact that so many of her young folks are entering the realm of matrimony. The marriage record in a community is the reliable thermometer that registers the rise and fall of the people's hope and faith. It cannot be supposed that if Dakota had proven to be what some Eastern croakers have claimed—if the outlook were dismal and uncertain, or if the way were not reasonably clear—our young men and maidens would tempt fate through the services of the minister or squire. But, on the other hand—after a garnering of crops which have provoked the wonder of the world, with a positive knowledge that every day increases the value of their lands, and lumpy in the assurance that a few years will bring comfortable homes and a future well provided for—is there any wonder that our young men and women should take the initial step in founding those castles of the commonwealth, prosperous and contented firesides? Not much! No sir—'eeebob! Not a bit. In fact, the RECORD believes that the young man who, under the favorable conditions now existing and above related, fails during the long evenings of the coming winter, to cast his eye—or both of 'em—seriously about him, with matrimonial intent—is a 'misfortune' to society, if not a traitor to the state.

A number of Emmons County young men have returned to former homes to spend the winter. If any one of them should materialize in his region next spring sans a joy-and-sorrow-partner, the RECORD will not guarantee his safety. To each of these youths we would say: "If you love Dakota as you profess, before you return marry into a 'large' family of girls, and bring out your sisters-in-law with you. Two congenial seasons exist for such action on your part. In the first place, among many other wise and sublime rulings, the Commissioner of the General Land Office has decided that a wife procured after settlement on your claim counts as 'permanent improvements' in final-proof cases. And, further, unlike Kudder County with her popper-scalp premium, the free and sovereign borough of Emmons intends to offer a bonus for the scalps of hachelors. Seriously, young man, bring a wife with you.

Try Frisby's Liver Pills for all bilious troubles.

**The Prairie-Burning Idiot.**  
During the past week those elements of destruction resultant in most cases from a combination of idiosyncrasy and malice—prairie fires, we mean—have been burning brightly, although some miles distant, on three sides of Williamsport—east, north, and south. The one nearest town, apparently about a dozen miles away, was burning fiercely, and rapidly traveling toward the north. It was hoped that this season would witness an abatement of these prairie-burning nuisances; but no sooner is the grass dry enough to burn than the fire-bands are at their work. Not more than one case in fifty of prairie-burning is the result of an unavoidable cause. In most instances the fire is set from a childish desire "to see it burn," while in others it results from lack of care in burning "fire-breaks. When one sets fire to the prairie he not only violates a territorial law and renders himself liable to fine and for damages, but, by sacrificing the pasturage and endangering hay and straw stacks, he affects adversely the general prosperity of the whole county, and possibly of adjoining counties. Last year many of the fires were set by settlers after seasons of the departed bison; but, as buffalo bones are mostly a thing of the past in this region, it would seem that no possible pretext now exists for incendiarism. The Board of County Commissioners is a unit in the desire to punish infractions of the statutes governing this matter, and it rests with citizens to see that incendiaries are promptly informed against and arrested. The penalty is \$100, half of which on conviction goes to the informer. No false delicacy should be felt in bringing to justice this detestable class of offenders. The man who fires your pasture or burns your hay-stack is as much deserving of punishment as he who applies the torch to your house or stable.

Frisby's Bone-set Balm for Coughs, Colds, and all Lung Diseases.

**Railroad News.**  
A leading citizen of this place, says the Bismarck Tribune, "received a letter from a prominent official of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad, yesterday, stating that the road will be built to Bismarck next year, but admitting that the Rock Island will be the first to reach the Capital City. It is from a source which gives the reliability of all but a demonstrated fact, guarantees the construction of two of the most prominent railroads in the Union to Bismarck in less than a year. With such assurances as these, why should not the citizens of the Capital City feel proud of her past and hopeful of her future. The metropolis of the Missouri Slope has a destiny far brighter and more important than has ever been pictured by mouth or pen."

Emmons County desires to rise and remark, "Me, too!"

**Our "Celebrated Case."**  
The case of Hattie Wray vs. Albert P. Horick for an alleged criminal assault, was tried before Squire Kurtz last week. The evidence not being deemed sufficient to hold the prisoner, the Justice discharged him. It is said that Horick had dug a hole in the ground near his shack, and such is his fear of the "gentle" sex, that he crawls into it whenever he sees a woman in the distance. It is now in order to arrest Horick for having owned the horse which Johnson gobbled.

**IN TOWN AND OUT.**

**THE DIFFERENCE.**  
St. John the Old would convert save  
From Satan's fearful slaughter  
By giving each proud pagan brave  
A drinkin' in the water.

St. John the New, of Kansas, bold—  
May evil ne'er beside 'im—  
Prevents his convert takin' cold  
By chuckin' 'im inside 'im.

Frank Frisby, Druggist, Bismarck. Sheriff Wade was in Williamsport last Saturday.

Mr. N. J. Shields came down from Bismarck last week.

Frisby sells cottage paints at \$1.15 per gallon. Warranted.

Commissioner Whitney returned from a trip to Bismarck Monday.

When you visit Bismarck buy your Drugs, Paints and Oils from Frisby.

Warden Williams has been at the Capital for several days, on a business trip.

Mr. Fred Keeler, of Bismarck, is about to locate some four miles south of town.

Send all orders for sewing machines, needles, oils and repairs to J. Brady, Bismarck, D. T.

Mr. Walker Robinson has been engaged lately hauling lumber for a corral on the Smith ranch.

Messrs. Stevenson, Thistlewaite, Peters, and Adams, of the Long Lake neighborhood, were in town last week.

Judge Seward Smith has decided that the bill providing for the election of clerks of district courts is constitutional.

Last week's RECORD attempted to send our friend Boutillier to Burleigh County a couple of days "too previously." He returned Thursday, and not Tuesday.

Read the definition of the boundaries of commissioners' districts and school townships, on fourth page. Then cut it out and paste it up on the wall or put it in your scrap-book.

The Commissioners have ordered that a furrow be plowed on each side of the located trail between Winchester and Williamsport. All our new roads should be marked in this way.

The Williamsport school-house is rapidly assuming definite proportions. When completed it will be identical in appearance with the school building south of the track, in Bismarck.

Miss K. Brady, Bismarck, has constantly on hand the largest assortment of Millinery Goods west of Chicago. All orders promptly attended to. Main street, between First and Second.

Mr. W. M. Derr last Friday left at this office a Mammoth Pearl potato weighing 1 pound and 14 ounces. A large proportion of the potatoes raised by Mr. Derr weighed over a pound each.

Garden stuff was received this week from Messrs. Asa Casselman, Elliott Campbell, and W. L. Yeater; late papers from Miss Bessie McNeil and Messrs. R. S. Whitney, D. H. Yeater and H. A. Armstrong.

The County Commissioners at their recent meeting decided to place in charge of Mrs. W. Hawkes the little girl Clara A. Johnson, whose father was recently committed to Bismarck jail.

The foolish man foldeth his hands and saith: "There is no trade. Why should I advertise?" But the wise man is not so. He whoopeth it up in the newspapers, and verily he draweth trade from afar off.—Exchange.

Among the experiments in planting this season was that of sweet potatoes. Mr. E. C. Packer has some very fair vegetables of this kind which he raised this year on his farm near town. The plants were not set out until June 20.

D. W. Blake, dealer in dry goods and notions, Banner block, Bismarck, has just received a full stock of fall and winter goods. Citizens of Emmons County when visiting the Capital would do well to give Mr. Blake a call.

Don't neglect to at once plow a fire-break around your buildings and stacks. Every dollar's worth of property consumed is just that much deducted from the public wealth, and, as a consequence, from the general prosperity.

The Merchants' Hotel, Bismarck, has been given up by Messrs. Emerson & Wakeman, their lease having expired. It is understood that these gentlemen considered the rent (\$3,000 per year) excessive. The house will be temporarily closed.

Mr. E. J. Worst and Judge Dougherty went out goose-hunting last Saturday. But the geese, from their recent extensive experience of the ways of hunters, kept themselves beyond reach. The gentlemen then turned their attention to ducks, with satisfactory results.

John Roop last Saturday came down from Menoken, where the Williamsport steam thrasher has been operating lately. Friday the eccentric rod broke, which necessitated sending to Mandan for repairs. Mr. Roop reports a fine yield of grain in the Menoken neighborhood.

Miss Bessie McNeil and Miss Belle Madison came down from Bismarck Saturday. In the evening a husking-bee took place at the lady farmer's residence. A thoroughly enjoyable evening was passed by those present; but, unhappily, no red ears were discovered. The ladies returned next day to the Capital.

Mr. F. W. McKinney, a pleasant young business man of Bismarck, spent several days in Emmons County during the week Monday, in company with Mr. U. S. Shelly. He made the RECORD a welcome call, and Mr. McKinney's trip was in the interest of the well-known and first-class insurance companies which he represents.

If Dakota isn't a corn country, it produces an awful clever imitation of the genuine article—so perfect as to bring it in great demand for seed in Iowa, Minnesota and other states that can—but somehow don't—grow good corn. Already are our neighbors sending up loud calls for a portion of the present bountiful and magnificent crop.—Territorial Exchange.

Mr. E. J. Worst, of Lawrence, Kan., is out on a visit to Emmons County, and is stopping at the residence of his brother, Mr. J. H. Worst, our County Superintendent of Schools. Mr. Worst was here last season, when settlement was just being made in this part of the county. He is interested in land not far from town. He

states that the progress made in a year is much greater than he had supposed. The gentleman will not return for some time.

Mr. U. S. Shelly procured a number of samples of Emmons County farm produce, which he has sent back to Ashland, Ohio, by Mr. S. E. Brindle. The articles will be placed on exhibition in the store of Messrs. Briggs & Shelly, in Ashland. We predict that the "lay-out" will cause some of Ashland County's citizens to be seized with the emigration fever.

Mr. U. S. Shelly reports his grain yield as follows: Oats—Total raised, 7,560 bushels; average, 48 bushels. One piece which was measured gave 68 bushels per acre; but a considerable part of the crop being sown on ground broken late last season, the general average was reduced. Mr. Shelly's wheat yielded 23 1/2 bushels to the acre. The gentleman is more than satisfied with the results.

The RECORD is a county paper. To deserve and maintain this position it must be a medium for the expression of the views of citizens of all sections. While the ideas of a correspondent may not coincide with the views of the editor, yet, if the dictation is decent and the communication reasonably brief, publication will be made. Sign your name. It will not be printed unless you desire it, but is required simply as an evidence of good faith.

No section of the county is making greater progress in substantial improvements than that in the neighborhood of what is known as "Goose Lake." At Mr. Albert B. Peterson's place the house, stable, stacks, machinery, etc., look like a village when seen at a distance. Mr. Martin Nelson, also, among the prosperous farmers in that vicinity. He has lately built a stone barn 20x30 on his place. A well giving a good flow of pure water has been dug, and Mr. Nelson will in a year or two have a valuable and comfortable home.

One of the best and most profitable crops which can be raised in Dakota is flax. The RECORD hopes and believes that the crop now in the territory is ended, and that diversified farming will be the rule hereafter. If this desired change comes about, we have no doubt that a large share of attention will be devoted to the product above referred to. Although the yield of everything else planted was satisfactory in the extreme, yet, in "sizing up" the yield, Commissioner Yeater is most pleased with the result of his flax experiment, as it demonstrates what the possibilities are in this direction. From four acres he harvested 73 bushels of seed—15 bushels to the acre. This ought to be satisfactory, surely.

Don't suffer with Gout when Frisby will cure you.

**How to Plant Trees.**  
A correspondent of an exchange writes as follows: I pass to another point. We have selected our trees. They are before us. They consist of roots, stems and tops. The roots are to go into the ground and represent the chances of plant life. Other things being equal, then, the more and better the roots and the smaller the amount of tops, the more certain the trees are to grow when set out.

My first tree experiment in Kansas was the transportation and planting out of 20,000 yearling apple trees. They were banded in fifties and the tops chopped off like hedge plants. They were set with the stump even with the surface of the soil. They all grow.

And, besides that, we saved two-thirds of the freight bill—a clear case of cheating the railroads. But, says one, you have lost three feet of growth. In theory we have—in practice we have not. Such plants make a clean, healthy growth of from two to four feet the first summer. Yearling apple trees with whole tops do pretty well if they hold their own and grow from two to ten inches. And at the end of the second summer the cut-back plants have caught up, and are by far the cleaner and better-looking trees.

But there is one point that must be attended to. The cut-back plants will start with a cluster of sprouts. All but the best must be rubbed off early in the summer—say the last of May or the first of June. Everything depends on this. Without it the plan is an utter failure.

**DAKOTA DOINGS.**  
A sixty-pound watermelon was raised in Charles Mix County.

Ransom County nominated a lady for Superintendent of Schools.

At an Aberdeen caucus 270 voters were present, and 265 votes were cast.

An owl, five feet from tip to tip, was captured by a three-year-old son of Charles Burroughs, at Grafton.

Chief Running Dog was married to Miss Sorel Top in the parlors of the Brahe House, at Chamberlain.

Ida Emma Watkins, nine months old, received the ten-dollar prize for being the nicest, fattest and farest baby in Spink County.

A Deuel County farmer has posted this notice: "If any man or woman's cows or eggs gets in these here oats, his'n or her'n will be as off as the case may be."

**A Semi-Weekly Mail.**  
The following official communication (dated from the United States Postoffice Department, Office of the Second Assistant Postmaster General, Washington, D. C., Oct. 1, 1884) has been received by Postmaster Armstrong:

The contractor on Route No. 35,383, from Chamberlain to Bismarck, has been instructed in pursuance of an order of the Postmaster General, to perform twice-a-week service from Williamsport to Bismarck. The order is to take effect October 16, 1884, and you will report if it is then complied with. Very respectfully,  
D. LYMAN,  
Second Assistant Postmaster General.

**A Double Wedding.**  
GOUGHINOR—JULIA—Tuesday, Oct. 14, at the residence of Mr. Donald Stevenson, near Glencoe, Emmons County, D. T. Mr. John Goughinor and Miss Annie Mary Julius.

STEVENSON—ROBINSON—At the same time and place, Mr. Hugh Stevenson and Miss Emma Robinson.

Next week's RECORD will give an extended account of the happy event, and the party which took place in its honor.

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