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George Dougherty against J. H. Stevenson. The Territory of Dakota sends greeting: To J. H. Stevenson: You are hereby summoned to appear before me at my office, two and one-half miles southwest of the town of Williamsport, in said county, on the 29th day of November, A. D. 1884, at 10 o'clock a. m., to answer the complaint of the above-named plaintiff, George Dougherty, who claims to recover of you the sum of thirty-seven dollars on an account for overcoat and merchandise, heretofore sold and delivered to you, the said defendant, by the plaintiff.
And you are hereby notified that, if you fail to appear and answer said complaint as above required, said plaintiff will take judgment against you for the said amount of thirty-seven dollars, together with costs and damages.
Given under my hand this 15th day of November, A. D. 1884. JOHN KURTZ,
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NORTH DAKOTA'S COAL SUPPLY.
The wise workings of Providence have never been more manifest than in the demonstration of the fact that Dakota's future fuel supply is assured. A few years ago, even after experience had clearly proven that everything and anything raised in the old Western and Northwestern States could be produced here, the fear existed that, when the limited supply of timber should be exhausted, we would be obliged to transport all our fuel several hundred miles by rail. But all is changed. The land supposed drawback to the prosperous future of this country has been overcome, and now there seems to be nothing to retard the rapid settlement of North Dakota by a class of energetic and enterprising people, and with an absolute certainty of wealth coming to many of them and independence to all.

When lignite coal was discovered in this region many were the predictions that it would prove of little value. But there has demonstrated the falsity of their predictions. In Illinois the writer has used many of the grades of soft coal; in North Dakota, last winter, he used lignite, and he has no hesitancy in asserting that there is very little difference between the two. The lignite needs a finer grate and a larger fire-box; and, these being present, no better coal for cooking and heating purposes is required.

This lignite is the fuel of the future throughout North Dakota, unless anthracite be unearthed, there can be no doubt. To those contemplating emigration from the East, the question of fuel supply in the new country towers as which their vision is directed in a matter of deep concern; and the Record desires to assure the class referred to that they need have no trouble on this score if they come to the Missouri Slope.

Nor is this lignite coal found only at far-distant intervals. It is everywhere. No sooner is a new settlement founded and the people begin to dig wells than layers of the dark-brown fuel are discovered. Some of these seams will not pay the expense of working, owing to lack of proper thickness, but many of them are apparently inexhaustible, and their product is put upon the market at a low price.

Like all her sister counties bordering or near the Upper Missouri, the year-old county of Emmons has been fortunate in the discovery of unlimited quantities of lignite. Last summer half a dozen wells near Williamsport were dug through heavy veins of coal; but not until recently has mining been done. A short time ago Mr. Charles Elick and his associates sank a shaft not far from town, and within a week sufficient coal will be hoisted to the surface to supply all demands from the surrounding country.

It has been shown by the indisputable logic of fact that wheat will grow here; that oats, rye and barley will grow here; that corn will grow here; that millet, timothy and clover will grow here; that buckwheat and the finest of vegetables will grow here; that timber trees will grow here; that small fruits will grow here; that stock can be raised at great profit; and that the best of running and well water may be obtained; that the winters are more comfortable here than in many states further south; that as fine farms as man could wish may be procured on payment of the governmental fees, and that good and cheap fuel abound.

Now, can an Eastern farmer in moderate circumstances give a valid reason why he should not dispose of his farm, keep his stock and tools if not too far to transport them, and come to Dakota next spring? The Record does not ask him to believe its statements without independent proof, and that abundance of evidence may be given him, it only asks that he visit Emmons County before leaving.

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Last Winter's Weather.
The following table shows the points marked by the thermometer during December, 1883, from a record kept by Postmaster Armstrong. The month "came in" on Saturday. A minus sign (-) indicates "below zero." The table will be found interesting for purposes of comparison with the present month:

DAY.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
High	24	37	30	29	14	40	30	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Low	14	40	30	29	14	40	30	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Mean	20	40	30	29	14	40	30	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Max.	24	45	35	34	19	45	35	15	15	15	15	15	15	15
Min.	14	35	25	24	9	35	25	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Range	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10

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IN TOWN AND OUT.

The postoffice of Buchanan, Emmons County, is now ready to receive and send mail matter.
The first tax on real estate in Emmons County was paid on the 16th inst. by Dr. H. R. Porter, of Bismarck.

"Professah" Rupert is again down at the timber—as a real hunter there says, "frightening the deer across the river."
Last week Mr. P. F. Wilcox, of the Capital City, visited Williamsport and paid \$673.44 taxes for Bismarck parties.

Landlord Walker's heart has been made glad by discovering the whereabouts of his log-chain which was "rustled" last winter.
The other day Mr. W. W. Goodwin, of Buchanan, saw an owl worrying a prairie chicken, the latter being almost exhausted. He interfered and captured the chicken alive.

At Winona, on December 15, a soldier named Gray disappeared suddenly. He was seen starting across the river on the 16th, and it is supposed to have fallen through an air-hole.
The Record is in receipt of a letter from Mr. Lucius Byington, of Ella, Poplar County, Wis., an Emmons County land-owner. The gentleman states that his health is not good, and that he will probably come out to Dakota next spring.

One day last week Philip Alexander started from the timber for his claim, about four miles from town. Darkness coming on, he lost his way and "slept" in a ravine about two miles from his place. He escaped with nothing worse than experience of an uncomfortable night.

To those who have experienced winter weather in Dakota there is no question regarding the fact that the thermometer's registry of great cold is no evidence whatever of an extreme degree of discomfort. Mrs. D. R. Streater, being in Bismarck last week, on Thursday, with the mercury ranging from 28 to 30 below, came down on the stage to Williamsport—a distance of thirty-five miles—without suffering in the least. This trip, at 15 below, would have been not only uncomfortable, but extremely dangerous, in the damp-atmosphere states. With the registry at 10 below, the writer has seen, in Chicago, all the drivers and conductors on the various street railway lines refuse to take out their cars. After passing last season up to the 24th of February in North Dakota, the writer made a trip to the Illinois metropolis, and suffered more from the damp-cold weather during the balance of the month and in March than in all his winter experience in this region. There is no "biting" weather here, like that in the lake-states—weather which freezes the marrow in your bones.

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Alkali Soil.
Many Eastern people are continually speaking of the alkali soil of Dakota and the Far West. They seem to consider that all of this country is full of alkali, and that alkali soil is worthless. Both the propositions are wrong; for, as there is comparatively little alkali here, the crops are in no way affected by it. Upon this subject we find in an exchange the following: "Alkali is a name used to designate any soil containing such unusual quantities of salts as to allow them to become visible on the surface during the dry season as a white crust. It is found principally on low or level land. While it may do but little harm in wet seasons, it results in accumulation at the surface whenever the rain ceases, and causes the corrosion of the root-crowns and the stunting and final death of the plant. When stronger, as is sometimes the case, the seed is killed during germination. An effective and cheap neutralizer of this alkali is available in the form of gypsum, which transforms the caustic carbonate into innocent sulphates. Whenever the amount of alkali present is not excessive the use of gypsum relieves all difficulties arising from the presence of the former. And, further, a couple of years' plowing and cultivation renders alkali spots as capable of growing good crops as any other, as the salts soak into the ground with the rain and melting snow, and are dispersed. Analysis shows that in many cases large amounts of important mineral plant-food, such as potash, phosphates and nitrates, accompany the injurious substances; so that, when the latter are neutralized, the previously useless soil may be expected to possess extraordinary and lasting fertility." A great many Eastern farmers sow salt for the purpose of giving the soil the necessary amount of alkali; and, where judiciously done, this has been known to double the yield. In the East, on the old and worn-out farms that are regarded as almost worthless, they have been very much benefited by its use.—(Pierre Record.)

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An Important Decision.
In a contested-land case from Iowa's Secretary Teller has rendered the following important decision:
"In weighing testimony in contested-land cases reference will be had to the condition in life of the man whose claim is contested. If it appear that he showed good faith and an honest intention to secure a home for his family, strict compliance with the homestead laws will not be required in the matter of cultivation and residence, especially where the party is too poor to erect a comfortable house, and is obliged to be absent from his claim to earn an honest livelihood. To sustain a contest for abandonment the entryman must be shown to be in abandonment of the land when the contest was commenced. Poverty excuses non-continuous residence."

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COUNTY NEWS.

Correspondence of the RECORD.
EMMONS COUNTY, Dec. 16.
The mail last evening was three hours late at Emmonsburg, on account of a sick horse from the dinner ranch.

The freighters passed through here this morning on their return from the Indian Agency to Bismarck, en route.
Mr. H. A. Archambault returned last evening from a five-day's trip to Bismarck on good order and "right side up with care."

Our friend McGee commenced chopping cord-wood yesterday. He hauled two loads from Winona at the rate of 75 cents per cord.
The Hon. Mr. Davie Todd has had an addition to his household this month, in the shape of a ten-pounder young lady. Both mother and father are justly very proud of her.

The "Terror of Beaver Creek" says: "I ain't much on the hunt, but the mischief with the pistol. The county authorities ought to put a guard over the aforesaid individual's neighbors to protect them from bodily harm. BEAVER."

Dakota's Population.
Bismarck Journal: Dakota has a greater population than either of the states of New Hampshire, Vermont, Rhode Island, Florida, Colorado, Oregon, Delaware, or Nevada—as much as the last four combined. She has about the population that New Jersey, New Hampshire, Alabama and Minnesota had when they were admitted into the Union; three times the population of Colorado when admitted; four times as much as Georgia, Rhode Island, Mississippi, Iowa and California at the time of admission; and twelve times as much as Illinois had when she entered the sisterhood of states in 1818. In fact there never was but one state in the Union—Virginia—that had as great a population when admitted into the Union as Dakota has to-day. And yet, in the face of all this, Dakota's knowledge of the door of Congress is unheard and unheeded. The statistics prove that there is absolutely a smaller percentage of illiteracy in Dakota than in any other community in the world.

Local Newspapers.
The Mandan Pioneer says: We venture the assertion that the local newspaper is the most useful and least compensated of all agencies which stamp the impress of progress in villages and inland cities. Without the aid of local newspapers, towns are, as a rule, thriftless and dead. Some small great men speak with contempt of home papers; but the local journal makes more great men out of less material—more brick without straw—than any other factor in politics, and it is the one ladder on which men climb to local distinction at the beginning of wise fame. The advent of the local newspaper has always dated the increased thrift of the community. The local newspaper is the life of the locality, and the measure of its support indicates the advancement of the people. These are facts that are well to be borne in mind by men who profit with the rest of the people by the publication of such a newspaper.

Oh, Yes! Oh, Yes! Hear Ye! Hear Ye!
Don't forget the party to be given by Dan Williams at the Williamsport Schoolhouse on New Year Eve. Cards of invitation will be sent out to those citizens of the county whose addresses can be obtained for themselves and their friends. But, if any should be overlooked, hearken ye; this notice is an invitation in due form, and with all the appurtenances, privileges, and so forth thereto belonging. And, further, to those of our neighbors round about Glensho, whose lot has been unhappily cast within the dominions of Burling; Greeting: Come ye all to the merry-making! Selah!

Dakota's Healthfulness.
Testimony is borne to the healthfulness of Dakota by the following Washington dispatch to the Minneapolis Tribune: "The Republic to-day publishes an interview with Miss Croshaw, of this city, who has spent the summer in North Dakota, where she purchased a claim from an old friend, slept on it every night for six months, and now comes back to Washington restored to health, and the owner, as she says, of a claim worth \$2,500—the earnings of one summer in Dakota. She is delighted with her experience, both as to its benefit to her health and as a financial success."

Flax Straw.
A Sioux Falls paper publishes the following letter from a Chicago merchant: "See a statement that the farmers are compelled to burn their flax straw to get rid of it. Will you please try to learn that there is now a demand for flax straw when baled like hay and delivered at the depot, and at prices which will pay a living profit. It is better to cut the flax close to the ground, bind it and stack it in rows, so as to keep the straw straight. It is then worth double what it is when tangled by the thrasher teeth. The finer and longer and straighter the straw, the more valuable it is."

Christmas—Come One! Come All!
The public generally are cordially invited to attend a Christmas entertainment to be given at the Williamsport Schoolhouse on Christmas Eve, December 24, commencing at 7 o'clock. The program will consist of a few brief literary exercises, followed by supper, of which all are invited to partake, "without money and without price." Those invited to furnish contributions for the supper will please leave the same at the store-room of H. D. Connor, on or before December 24. By order of the
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Right Way.
The residents in Bureau School Township are pursuing a wise and far-sighted policy in the building of their schoolhouses. Instead of bonding the township and squandering the proceeds, when a building is needed they talk the matter over in a neighborly way. Each citizen does his share of the work, in cutting, hewing or hauling logs. This gives a comfortable house, and it can be sided at leisure. When finished it is neat and warm, and no heavy debt is piled up.

Clean Seed.
Valley City Times: Now is the farmer's dull time. Employ it well in taking care that your seed for use next spring is well cleaned. Do not wait until you are ready to use it and then run it hurriedly through the mill, and fatter yourself that it is cleaned. Be careful of your seed and you will not haul tons of dirt to the elevators, as you do now.