

TOWN AND NEIGHBORHOOD.

Spring Process from Over the Prairie - Local Items from

Hamilton, Walhalla, Bathgate, Drayton, Neche, Crystal and Carlisle.

DRAYTON.

We had quite a destructive fire on Monday afternoon which came near being disastrous to a considerable portion of the town. Mr. D. Graham's large stables were burned to the ground, having caught fire from sparks issuing from the smokestack of the "Alsop."

A thoughtful young gentleman informs a representative of the Progress-Express that the proportion of bachelors in this vicinity to the whole population is alarmingly on the increase. The aforesaid young man does not attempt to wrestle with the question much less to solve it.

The sale of town lots has been unusually brisk during the week, \$1,000 worth having changed hands. Prospects of a railroad have something to do with the increased demand for lots, while the broad fields of cultivated land stretching far out from the town gives an assurance of the inevitable growth and development of business of every kind.

Business is good. Mr. Goff has been getting in new shipments of goods; Dayman & Smith are good natured over their large sales; Wallace Bros. report the various departments of their business in a prosperous condition; G. A. McCrez has proved himself a successful hardware merchant; and G. A. VanCamp finds the furniture business increasing.

Building Notes.—Mr. Thorpe lately from Howick, Ont., expects to build several cottages to rent. Mr. D. Woolner is about putting an addition to his dwelling. Mr. A. Smith's large addition to his house looms up in good shape. Mr. Graham will soon build a large stable in place of the one burned down. Mr. W. A. Anderson, lately of Brooklyn, N. Y., is one of a firm that have decided to build a 50,000 bushel elevator on the river bank, or on the railroad if built.

The ever polite, agreeable, enthusiastic and persistent lady book agent has been in town. She came, saw and conquered quite a number of our citizens, all of whom will in due time enter upon the study of a recent edition of Talmage.

HAMILTON.

Mr. Randall, of Durand, Ill., was in town last week on his way home from the Devils Lake country, where he has been prospecting. After seeing a great deal of the Northwest both town and country, Mr. Randall is of the opinion that Pembina as a farming county is unexcelled on the continent and that Hamilton is making good and substantial progress.

Farmers all agree in saying that a more favorable Spring could not be desired.

Mr. Ewing who owns a number of lots on Fourth street intends putting up a number of dwelling houses, as soon as seeding is over, as houses are scarce and rents high the enterprise will pay well.

Mr. Wright is putting up a neat private residence in the Southern part of the town and will occupy it himself.

O. H. Johnson's furniture and machinery depot is making good progress and will be ready in a few days.

Mr. A. McLean has been engaged for the last few days in working up a scheme to construct a road running due east from Hamilton and striking the Red river near Joliette. Mr. McLean has received promise of support along the proposed route sufficient to do the grading and the only outside assistance required will be enough money to bridge what is known as the "big slough." To the business men of Hamilton this road is of the utmost importance as it would give them the trade of a large section of country lying at their very door and which for want of a passable road is diverted to other places. To the farmers it is of equal importance not only because it would give them easy access to another market, but in the matter of drainage alone would more than repay them for all their labor.

Rev. Mr. Huntley, Baptist minister of Fargo, preached last Sunday in the church and the Rev. Williams of Bathgate, in the afternoon.

Mr. J. C. Hart, the principal of our public school, reports an increased attendance and interest in educational matters. Under Mr. Hart's management the school is sure to be a success.

Lost, strayed or stolen—from the town of Hamilton or on about the 15th day of March, a White Elephant answers to the name of The Hamilton Chamber of Commerce, aged about four days, of a pale, sickly complexion and subject to fits. Any information as to its whereabouts will be gladly received and thankfully acknowledged by the town clerk, Hamilton, D. T.

NECHE.

COMMUNICATION. DEAR EXPRESS: We worshipped in our new church in Neche on Sabbath, May 11th. Two weeks after our first service in town we started a subscription list. Two weeks later we decided to build. Two weeks later we saw the frame in its place; and two weeks later we met in the church with a congregation of fifty-five. The week later we arranged to build a manse, which we have done by the generous aid of the builders of the town, and we are now (May 11th) living in the same. This is what we call enterprise properly directed. We are arranging for a tea meeting early in June. Any assistance from friends will be appreciated. A. K. C.

CRYSTAL. Our school was opened last Monday by Miss Oldham of Grand Forks.

Lawyer Spencer of Grafton paid our town a visit last Sunday. Mr. Driscoll of Grafton was up putting in his crop with eight teams and finished in good season. Mr. Robt. Gatenby, Sr., has been very ill. Dr. Hodson, of St. Thomas, is attending him. Miss Gram and Mrs. Stong are about to leave for the home of the former near Fargo. Your correspondent can guess what for.

CARLISLE. Mr. Geo. Winter's horse took fright, at a noisy dog about a mile east of the post office last Saturday and started at a furious gallop towards Hamilton, leaving a cloud of dust behind, also Mr. Winter's hat. No serious harm done.

Mr. Moffat has his house nearly completed and is expected to arrive with the balance of his family in a few weeks.

This week will about wind up seeding operations around Carlisle.

Mr. Frank McCormack has had an accession to his family, but we are unable to classify the little arrival.

WALHALLA.

The Campbells are coming—four men of that name having taken claims a few miles west of here.

Mr. D. Morden is fitting himself for the 100 yard foot race to be run at Mountain City on the 24th of May. Mr. John McGregor is visiting his father in Manitoba. Mr. John Ireland is building a large house. Mr. Joseph Palusky and his bride have taken up their residence on his claim and Joe is making the prairie look black.

Suckers are plentiful in the raging Pembina. One man caught fifty-six one day last week.

There is considerable talk of fitting up a grove here for the benefit of picnic parties. Among other things a platform for the use of those who wish to indulge in the light fantastic will be erected.

By the amount of pedestrianism our friend Charlie is indulging in, we think he must be practicing for a hundred mile walking match somewhere.

BATHGATE.

One day and night last week, we had the pleasure of the company of Mr. Bryan Culver, a native of New York, who went to Iowa in an early day, and experienced all the difficulties of pioneer life there, and all the ups and downs of an active business life. For several years he has been one of the heavy farmers at Grand Forks. This gentleman has had a wide experience in farming and handling grain, and the success that he has made of it, leads us to value his opinions very highly. He prefers North Dakota, to any other part of the Territory, because there is better land here, because we do not have any of the hot and blighting winds that a vet over the country, farther south, because we are out of the regions of grass-hoppers, because we have better water and more timber, because our rail roads are not blocked in winter, and because he considered the land good for continual cropping for at least thirty years. In his opinion, Pembina county is the prodigy of Dakota.

There is a good deal of live stock in town now. Mr. McFadden has a load of horses in; Mr. Grandy also has a car load here. The Palmer brothers have a car load of cattle and Mr. Melheim has some cattle left.

Some of our young ladies and gentlemen, find horse-back riding pleasant exercise these days. Some of them ride well too.

On last Sunday, some of the people went from here to attend the Catholic Church at St. Joe.

A fine specimen of cabinet work, executed by A. Livingston & Co., was sent to Hamilton from here last Saturday.

There are a great many strangers and travelling men in town this week.

Our very accommodating rail road Company, in its efforts to boom Devils Lake country before it is too late and before the people realize what a comparatively poor country they are going to, is putting forth every effort in that direction, and leaving this part of the country with only one train per day.

The Sunday Schools and Church services were all well attended last Sunday.

Several parties from Grand Forks, were in town last week, looking after their interests here.

The lecture delivered at the Church on Monday evening, by the Rev. McNamara, subject "India," was well attended, and the audience was pleased and instructed.

J. W. Works has gone to Minnesota on business. He is expected home next week. Mr. Geo. West, of Pembina, was in town one day last week. Mr. Gibson was at the Mountains, nearly all last week. He reports every thing as prosperous. Messrs. Sackett & Wilson are taking some large orders in the machinery line. It is not un-frequent that their orders run up to two, three, and four thousand dollars per day.

We are pleased to see Henry Palmer back from Manitoba. Rumor says he has made money out there. Mr. Tange the popular clerk of Luke & Watt, left for Montana last Saturday. D. Ferguson is getting his lumber yard well stocked once more. During the spring rush he very nearly closed out every thing. Mrs. Tiffany and Miss Webster,

received another invoice of goods last week. On Monday morning, Miss Birdie Tiffany started for the Mountains in company with her uncle, Mr. Geo. West of Pembina. Mr. Hoskins was agreeably surprised by the unexpected arrival on Sunday night, of one of his friends from the East. This young man is highly pleased with our town, and will undoubtedly invest some of his capital in Bathgate property.

Keep Down Weeds.

One of the acts which it is reported passed the territorial legislature and received the governor's signature the past winter was House File No. 177, which was introduced by Mr. Inman. This reads as follows:

Section 1. Every person and every corporation shall destroy upon all lands which he or it shall occupy all weeds of the kinds known as Canada thistle and cuckle burr at such time and in such manner as shall effectually prevent their bearing seeds; such time and manner of destroying such weeds shall be prescribed by township boards of supervisors or boards of county commissioners in counties which shall not be organized into townships, and the same shall be published at least two weeks in some newspaper published in the county, not less than two weeks before the time so prescribed, provided that if there be no newspaper published in the county then written notices of the same shall be posted the same as election notices are posted in lieu of such publication.

Every overseer of highways of every township or county shall also in like time and manner destroy all such weeds that may grow, either on the highway of his road district or on any unoccupied lands therein which the occupant thereof shall refuse or neglect to so destroy. For so doing such overseer shall have such compensation, payable out of the township treasury or county treasury, as the township board of supervisors or board of county commissioners, upon the presentation of his account therefor, verified by his oath and specifying by separate items the charges, each piece of land, describing the same, shall deem reasonable; and the respective accounts so paid, except for the destruction of such weeds upon the highway shall be placed on the next tax roll of the township or county as the case may be, in a separate column headed "for destruction of weeds" as a tax against the lands upon which such weeds were destroyed, and be collected as other taxes, and the entry of such tax on the tax roll shall be conclusive evidence of the liability of the land so taxed to such tax.

Sec. 2. If the occupant of any such lands or any such overseer shall fail to so destroy such weeds as so required such occupant or overseer shall forfeit not less than five dollars nor more than fifty dollars. The chairman and each supervisor of each township or the chairman and each county commissioner of counties, not organized into townships, shall prosecute promptly for every such forfeiture which he shall have reason to believe to have been incurred.

Sec. 3. This act shall be in force and effect from and after its passage and approval by the governor.

Final Proof Notices.

LAND OFFICE, GRAND FORKS, D. T., May 14, 1883. Notice is hereby given that 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 J. Henry Abrams, deputy clerk at Pembina, D. T., on June 19, 1883, viz: William Rayfield, D. S. 4359, for the ne qr sec 25 1/2 122 2 32.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Truman Calder, Sanford Minkler, Wm. Reid, Geo. E. Adams of Fryer D. T. B. C. TIFFANY, Register, 42-46 H. K. Vaughn, Attorney.

LAND OFFICE, GRAND FORKS, D. T., May 10, 1883. Notice is hereby given that 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 J. Henry Abrams, deputy clerk at Pembina, D. T., on June 16, 1883, viz: Baptiste Potvin, for the ne qr sec 25 1/2 122 2 32.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: J. Henry A. Bozjok, Joseph Venne, August Germaine, all of Pembina D. T. And you, Baptiste Potvin, who on the 9th day of May 1882 filed D. S. 711 on the ne qr sec 25 1/2 122 2 32, are hereby notified to show cause this office on or before June 16, 1883, if any there be, why Baptiste Potvin should not be allowed to make proof and payment for said tract. B. C. TIFFANY, Register, 42-46 H. K. Vaughn, Attorney.

LAND OFFICE, GRAND FORKS, D. T., May 14, 1883. Notice is hereby given that 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 Robert Tweedie, clerk dist. court, Pembina, D. T., on June 16, 1883, viz: Ezra A. Healy, for the ne qr sec 25 1/2 122 2 32.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land: Joseph Palmer, John Lutes, William Burns, William Lutes, all of Pembina county. B. C. TIFFANY, Register, 42-46 H. K. Vaughn, Attorney.

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He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land: Alex W. McCrez, L. W. Pattmore, H. W. Wallace, of Drayton D. T. and Hugh Riggerstaff, of Pittsburgh D. T. B. C. TIFFANY, Register, 42-46 H. K. Vaughn, Attorney.

CHAS. FULL, AUCTIONEER, REAL ESTATE AND COMMISSION MERCHANT. The Subscriber has opened an office in Pembina, D. T., and would solicit sales of Household Effects and Real Estate, and is prepared to Receive Goods on Commission. RETURNS MADE PROMPTLY. The best references will be given. CHAS. FULL. 42-34

W. R. GOODFELLOW Would announce to the public that he has just received TWENTY-FIVE CASES of BOOTS and SHOES Which he has marked down below anything ever before sold in the Four Corners. Besides these he has 3,000 pairs of Boots and Shoes which he will sell at Cost for Cash. Now is the time for Bargains. HE ALSO KEEPS ON HAND A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF GROCERIES! CANNED GOODS, ETC., At the Red Store. - Cor. Stutsman and Second Sts., PEBMINA, DAKOTA.

Johnson, Holmes & Co. will make a business announcement here next week.

GO TO THE Pembina Furniture Store! FOR ALL KINDS OF FURNITURE, PICTURE FRAMES, &c., WHICH WILL BE SOLD SOLD CHEAP FOR CASH FOR THE NEXT SIXTY DAYS. Below I quote prices of a few articles: Common Bedsteads, \$3.75; Roofing Chairs, 1.75; Kitchen, per doz., 8.50; Kitchen Tables, 2.50; Wash Stands, 2.25; Bureaus, 10.00; Sideboards, 10.00.

I also keep on hand a fine assortment of GOOD FURNITURE, consisting of PARLOR SUITS, LOUNGES, MARBLE TOP BEDROOM SUITS, EASY CHAIRS, AND A FULL LINE OF CENTRE TABLES, CANE SEATED CHAIRS, &c. A FULL LINE OF COFFINS AND BURIAL CASES KEPT CONSTANTLY ON HAND. Also Agent for all kinds of SCHOOL and CHURCH FURNITURE, which will be furnished cheap on application to GEO. T. WIGHT, Corner Stutsman and Second Streets, PEBMINA, DAKOTA.

PEMBINA DISPENSARY! MOORE & CO., (Late Moore & McGruer) DEALERS IN Drugs, Chemicals, FANCY AND TOILET ARTICLES. PRESCRIPTIONS CAREFULLY DISPENSED BY R. L. LEWIS, Books, Stationery and Wall Paper. Photographing done in all its Branches. BABIES PHOTOS A SPECIALTY BY THE LIGHTNING PROCESS.

Wallace Bros. Wish to inform the public that they have leased the DRAYTON MILLS, and are prepared to give particular and prompt attention in Gristing, Chopping and Sawing TO ALL CORNERS. OF General Merchandise! They keep a large and well selected Stock, and have just opened a specially fine assortment of SPRING DRY GOODS. THEY HANDLE AS USUAL Rushford Wagons AND Monitor Plows. Up to April 25th they have disposed of 156 Town Lots And still hold for sale 123 LOTS In the finest unaided town in the Red River Valley! Situated in the best cultivated section in Pembina County. It will pay you to invest in DRAYTON.