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From Saturday's Daily.
LaMoure county is to have a new court house.

J. B. Bingham has been appointed general ticket agent of the Carrington Stage Line and Rapid Transit Co.

Peabody & Co. and Chapman & French will have their places of business connected by telephone in a few days.

Large flocks of snow-birds live about town. They seem plump and sprightly, notwithstanding the cold weather.

Mr. L. Hayward contemplates a visit to Florida, with a view to revive his health which has not been good for some time.

Postmaster Halsey of Carrington is in the city transacting some business and fattening his ribs at the Dakota House.

We understand there are nearly fifty car loads of emigrants' moveables at Minneapolis transfer destined for Jamestown.

The new library of the Presbyterian Sunday school, containing 300 volumes, is ready for use, and will add additional interest and advantage to the school.

The Jamestown telephone and telegraph company will paint the poles on the principle streets in the city in the spring. This will add greatly to their appearance.

C. D. Short, A. R. M., of N. P. will build himself a comfortable office here in the spring on the site of the present freight depot, which is to be moved across the river.

John F. Vennum was last evening elected an honorary member of the Jamestown Dramatic club. He very kindly hauled over all the paraphernalia and will return the same free of cost. Thanks, John.

The settlers in the vicinity of Carrington are not suffering for the want of fuel as many suppose. Cross ties make excellent fire wood and are plentiful, nearly 75 car loads are standing on the track at that station.

The Alert acknowledges the receipt of a copy of "Our Dumb Animals," a publication of the Massachusetts society for the prevention of cruelty to animals. The object of the paper is to "speak for those who cannot speak for themselves."

Mr. Harrigan, of Missouri is here expecting to consummate a contract for a large amount of breaking with the Carrington & Casey Land Co. Mr. H. will probably make his home in the James river valley.

St. Paul reports a bad case of starvation. A girl baby was found dead in a miserable room, and the mother with three other children, had nothing to sustain them. The husband is a drunken wretch, who passes most of his time in jail. It is a sad case.

The cross arms on the telegraph poles along the J. & N. road were frozen off last night, thus interfering with telegraphic communication and preventing the Alert from ascertaining the effect of the weather yesterday on the fruit prospects in the vicinity of Carrington.

The North Pacific officials say they have experienced fewer accidents on the Dakota division this winter than before in many years. With the few exceptions during the month of January, trains have been more regular than any previous winter since the road was built.

The jealousy of Bismarck toward Jamestown crops out once in a while, especially when the navigation of the James river is talked of. The Tribune says: "The fancy man of the Jamestown Alert attained the height of the mountain the other day when, appropos

of the floods in Ohio, he began gravely to speculate on the chances of a disastrous inundation of the James river valley."

Our carpenters did not work on roof work yesterday.

Credsburg will be the town on the north shore of Devil's Lake.

Jamestown should have a covered skating rink another winter.

A change in the position of night yard master occurred here yesterday.

Several sheep ranches will be started in Kidder county this coming season.

Twenty-five street lamps supplied with kerosene oil would be good enough for Jamestown.

A stranger put in an appearance at the house of W. A. Fowler Thursday night. It is a fine baby girl.

It is better to have "stayed" and lost than not to have "stayed" at all—words to that effect.

A petition is being circulated, asking the appointment of Wm. Poole, of this city, as deputy United States marshal.

The telephone wires are intact and performed their duty with usual regularity yesterday, notwithstanding the storm.

Mr. James Lauthan, who is employed by the C. & C. Land company at Melville, is spending a few days in Jamestown enjoying our invigorating atmosphere.

C. J. Meloy and A. H. Morrison, traveling auditors of the N. P., are checking up the station accounts here. They generally check up the stations on the Dakota division every two months.

The blizzard made business very quiet in town yesterday. Merchants made but few sales, and the clerks had leisure to sit about the stove and thoroughly discuss the scanty news of the day.

Reports are current that the location of the extension of the St. P., M. & M. R.R. towards Turtle mountain has been definitely settled, and that it will not approach nearer Devil's Lake than seven miles.

The Alert calls the attention of its readers to the annual statements of the several insurance companies published in its columns. There is no difficulty in choosing good, reliable institutions with which to do business.

Commodore Strong, the popular salesman at Schoenberg's, will go to Lake Spiritwood next week to put his elegant little steamer "Mary Strong" in shape for an expedition to the north pole in the spring via Lake Eckelson.

Trains of all classes were abandoned yesterday on all divisions of the Northern Pacific road in Minnesota, Dakota and Montana. The snow drifted badly all along between Jamestown and Fargo and it will require several days' work to clear the track after the storm abates.

The records of Fort Pembina prove this to be the coldest winter in eleven years. The average temperature for the first twenty days in January was eighteen degrees below zero. In 1875 it was, during the same days, sixteen degrees below zero. Last year it was one-fourth of a degree below.

All the telegraph lines, with the exception of one, between Jamestown and Fargo, were disabled yesterday and business suspended in consequence. The operators have had a picnic since the storm set in, but they expect a "roast" when the wires are again in operation, so off to the leisure time.

The territory of Dakota as it now stands is considered a large territory, but when it was first organized in 1861 it embraced all the territories of Montana and Wyoming and a portion of Idaho. Two large territories have been formed from the original Dakota, and yet it is large enough to be divided again.

Agents of the railroad companies have been canvassing all parts of Europe the past winter, and they give the most encouraging reports of the prospects for large emigration. Particularly flattering are reports from Canada, where preparations are going on for another great exodus to Manitoba and the Northwest.

Lest the public should think the editor had forfeited the right to wear Mr. Washington's clothes on Thursday evening next, the Alert hastens to acknowledge itself a culprit, as did that worthy man under similar circumstances. Mr. Atkinson's wheat did not weigh 72 lbs. to the bushel, as reported yesterday, but 62.

Bert Grow who has faithfully and assiduously performed the duties of night clerk at the Dakota House for nearly three years, has resigned his position, to take effect March 1st, and will visit the scenes of his boyhood for a short time. Mr. Grow has made many friends during his residence here who will regret to see him depart.

It is thought that the agents who have the Eckelson town site in charge will soon abandon it, the sale of lots not being sufficient to warrant the expense of advertising it. This is only what might have been expected, as the proposed berg is too near Sanborn to ever amount to anything but a way station at most. It ought to be made a criminal offense for any one to attempt to sell lots in such places as Eckelson.

For many years Jamestown has done quite a business in fur, and even now not a few furs are handled by our merchants. The principal fur bearing animals now left along the James river are the fox, wolf, beaver, badger, skunk, mink and muskrat. The Alert yesterday inquired the prices paid for skins of these different animals, and was told that some of them are lower now than they have been in the past. The following are about the prices that trappers get: Fox, \$1 to \$1.25; mink, 50 to 60 cents; wolf, 60 to 80 cents; muskrat, 8 to 10 cents; skunk, 40 to 60 cents; badger, 40 to 75 cents; beaver, \$1.50 to \$1.75 per lb. One fox skin, a cross, was sold the other day for \$4.50. There are not nearly so many fur-bearing animals in the vicinity of Jamestown as there used to be, owing to the country's settling up. There are still good numbers down the river, however, in the vicinity of Grand Rapids and La. Moore. There are large numbers of jack rabbits

and gray rabbits in this neighborhood, but their skins are not valued for fur.

From Sunday's Daily.
Bismarck wants more light.

Business in town was lively again yesterday, after the storm.

Wheat continues to advance in price, and those who have No. 1 hard in store greatly rejoice.

The mail from the east the first three days arrived on the accommodation train last night.

Cole and Campbell returned from their northern trip yesterday afternoon, glad to get back to civilization.

Rhode, the murderer of Hland, was taken to Hastings on Friday night by the officers where he will be tried.

The Mandan board of trade has adopted a plan of advertising the town similar to that to be pursued for Jamestown.

The N. P. express company have adopted a system of express sacks for delivery of express matter at small stations.

Several of our business houses will be remodeled and replenished with paint in the spring and carpenters will be in large demand.

But one station on the Northern Pacific road west of Minneapolis whose foreign ticket sales are larger than Jamestown and that station is Fargo.

The buildings on north fifth avenue are making rapid progress considering the severity of the weather. One of them will be ready for occupancy within a week.

Venus is beautiful—you can look at her without closing an eye or blushing. She is now more beautiful than ever—hardly ever. Look at her in the sky in the evening.

Some of our citizens are in favor of making the saloon license \$500 per annum under the city administration. The question will probably come up for debate in the board.

In consequence of the irregularity of the trains the Alert is compelled to disappoint its readers with its usual large amount of Sunday reading, the patent inside sheet failing to arrive.

The locomotives that went ahead of the passenger trains yesterday, to do the snow-bucking, looked as though they had been in conflict with icebergs and had succeeded in making the fur fly.

During the blizzard on Friday the thermometer in St. Paul fell 50 degrees. All railroads were partly blocked and no trains were sent out. Telegraph lines were also disabled in some directions.

One or two Jamestown's citizens purchased at option in the Chicago board of trade about five weeks ago a large quantity of May wheat, which he disposed of recently, netting him the handsome profit of \$1,700.

Master Clark, our carrier boy, while delivering the Alert last Friday morning found a small gold ring on the south side. Parties having lost the same can have it by calling at the Alert office and paying the finder the cost of this notice.

The chief engineer, master mechanic and other officials of the N. P. road will be here soon for the purpose of completing all arrangements necessary for the entire work on the machine shops. The company will erect a number of buildings here during the summer.

Notwithstanding the blizzard of Friday, which made the snow fly lively, and piled up drifts high and solid in some places, trains came through from both ways yesterday all right. The Northern Pacific company have the gratitude of the public for their energy in dealing with the snow blockades this winter.

Last season many people came here from the east, located farms and returned home for the winter. Some of these are already beginning to come back to make arrangements for the summer's operations. The rest will come shortly, and these with the thousands of others that are coming to take land will make things exceedingly lively in Jamestown as soon as spring opens.

Mr. R. M. Tuttle, of the Minneapolis Tribune staff made the Alert editor's room a call last evening. Mr. T. visits our city in the interests of his paper which proposes to get out a special edition devoted to North Dakota and that the gentleman proposes to write up Jamestown for a consideration. We may be mistaken but it is our candid opinion that the citizens of Jamestown will not invest in the scheme.

Engineer Buckley, who lives on the west side, has a sad house to-day. His wife was confined a few days ago, and her critical sickness took an unfavorable turn which resulted in her death yesterday morning. The sad event occurred during Mr. Buckley's absence, at which time he was snow bound between here and Fargo, and no notification of the occurrence could be telegraphed to him.

There is an apparently well founded rumor that a company is about forming to build on the block west of the Grand Central hotel large business rooms with a fine opera house above. The plan is for four store rooms with a line of offices facing Main street, on the second floor in front of the opera hall which will be of the height of two stores and have galleries. The improvement will greatly benefit that side of the street and the rooms will be in demand and command good rents in consequence of their desirable location as a business centre.

From Tuesday's Daily.
The first well is being dug on Capitol hill.

There are some cases of measles in town.

It is reported that Mrs. J. J. Foy, sister of Alfred Dickey, is very ill.

E. D. Lathrop has commenced the construction of what is to be a fine residence on Fifth Avenue north. The frame is partly up.

Several of our merchants are finding fault with the loss manner in which some of their neighbors are keeping the closing up hour pedic.

The general ticket agent has instructed all conductors on the N. P. to honor for passage all expired coupon tickets, the limitation of which run in consequence

of being delayed by snow blockades and high water.

Allen & Dodge are enjoying a rush of legal business. The gentlemen are worthy of it.

The arrivals from the east yesterday were quite large in number. Many of them coming to remain.

The associated press service has been very much improved of late both in point of quality and quantity.

N. N. Tynner, of Fargo, accompanied by Attorney Rose, made the Alert a short but pleasant visit last evening.

The boys of the city have great fun these moonlight nights coasting down the long hills on the north side.

George L. Webster takes his departure in a few days for Aberdeen, where he will become a full-pledged boomer.

It was reported last night that a freight train had jumped the track near Eldridge and four tramps who were stealing a ride were killed.

Mrs. E. P. Wells is we are glad to learn, recovering from her recent illness in Minneapolis, and will return home as soon as able.

Frank H. Ingalls, superintendent of carpenters, and P. C. Cummins, road master of the N. P. were in the city yesterday afternoon.

The mail matter from the east yesterday was the largest received at this office for a long time and required several hours work to distribute it.

Dr. Close went to Sanborn on professional business yesterday. During his two or three days' absence the business of the office here will be attended to by his partner, Dr. Wheeler.

There are many reasons why Jamestown should take immediate steps toward arranging for the reception of immigrants. At present the town is not prepared to take care of her own people.

At a meeting of the Jamestown Temperance Union held in the Presbyterian church on Sunday evening, B. S. Russell was elected president for the ensuing year, and Wm. C. White, vice-president.

By a rearrangement of Wells and Foster counties Carrington comes near the center of the latter county, and will no doubt be the county seat. This will be good news to those who have interest in and about Carrington.

Dr. DePuy was called to Valley City yesterday for consultation and assistance in the amputation of a limb. The doctor is considered one of the best surgeons in North Dakota and has a large and successful practice in that capacity.

Atkinson & Hartman are disposing of lots in good style. Their sales are not only profitable to themselves but remunerative to purchasers. One gentleman buying a lot from them on Saturday was offered 33 per cent for his bargain in receiving his deed.

A stranger arrived here Friday from the Montana gold mines with a sack of gold dust worth \$700. He bantered one of our C. Ps. for a game of poker—but a few minutes was needed to change the g. d., and the stranger returned to Montana again on the next train a sadder but poorer man.

The ladies of the Presbyterian church are making vigorous preparations for the Martha Washington party on Thursday evening, and the affair promises to be a more than usually successful one. At a meeting to be held at the parsonage this afternoon all the ladies of the church and congregation are invited to be present to aid in the work.

Jacob Laux, who is erecting a large two story business building on Fifth avenue, north of the post office, intends, we understand to open a drug store. His building is being pushed forward rapidly. Yesterday the carpenters were putting on the roof from which the stars and stripes floated in the breeze. A well is being dug at the rear of the store.

There came near being a fire on the east side of Fifth avenue on Sunday morning. Some rags in Pauteur's bath room accidentally caught fire, and began to make a blaze. If a little more headway had been made before the fire was discovered the result would have been serious. As it was however the fire was put out by hard work before much damage was done.

Levi Wolfensberger, an uncle of Mr. Bowman of the firm of Bowman & Lyon, arrived in the city yesterday. He will be followed in the spring by twenty-five or thirty families from his eastern home in Somerset county, Pa. All these will settle in the James River valley, probably between Jamestown and Ellendale. Part of this colony will start about the first of March.

The social last night at Park Place, under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid society of the M. E. church, was a very successful one. About one hundred and fifty people were present. Mrs. Clarke's spacious rooms being crowded. Various amusements were indulged in by the guests, who thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The society netted \$15.35 for the benefit of the church.

It rained yesterday afternoon. It was but a sprinkling of a few drops; but we mention it as a thing very unusual here in winter. This is the second time it has rained here since early in November. This is a country where there is no slush and mud in winter. The freeze-up which comes in the fall remains until spring, when the snow goes to stay. The dry, cold winters are the pride of North Dakota.

A new style of nickel will soon be circulating in Jamestown, having been issued from the government mint recently. The coin is thus described: It is slightly heavier than the ordinary nickel, is thinner and a little larger. On the face is a woman's head, fillet-bound, the fillet inscribed "Liberty" and surrounded by thirteen stars. Upon the other side is a wreath surrounding a large Roman V Over the numeral is the inscription, "United States of America," and under it "E Pluribus Unum." The new coin is much handsomer than the old ones.

Evidently something is going to happen. The Alert can see the clear

enough. Mr. E. G. Chambers, rustling manager of the Stutsman county elevator, seems peculiarly happy these days. At the same time he is considerably flustered, and evidently has more on hand than the demands of his business require. A tailor from St. Paul has business with him. He is making arrangements for wedding cards; and about the first of March he and Mrs. Irvine are going east to Newcastle, Pa., where lives a young lady who occupies a very prominent place in his affections.

To be plain, about the first of March Mr. Chambers is to be married to Miss Nonie Wallace, sister of the president of the First National bank of this city. The Alert feels joy in prospect of the coming event, and wishes the lady and gentleman most interested a great deal of happiness.

From the Daily, Wednesday.
Allen is anxiously looking for the Jamestown detective.

Pillsbury and Hulbert will this season erect twelve new elevators along the line of the Northern Pacific.

A. C. McMillan has opened a law and real estate office in Jamestown. Office in Dick Thorold's jewelry store.

A new county is to be made in North Dakota and named Nickens, in honor of the able councillor from this district.

J. E. Schoenberg has gone east for the purpose of purchasing a large stock of general merchandise for the spring trade.

Mr. Daley went to St. Paul yesterday afternoon for a short visit. Mr. C. J. Meloy, traveling auditor, is acting agent during his absence.

The accommodation train due to leave at 7 a. m. yesterday did not depart until noon, delayed by an accident to a freight train near Spiritwood.

Waller & Carr have just received a car load of horses. Now is the time for parties wishing teams to procure them by calling at their stable on Fifth avenue north.

The North Jamestown Literary society held a meeting on Monday evening at the residence of Thomas Lloyd, Fifth avenue, when the young people wrestled with "Miles Standish."

E. B. Cole, of Carrington, is building a fine large business house in that future city to lease. It is already leased. He starts out, like all the rest of the Carrington boomers, by subscribing for the great family journal.

Upon calling at Dodge's office yesterday the Alert reporter found that much gifted disciple out and at his desk sat his aged father who announced that he had discharged the "boy" and now proposed to run the law shop himself.

The proprietor of the Alert left on last evening's train accompanied by the editor of the Capital for St. Paul and Chicago, where they will superintend the getting out of the much talked of pamphlet. The town will breathe easy for a few days.

We would be glad to have any of our farmers who can, send the Alert a report of their crop giving number of acres, name and yield per acre. We will publish them in the daily and republish them in our weekly edition for the benefit of the country.

Mr. Clayton C. Smith, of Wolcott, N. D., has been appointed assistant in the James River National Bank, and entered upon his duties this week. Mr. Smith is a son of C. P. Smith of the firm of Wells, Dudley & Co. The Alert welcomes him to Jamestown.

Messrs. McGuire & Hartman write the Alert that they will be in Jamestown about the first of March, when they will bring a mammoth stock of dry goods, gentlemen's furnishings, carpets, millinery, hats and caps. They have secured one of the fine brick stores in Wells' block, Fifth avenue, south, and will open out on the 10th of March. See their advertisement in another column.

The editor of the Alert yesterday took with him several hundred copies of the daily and weekly Alert, also a large number of Land Journals, which he intends to distribute on the train for the purpose of giving the traveling public information about Jamestown and the James River valley. If our real estate dealers effect any sales as the result of this missionary work, we hope they will either increase their advertising in the Alert or share their commissions with us—preferably the latter.

R. S. Reeves received a letter yesterday from Mr. J. D. Brown, president of the Connecticut Insurance Co. He spoke of the fine building just completed by the James River National Bank, concluding with the following sentence: "This thing seems all very strange to me, when I consider how recent it is that in making the trip to Fort Wadsworth I had to go all the way from Sank Centre to the fort on horseback, and with a mule team, and with a mounted escort for protection against the Indians."

A special meeting of the Jamestown board of trade took place at the office of Dudley & Co., yesterday morning. Major Lyon was made chairman, the president being absent. The object of the meeting was to bring before the board the Minneapolis Tribune boom edition scheme which was stated in a straightforward and pleasant manner by Col. Tynner, of Fargo. The plan was referred to the committee on printing and will receive an investigation to-morrow. While the Alert believes that the scheme if carried out as described by Col. Tynner would be a good one, it firmly believes that it would not be good policy for the people of Jamestown to adopt it. The fact is Jamestown has more subscribed for outside advertising schemes, which are by the way good ones, all that it is able to pay and to ask them to do more even in so good a cause as Col. Tynner seems to be interested in, would appear to the most of them like carrying a good thing to extremes. If Jamestown has more money to spend for immigration documents, it would be better for the town to get up an edition of fifty thousand copies of some kind of a paper and confine it to their own immediate vicinity. The cost would be no more and the benefits would be much greater. There must come a time

when discretion will be given an equal chance with valor.

LATER.—The Alert understands that the committee have given the matter referred to in the above a hearing and have decided that they could not at this time take any stock in it.

From Thursday's Daily.
The town of Sikesville, in Wells county, will soon be put upon the market.

The Dunn hotel, near the car shops, is drawing to completion and will soon be ready for occupancy.

The Hon. Wm. Beidelman returned to Jamestown yesterday afternoon, having been absent two months.

The telephone company have received another supply of new instruments which will be put in operation in a very few days.

Several Jamestown capitalists contemplate going upon the Canadian Pacific railroad about the first of April to purchase land.

Jack Walsh, the blonde C. R. of the Northern Pacific, is contemplating a trip to Washington territory, with the view of permanent location.

The N. P. freight business is increasing rapidly and loaded cars are accumulating at nearly every station, necessitating additional trains which will be put on soon.

Some crooked transactions of one of our heretofore respected citizens are coming to light. Out of respect the Alert refrains from publishing his name, hoping he will redeem himself.

Jud. Huntington, conductor on the Jamestown and Northern, returned from his visit to St. Paul yesterday. He intends living on his claim until trains are again put on the road.

The insane asylum is booked for Jamestown and the Bismarck Tribune sees an eternal fitness of things in this. It evidently prefers that its citizens shall be cared for away from home.

The snow plow that came into the city last night from the west struck an antelope near Cleveland and killed the poor little animal. It was put aboard the locomotive and brought to Jamestown.

A large transfer of land in the James River Valley to a syndicate of eastern capitalists is quietly being negotiated, and the Alert readers will be enlightened as soon as the trade is consummated.

James Dunn, the Cleveland bonanza farmer, we understand, has sold his farm at that station for \$12,000. Mr. Dunn came here five years ago a poor man and to-day he is worth \$25,000 to say the least.

A. C. Sanford, one of our bonanza farmers, recently lost two horses by a disease resembling diphtheria. Five others have been sick, but under the care and treatment of Mr. Sperry they are in a fair way to recover.

The press, type and office outfit for the newspaper soon to be established at Carrington by Mr. Wyard are at this station waiting transportation to their destination. The paper will make its appearance very soon.

In commemoration of the advent of George Washington into the world, which took place on the 22nd of February, 1732, to-day will be observed as a holiday by the schools, banks, and some other institutions of the city.

Report is circulated that the survey of the subdivision of Foster and Wells county will have to be made again, in consequence of some errors in the work last fall. This will delay the land from coming into market several months longer.

A number of the young people of the Baptist Sunday school had a sleighing party last night, and took supper at the residence of Sharlow brothers four miles from town. The night was a pleasant one for the drive, which was much enjoyed.

Winter's hold upon this northern land is beginning visibly to relax. The thermometer averages many degrees higher than it did a month ago, and once in a while it takes an upward spurt that indicates plainly that spring is nigh. Yesterday about noon the thermometer registered 48 above zero.

As an indication of the great interest felt in the Devil's Lake region it may be stated that Mr. A. C. Davis, of the Manitoba road, has the last thirty-two days, received 22,000 inquiries regarding the new map of Devil's Lake and the folder, which was issued some time ago. A great proportion of these people will enter the country by way of Jamestown and Carrington.

Are Jamestown's young men proving loyal to Dakota? The Alert asks this question because these 3 men to be all the time going away to get themselves wives. The question comes in here, "Which is the more loyal, to bring a wife into the city from foreign parts, or to marry some one of the many eligible young ladies at home?" We give up the conundrum, and only remark that three Jamestown men are just now bringing in their wives from the east. On the 20th inst. Wm. Mansfield, our county treasurer, was married to Miss Mary Voight, of Jefferson, Wis.; to-day Geo. W. Vennum is to be married to Lucy A. Durham, of Onarga, Ill.; and about the first of March A. G. Chambers is to be