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County Directory.

Sheriff—JAN. S. COSTELLO. County Auditor—HERMAN ROEHR. County Treasurer—F. R. ZAHL. Clerk of District Court—H. V. SMITH. County Judge—E. LEONHARDY. Register of Deeds—H. E. FIELD. Coroner—E. V. B. ACKERMAN. Supt. of Schools—MRS. M. A. BERGH. County Surveyor—E. C. PALMER. State's Attorney—N. A. STEWART.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

District—THOMAS BURGESS. District—E. L. MOORE, Chairman. District—HOWARD LAMPMAN.

Directors for Town of Williston.

Trustees: F. R. ZAHL, President. WM. FREEMAN, Sec. JAMES KING. Regular meetings held first Tuesday of each month. FRANK WILD, Clerk.

School Board, Special School District of Williston.

WM. FREEMAN, President. E. LEONHARDY, Sec. W. R. MCCHESENEY, JOHN HEFFERNAN, E. A. SHARP, R. H. COPELAND, Clerk. CLINTON HEDDERICH, Treas.

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Officers: N. HEDDERICH, President. E. LEONHARDY, Vice President. B. BROWNELL, Secretary. S. B. METZGER, Treasurer. Trustees—R. H. COPELAND, H. ROEHR, N. A. STEWART. Regular meetings, the last Tuesday evening in each month.

Fort Buford Lodge No. 18, I. O. O. F.

Meets every Wednesday night. O. BERGH, N. G. WM. FREEMAN, V. G. W. S. SNYDER, Sec. F. R. ZAHL, Treas. Williston, North Dakota.

K. O. T. M.

Regular Meetings the first and third Fridays of each month. Members of other Tents cordially invited to attend. JOHN BRUEGGER, C. FRANK WILD, R. K. Williston, N. D.

Religious.

Services at the M. E. church every Sunday, at 10:30 a. m., and 8:00 p. m. Sunday School 11:30 a. m. Bible Class Thursday evening at 8 o'clock.

N. A. STEWART, LAWYER.

STATE'S ATTORNEY, WILLIAMS CO. Collections promptly attended to. Williston, N. D.

LOCAL ROUND-UP.

WINTER APPLES just received at Hedderich Bros.

One week from to-morrow is Christmas. Look out for Santa Claus.

About \$40 in cash was realized at the recent school entertainment.

H. A. Nelson was up again from his Nesson ranch Tuesday with pork and butter.

Geo. Nohle, of the Nohle Bros. ranch in Billings county, was transacting business the city last Saturday.

Beatty's Organs \$35 upwards. Sign painters wanted. Address or call, Daniel F. Beatty, Washington, New Jersey.

The Ladies' Aid of the Congregational church are arranging for an "Art Sale" to take place early next month.

Horace R. Buck, associate justice of the supreme court of Montana, committed suicide last week at Helena.

John D. Rockefeller, it is said, has lost about \$8,000,000 in mining speculations in Snohomish county, Wash.

Jens Stensold, a young Norwegian farmer living near Fessenden killed himself last week by accidentally swallowing carbolic acid.

\$500,000 BEATTY'S Organs \$35.00 up. Sign painters wanted. Address or call, Daniel F. Beatty, Washington, New Jersey.

Nancy Allison McKinley, mother of President McKinley, died at her home in Canton, Ohio, at 2:30 o'clock last Sunday morning, aged 88 years.

The board of education intends giving a week's vacation to the Williston schools between Christmas and New Year's. The vacation will undoubtedly be appreciated by both teachers and pupils.

CASH IS KING!

Study our Advertisements.

They point out a pleasant road to economical purchasing. You can depend upon their sincerity—they are genuine, and every statement as to quality and price can be relied upon. As in our store, so in our advertisements—every assertion and price must be such as can be substantiated by the goods themselves. The goods must be in our store as evidence.

Small Savings.

If you keep close watch on the small savings, you'll not neglect the greater ones. There isn't a portion of our stock but what we claim is a money-saving one for you. A handsome lot of Decorated China-ware, Glassware, Lamps, etc., bought for the Holiday trade, but thrown out now for your early selections. Be sure to look them over.

There is a Happy Combination

Of good clothes, and low prices, at our store. Any man may be known as a careful dresser—meeting in a genteel, economical way, fashion's demands in what is most correct for mens' wear, if he buys our kind of clothing. There is never any "perplexity" about the fit or finish of our clothing—they meet the requirements in the most satisfactory way.

\$ 6.50 Every price mentioned here secures a suit that cannot be surpassed at the price—so perfectly made—so absolutely correct in material—such a happy blending of elegance in clothing, making a reasonable price, that the selection of either lot will have a splendid investment for you. Our prices on Overcoats will surprise you when you take into consideration their lowness. Prices force conviction. No argument necessary.

BRUEGGER MERCANTILE CO.

Mrs. William Freeman and baby left Tuesday afternoon on the east-bound passenger train for a month's visit to her old home at Kasota, Minn.

An amateur dramatic club has been organized in this city, and in the near future will put upon the boards a very interesting and popular three-act drama.

Henry Landahl entertained four or five friends at his bachelor home a few evenings ago, and demonstrated the fact that as an entertainer he has few superiors.

The Bruegger Mercantile Co. this week sold to George Becker about 100 head of cows. Mr. Becker intends locating near the reservation, and engage in the breeding of stock.

Sheriff Costello went across the Missouri Monday to serve some papers on a party who is interested in a little litigation on the Manitoba side of our northern boundary.

Beatty's Pianos \$225.00 up. Sign painters wanted. Address or call, Daniel F. Beatty, Washington, New Jersey.

Congress has met again and is on the grind. What it will do for the relief of suffering Cuba remains to be seen. Perhaps it will turn out as the last congress: Bluster, bravado and buncombe.

J. J. Bates, familiarly known as "Shorty," an old-timer in the Devils Lake region, was found last week frozen to death on the ice of Lake Irvine, a few miles north of Church's Ferry.

On the Yellowstone river last week Lu. Robinson shot and killed a buck wearing a pair of horns with 27 points. The head was sent to Minot to be mounted. Mr. Robinson has spent thirty years as a hunter and trapper, and says he has never seen as handsome a pair of deer horns as those referred to.

A cold wave struck this section Tuesday, though it was not so very cold either, considering the lateness of the season. 'Twas the wind that made things wave hereabouts, and they are waving yet.

The supper and sale of fancy articles given by the Ladies' Aid of the Congregational church at Odd Fellows' hall on Thursday evening of last week, was a very pleasant and successful affair. The receipts from all sources netted the society about \$75.

PIANOS Organs, \$35 upwards. Sign painters wanted. Catalogue free. Address Daniel F. Beatty, Washington, New Jersey.

We still have several notes and accounts due us, and parties knowing themselves indebted to us will consult their own interests by calling early and adjusting them. JOHN BRUEGGER & BRO.

H. E. and Charley Field, and Judd Pettis, went to Buford Monday, the Messrs. Field having a contract to remove three or four of the buildings purchased there at the recent sale by Mr. J. E. Evans of Arden, Mont. The boys will probably be engaged there two or three weeks.

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The latest candidate for journalistic recognition is the "Williams County Press," printed at Grinnell by O. M. Dean. The first issue of the Press is on our table, and presents a very clean impression, as might well be expected from brand-new material. Although the enterprise is not likely to prove very successful financially, the Graphic extends hearty welcome to the new undertaking, and hopes that Bro. Dean will reap a fortune on that line.

Just Received at the BIG STORE!

25 dozen Handkerchiefs, colored border. 1 cent each.

Ladies' Embroidered Handkerchiefs, suitable for Xmas presents, 6c to 40 cents each.

Japanese Silk Initial Handkerchiefs, 20 cents each. Hedderich Bros.

Mr. and Mrs. George Bruegger departed yesterday for a three months' visit at Milwaukee, Wis. Of course, Mr. Bruegger expects to spend a portion of the time visiting his old home at Watertown, and other places, but Milwaukee will be his headquarters.

The ladies will lead in the debate at the meeting of the Literary Society at the M. E. church this (Friday) evening. The question is "Woman's Suffrage," and we look forward to an interesting discussion. Don't fail to come out if you have a mind capable of digesting a rich literary feast. Admission to these exercises, like salvation, is free.

The M. E. association of this city, through its ever-genial pastor, Rev. W. H. Gooderham, at the recent government sale of abandoned buildings, at Fort Buford, purchased the building formerly used there as a chapel for the soldiers. We understand that the building is much larger than the present Congregational church of this city, and when moved down here and placed in position will materially add to the beauty of Williston.

"Amateur Hunter's" poem—4th page.

When you drive to town on a cold day, do not leave your team to stand and shiver unprotected on the street. Be humane to your horses. Blanket them well, or better still, put them into one of our livery barns and feed them. If you haven't a horse-blanket of your own, buy one of I. C. Stewart, the harness man.

Mrs. S. Johnson, sister of Mrs. E. W. Daniels, our local weather observer, accompanied by her three children, Misses Fannie and Emma, and Master Seth, spent last week in this city visiting Mrs. Daniels. Mrs. Johnson and family were from Thomas, Mich., and were enroute to Portland, Oregon, whither Mr. Johnson had preceded them to prepare a home for their reception.

Miss Maud Stiles, accompanied by her sister, Mrs. James King, left for her home at Nesque Tuesday morning, where she will probably remain during the balance of the winter. This will leave a void in the social circle of Williston which the young people will sadly realize at their usually pleasant gatherings, as Miss Stiles was the light and life of the young folk.

The ladies of the Congregational church are making every effort to procure funds sufficient to place in their pretty little edifice a full set of convenient pews or seats, the cost of which, with freight, will amount to something like \$175. The seats, we understand, have already been ordered, and the ladies are highly elated over the fact that they now have nearly enough on hand to pay for them.

Think It Over.

Isn't it about time that you pay the account you still owe to John Bruegger & Bro., and let them have the use of the money for awhile? We desire to maintain your friendship, but will even sacrifice that, if necessary, to obtain a settlement.

Death of James King.

James King, who was taken from here to Grand Forks on the 5th inst., to be operated on for a gun-shot wound he had received in the arm, died at St. Luke's hospital in that city last Saturday morning. The body was brought to this city Sunday, and the funeral services took place at the Congregational church Monday afternoon, the remains being followed to the cemetery by one of the largest processions ever witnessed in this city. Mr. King was forty years of age, a man of exemplary and industrious habits, a member of the board of trustees of the town of Williston, and highly esteemed by all who knew him, and his untimely death is keenly felt by the entire community. He leaves a wife and four children to mourn his sad and early death.

It seems likely there will be quite a contest at Harvey over the result of the election to incorporate. The vote stood 12 to 11 in favor of incorporating, but since then two persons have admitted they had no right to vote, and this leaves the result doubtful.

Tax Notice.

OFFICE OF COUNTY TREASURER, WILLIAMS COUNTY, Williston, N. D., Dec. 15, 1897. The 1897 taxes are due and payable at this office. Real property taxes become delinquent on the first day of January, and if unpaid there shall attach thereto a penalty of 3 per cent, as soon as the same becomes delinquent; also, on the first day of March following, an additional penalty of 3 per cent; on the first day of June following an additional penalty of 3 per cent, and on the first day of November following a further penalty of 5 per cent, on the original tax. All personal property taxes become delinquent on the first day of March next after they become due, and thereupon a penalty of 5 per cent shall attach and be charged upon all such delinquent taxes, and thereafter there shall be charged interest at the rate of 1 per cent per month on the original amount until the same is paid. Tax-payers will therefore take notice and make their payments promptly, otherwise I shall be compelled to follow the directions of the law and turn the lists over to the sheriff to enforce the collection of delinquent taxes by distraint and sale. F. R. ZAHL, County Treasurer.

Notice to School Clerks.

The school clerks of the several districts want to bear in mind that the 20th of December will soon be here, and that the census reports are required to be sent to the county superintendent of schools before that date. M. A. BERGH, Co. Supt.

Notice.

U. S. Land Office, Minot, N. D., Dec. 4, 1897. Complaint having been entered at this office by Martha Kruth against Mary C. Usher, for abandoning her homestead entry No. 488, dated January 28th, 1897, upon the 1/2 NW 1/4 and 1/2 SW 1/4 of section 10, township 104, range 100, in Williams county, North Dakota, with a view to the cancellation of said entry, the said parties are hereby summoned to appear before E. Leonhardy, judge of the county court of Williams county, at Williston, N. D., on the 22nd day of January, 1898, at 2 o'clock p. m., to respond and furnish testimony concerning said abandoned homestead entry. THOMAS E. GRAMANN, Register. JOHN A. ELY, Receiver.

COME NOW! OUR CHRISTMAS GOODS Are Open FOR INSPECTION. HEDDERICH BROTHERS, WILLISTON, N. D.