

OUR MEDIEVAL MESSENGERS

The Little Carrier Birds Bring their Scraps of Local News from

Bathgate, Ernest, Joliette, Beau- lieu, Cavilleer and Walhalla.

CAVILLEER. The work on H. Rickbiel's new hotel is being rapidly pushed forward and it already presents a ship shape appearance.

Messrs. Yerxa have added greatly to the appearance of their store by having the front painted. The work was done by Messrs. Davis and Brodenbeck.

C. F. Wagner has rented the building lately occupied by A. Vassie, in which he will carry on a wagon making business.

Mr. John Betchel has rented eighty acres from Henry Henkle. Mr. Betchel will have a large acreage under cultivation this season.

Most of the farmers in this vicinity are through seeding. Barley is being sown this week, which will wind up seeding operations.

Cavilleer and vicinity are solid against division. And so far as we can learn the people to the west are of the same mind.

Business is steadily reviving. The new boiler in the grist mill is giving the utmost satisfaction, effecting a great saving in firewood, as it can be run on one quarter the fuel the old one consumed.

Mr. J. Manning of Ontario, who has been the guest of Clark Murdock for a few weeks, left for home last Tuesday, having had poor health since his arrival.

Mr. J. F. Rickbiel has had his house tastily painted, greatly improving the appearance of his place.

Our town swarms with strangers and visitors. Every one seems to be surprised at the bustle and activity presented in our streets and are of the opinion that Cavilleer is as beautifully located as any town could be and that it is far from being a dead town yet.

It is reported on good authority that we may look for the opening of a drug store inside the present month.

Mrs. Vassie was agreeably surprised by the arrival of her sister, Mrs. Jackson, from Mitchell, Ont. Mrs. Jackson intends making Dakota her permanent home.

Mr. Clark Murdock had the misfortune to lose a very valuable horse, week before last. On the carcass being opened it was discovered that the animal had been suffering from a large tumor, nearly 100 lbs. in weight, near the kidneys.

We have a large day school running under the supervision of Miss Ella Soper. The roll at present stands at 37 and is daily increasing.

Mr. Sackett, of Bathgate, and the editor of the Bathgate Sentinel were in town last week. Frank Mitchell of the Hamiltonian and Doc Boylan of Cavilleer last Monday. Mr. W. Yerxa and lady, of Beau lieu, passed through town Monday eve en route to Hamilton.

WALHALLA. Mr. White has returned from his trip to Ontario, but did not bring his family with him as was expected.

Seeding is all through here and the grain is growing rapidly. Potatoes are now being planted.

Your authorized correspondent at Walhalla is a "rustler." His happiness is apparent. It's a girl.

If the cattle in this neighborhood are not taken care of our pound-keeper will have some work.

Jim Cooney says that it is all a farce, his wife coming in a month. All the same he will soon join the army of benedictines.

ERNEST. The farmers in this vicinity are through seeding, and are living in the hope of an abundant harvest and good prices for their produce.

Our school room was filled by a large and appreciative audience last Sunday. Presiding Elder Hare preached an able discourse.

Rev. Nethorpe will preach here every alternate Sunday at the residence of Mr. James Coburn at 3 o'clock, p. m.

Micky Free paid us a visit last week. He is just as jolly as ever.

Mr. Wm. Wilson, who came here from Seven Mile Point this spring, lost a valuable horse last week.

BATHGATE. The event of the week was the agreement between Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hay, to disagree and hereafter to live apart. They divided the property—Mrs. Hay taking the town property and a part of the live stock and Mr. Hay taking the farm and the rest of the live stock.

Soon after we mailed our last to the Express, we heard the joyful voice and saw the happy condition of the father, Quinlan Garlet, as he announced to his many friends that it was a boy that had arrived at his house. We understand that the whole family is doing as well as could be expected—especially Quinlan.

Early last week, a man living not more than forty miles west of here, attempted to ford Tongue River on Fifth street. His wagon box was floated off, and with difficulty the horses were gotten out. Fortunately nothing was injured. Tongue River is not very wide, but it is about three times as deep as a stranger would expect to find it. Its average depth is from five to ten feet, and it is very swift.

On Thursday of last week, a fire broke out in Luke, Steele & Co.'s hardware store. But for the rapid and abundant supply of water from Tongue river, (which is within a hundred feet of every store in town) Bathgate would have shared the sad fate of Barillet, which reminds us of the similar fate of Seymour, a little less than a year ago. No town in the Northwest is better guarded than Bathgate. The river runs

parallel with the principal business street for several blocks, and only about fifty feet from the west side of the street. The majority of the buildings are built within two hundred feet of the river bank.

Mr. T. Merrill and Mr. J. D. Stack, have returned from their extended visit in Wisconsin. Mr. M. again assumes his station in the elevator, and Mr. Stack will again expound the law.

Mr. Swinton, and one of his friends made a several day's trip to the Mountains last week. They went several miles beyond Rosa Lake, and found one of the finest countries on earth. They returned by Young P. O. and Cavilleer. In such a trip one meets a variety of scenery that he will seldom meet with elsewhere. Every thing and every body in the western part of the county are in a prosperous condition.

Mr. J. B. Stiffin, has bought the hotel and other property from Mrs. Hay. We have not yet learned whether Mr. Stiffin intends to keep the hotel running with himself as landlord or whether he will rent it.

On Sunday night the church was crowded. Rev. Turner, delivered an able discourse. The singing by the congregation is pronounced by all to be more agreeable and more animating than by a choir. One of the best features of congregational singing is that it gives everybody a chance to worship.

Mrs. J. W. Works spent a few days of last week in Grand Forks, attending to some business matters for her husband, and visiting friends. Mr. Curry, has been so unwell for a few days, that he had to give up his work. He is better now. We understand that J. B. Stiffin is about closing a bargain for Mr. Foster's large store building. Mr. Stiffin is a pushing young man, and will work up a good trade. Some of the Palmer brothers intend to start for western Manitoba soon.

JOLIETTE. Farmers here are about through with their seeding, being above high water this spring.

Rev. G. R. Hair, presiding elder of Red River district, is expected to preach at this place Sunday, May 27th. Rev. W. M. Wright, our pastor, will also be present.

Mr. Geo. Hunt, after having seeded between two and three hundred acres, found that the seed would not grow, owing to its being sprouted, and is now busily engaged in sowing over again.

Mr. Lochwood, accompanied by two of his sons, and Mr. Truman Fraser started last week to go to the Rocky Mountains.

Mr. J. B. Robinson, has gone to his farm near Rosa Lake. Mr. McKibbin is having a new house erected on his farm.

Messrs. Purdy and Youmans start Monday for a trip west on a land hunt, as some of their families expect to locate out there.

BEAULIEU. Messrs. Goff and Brown, lately from England, are amongst the recent arrivals. They bought the settlers rights to two claims, paying therefor \$2,200. This is an indication of the value of land in this vicinity.

Sch. of district No. 50, has been organized. The meeting for the election of a school board was held on the 10th inst. Joseph May was elected director, Dugald McLellan, clerk and Whitfield Yerxa, treasurer. The general opinion is that we have an A No. 1 school board in whose hands our educational interests are bound to prosper. Another public school meeting is to be held June 1, when steps will be taken to organize a school.

The people here are now well supplied with the gospel. We have preaching twice each Sunday by Rev. Messrs. Nun and Waite. A flourishing Sunday School meets every Sunday at the house of Mr. Chas. McLeod.

Mr. Goff is talking of building a grist mill. This section of the country would certainly support one.

The more immediate needs of this neighborhood are a furniture store and a blacksmith shop.

Dopkins' hotel has a good run. Seeding is all done and crops are in fine condition.

Some parties have lately been prospecting for coal, with what success we have not heard.

Yerxa finds business good and increasing.

It is expected that these townships will be surveyed soon. The advance agent has been through making preliminary arrangements.

Railroad Reports. It was at an early hour Saturday morning, that The Argus learned by the presence of Mr. Torkelson in its office with dire intent expressed in his eye, that the statement previously made in regard to his not being found, was erroneous, and that it was the fault of the reporter, and not of Mr. Torkelson. Having once impaled this railroad man with an Argus fable, he was seated in the large arm chair, and from him obtained the following:

"I left Fargo about three weeks ago, and went direct to Chicago, remaining there two weeks, working up an interest in a through route from there to the boundary line, by way of Fargo. I went there in the interest of the Fargo, Grand Forks and Pembina railroad."

Among the first prominent railroad managers seen, was R. R. Cable, vice-president, and general manager of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific, and by him was introduced to Judge Tracy, president of the Burlington, Cedar Rapids and Northern, which is now in operation from Burlington, Iowa, to Worthington, Minnesota, one hundred eighty-three miles, and to Judge Tracy has been delegated the power of arranging for this extension. C. J. Ives, manager and superintendent, and Mr. Dow, chief engineer, left Worthington two weeks ago for a personal inspection of the route north, and will make a formal report to Judge Tracy at a meeting of the directors of the road on Monday

next, of their observations and conclusions from Washington to Wapeton. The matter will be brought up for final consideration at the annual meeting of the directors of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific, to be held in Chicago on the sixth of June.

I left Chicago, and went to Montreal, where I had an interview with William Wanwright, assistant general manager of the Grand Trunk railroad, in regard to taking a block of the stock, equal to one-half the shares, from Worthington north. This the Grand Trunk was willing to do, provided an arrangement could be made for the intervening gap, from Worthington to Chicago, whereby they would have no fears of being "frozen out" at any time when the Rock Island might feel so disposed. All these matters are now under negotiation, and in a subsequent conversation with Mr. Cable, he stated there would be no difficulty in the Grand Trunk's making running arrangements over his road that would be satisfactory to all parties concerned.

On my return to Chicago, and on my previous visit, I had conversations with Messrs. Keith Brothers, Marshal Field, Charles Randolph, secretary of the board of trade, and others, all of whom took much interest in the matter, and seemed anxious for an independent line, such as we proposed.

In reply to a question put to Mr. Torkelson as to whether he believed the road could be finished this year, he stated: "Everything looks very favorable for an almost immediate commencement of operations. The only assurance we have to give capitalists, who are willing to back the enterprise, is a clean right-of-way to the British line through its proposed route in Dakota. If this can be accomplished, we feel assured that the road can be built almost immediately, but there is one point that should be impressed upon the minds of those living along the proposed route, and that is that the local company is not in condition to pay out money for the right of way and in order to secure it and satisfy the capitalists proposing to build the road, the people through whose lands the road is to be built, must take hold of the matter and secure to the corporation a deed to the lands necessary for the road bed and sidings. I believe if the owners of the lands between here and Pembina along the river will give a deed to the Fargo, Grand Forks and Pembina Railroad company for a sufficiency of ground to cover the demands of the proposed syndicate, we will build the road and war will be commenced this season. I have talked with quite a number of land owners and farmers along the route, and but very few, in fact, I do not know of a single one who has objected to granting the right of way without cost to the company, if they could be assured that the road would be built. Our directors will have a meeting early next week, and we shall put men in the field to obtain contracts for the right of way, and we hope to have that question settled within the next ten days."

Mr. Torkelson stated further: "The Argus is mistaken in stating that I had remarked that Mr. Kindred wanted a quarter of a million dollars for the Fargo Southern from here to Wapeton, as I have no knowledge of what Mr. Kindred wants in the matter, not having seen him for some time, but I take it, that if the Fargo Southern cannot be controlled, that that little difficulty will be experienced in securing the right of way between here and Wapeton, possibly more direct and nearer the river than the Fargo Southern. I reason that two roads, between here and Wapeton will not injure Fargo, and this gap of fifty-five miles will be filled certainly by one, if not by two, within a very short time."

Mr. Torkelson also stated: "While in Chicago I understood that Fargo would have five trunk lines entering her doors, four of which it was thought would be started this year. This has reference to the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy, Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific, the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul, and the Chicago and Northwestern, the four certain, and the great Illinois Central, owned by a syndicate of English capitalists, who have so much money that they do not know what to do with it."

Important Land Case. A case of great interest, involving the rights of different parties in 320 acres of land, has been on trial at the U. S. Land Office, Grand Forks, for the past week. It is the first case of the kind that has been heard here, and will attract great attention from the different land offices throughout the country. Last spring two parties, brother and sister, made home-stand entries for two quarter sections of land, and at the end of six months made final proof for the tracts, after showing continued residence on the land for that period. Receipts were issued from the land office and the proofs sent to Washington. A few days after making proof the sister sold her quarter section to her brother, and after making a loan for \$1,200 on the half section, the brother sold the land to a party in New York city for \$2,000. Not long afterwards information was laid before the commissioner at Washington to the effect that the parties had never resided on the land and an investigation was ordered. Mr. John W. Maher of this city represents the government and the contestant, Judge Wilson, the Mortgage Company, and Mr. J. C. Gaylor of Fargo appears in behalf of the purchaser. The case is being warmly contested and ably handled but the testimony taken is very damaging, and will eventually end in the loss of \$3,200 by innocent parties. The parties who proved up on the land emigrated to California and will probably not return for the present.—Plaindealer.

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Receive Goods on Commission, RETURNS MADE PROMPTLY. The best references will be given.

CHAS. FULL, 42-23

TAKE NOTICE!

THE STOCK OF THE ESTATE OF L. G. GAGNON,

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Auction Sale!

There will be sold by public auction at the residence of Mr. B. B. Johnson, on Stutsman street, Pembina, on

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PROBATE NOTICE.

TERRITORY OF DAKOTA, IN PROBATE COURT County of Pembina.

In the matter of the estate of George Emmerling, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to an order made in said court on the 10th day of May, 1883, granting unto Francis R. Delano, administrator of said estate, an order of license to sell all the real estate of said decedent.

Now therefore by virtue of said order, I will on Saturday, the 10th day of June, 1883, at the Walhalla mill, Walhalla, Pembina county, Dakota Territory, at the hour of two o'clock in the afternoon of said day offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the following described real estate in Pembina county, to wit:

The west half of the southwest quarter, section 18, and the west half of the northwest quarter of section 19, township 165, range 55, and the west half of the southeast quarter of section 17, and the southeast quarter of section 20, and the east half of the northwest quarter, west half of the northeast quarter, northeast quarter of the southeast quarter and northwest quarter of the southeast quarter of section 22, and the west half of the southeast quarter of section 27, and the east half of the southeast quarter of section 27, and the east half of the southeast quarter of section 21, in township 165, range 55 in Pembina county, Dakota Territory.

FRANCIS R. DELANO, Administrator. GAFFNEY & KNEESHAW, Auctioneers. 43-46

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Church Directory.

M. E. CHURCH—Rev. W. M. Wright pastor. Regular services on Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 3 p. m. Prayer and class meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH—Corner Rolette and Third streets. Rev. R. J. Creswell, pastor. Sabbath services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sabbath school at 12 o'clock. Wednesday evening services at 8 o'clock. Pastor's residence on Rolette street, west the church.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH—Rev. W. Ewing, pastor. Services in the Klitten Hall, Sunday, 7:30 p. m. Sunday school and Bible-class, 3 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday in the school house at 7:30 a. m. All are cordially invited.

CATHOLIC CHURCH—Rev. Father Larche, pastor. Services at 8:30 a. m. and 8:30 p. m.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH—Rev. A. H. Villiers, A. P. M. A. missionary. Services in Christ church, St. Vincent, every Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Services at the Public School building, Pembina, at 3:30 on Sunday. Sabbath-school at 2:30.

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