

JAMESTOWN

POPULATION 3,500

Jamestown, the metropolis and trade center of the upper James River Valley, is the county seat of Stutsman county. It is equidistant from Fargo and Bismarck, about one hundred miles from each, and is located on the most beautiful site along the line of the Northern Pacific Railroad, between the bluffs and the banks of the James River. The machine and repair shops and headquarters of the Dakota division of the Northern Pacific, and of the Jamestown & Northern Railroads are located here and it is the shipping and distributing point for the vast scope of country to the northwest reached by the latter railroad.

CITY AND COUNTY

LOCAL NEWS.

The trains come from the east, loaded to the guards.

The Winslow block roof is being sanded and pitched by workmen.

Chapman & French's Trade Journal is a very creditable little flyer.

Fresh oysters on Front street opposite the Northern Pacific elevator. No. 14-17.

H. C. Hotchkiss came in from Pennsylvania, where he has been making a few weeks visit.

For stationery and blank books go to C. R. Meredith & Co., Parlor Drug Store. No. 32-17.

Near Butteville, in Ransom county, on the Fargo & Southwestern, they were sowing wheat on the fifteenth.

Capt. Ingraham of the Capital house, has put up a large illuminated sign to guide the weary traveler to the hotel.

C. R. Meredith & Co., carry a full line of patent medicines and fine toilet articles. 32-17.

Dave Dinan the old time Northern Pacific expressman now runs on the route from Fargo to Jamestown, via LaMoure.

Bob Conchey has his hands full now of nights. The increase of business on the road meaning more trains and more orders.

The party who borrowed a pair of inch and a quarter tongs, and a pipe wrench from J. T. Eager, will oblige by returning the same at once. No. 23-17.

Peter Haas, Lou Shoenberg, Bailey Fuller all ordered The Daily Alert left at their places of business today, and hence forth.

Everybody is glad to see Bailey Fuller back again from Vermont, and the hand shaking he endured today was equal to a president's reception.

Don't you paint, oils, turpentine, varnish and paper, until you get prices at the Parlor Drug Store. No. 32-17.

Manager Chambers has been making a western trip, to Mandan, Bismarck and other points on the Missouri slope in the interests of the elevator company.

Col. Blum walks very light, and should feel very proud with that perfect fitting spring suit ordered through Braham's merchant tailoring agency.

E. C. Hall, late with one of the largest Minneapolis dry goods houses, arrived in the city yesterday, and will take a position with Shoenberg Bros.

Particular attention is given to filling prescriptions with medicines of absolute purity and assayed strength at C. R. Meredith & Co., Parlor Drug Store. 32-17.

Any advertisement for help, or situation wanted, inserted in The Alert is almost certain of reply. A small ad for a "girl wanted" brought lots of inquiries.

One of Jacobs & Steele's branches that has grown to a business of itself, is their window shade trade. Over six hundred shades have been made and put in position during the last year.

County Treasurer Fridley, a big merchant, and a clever gentleman from Steele, passed west this morning to the seat of war, from a business trip to St. Paul.

A. Elstner, the enterprising soap manufacturer, whose building was burned a few weeks ago, will commence to rebuild next week, on Seventh avenue, at the old stand.

M. C. Walker of the Northern Pacific yard force is keeping the track crossings, and side walks in first class condition, to the great satisfaction of the public at large.

G. W. Buck an old gentleman seventy-five years old, with his son J. W. Buck, registered at the Klaus house from New York this morning. They left for LaMoure county, where they will permanently reside it is said.

C. W. Taylor is engaged in repainting the interior of the Metropolitan, varnishing and re-decorating the dining room, and adding a touch here and there to Sam Mathews' well kept and well preserved hotel.

W. E. Hall's meat market has had an extraordinary convenience, in the shape of an electric added to the fixtures. It is to host meat and ice to the large refrigerator, Peter Amertin, wood butcher, did the work of course.

A gentleman who visited I. C. Wade's herd of Holsteins was very much surprised at their excellent condition after wintering in this climate, for the first time. There have been fifteen valuable calves added to the herd this spring.

P. W. Alley the enterprising second-hand dealer, gets his announcement into the Alert like a good business man and citizen. Anyone wanting sewing machines, repairs for the same, or organs on time, should give Mr. Alley a call.

Marion Conklin, one of LaMoure's prominent business men and attorney, represented his city in the metropolis today. He states that the trains each way meet at LaMoure now for dinner, and the town bustles with new comers and spring business.

Charlie Smith, a popular Northern Pacific locomotive engineer, who has a "game" leg, and other honorable scars, from a collision on a Texas road, was over to The Alert office, inspected the engine and pronounced it all in good shape.

H. E. Ward, an old soldier who has had a hard time this winter with rheumatism, will have a benefit raffle at the Armory, March 26th, at 8 o'clock p. m. The prize is a fine organ. Tickets one dollar each, and all the boys should try their luck.

M. Eppinger, the clothier, came in from the east and stopped over one train to tell Manager Newhauser about the big stock he had bought, and see how the store looked in the new dress. Mr. Eppinger returns to Bismarck in the morning.

Judge Hayward left suddenly on the evening train for St. Paul under the imperative instructions of his medical adviser who says he is threatened with a long and severe illness. Should the alarm prove groundless the judge will return shortly.

With the resignation of Mr. Buchanan, which takes effect April 1st, there leaves, it is said, in North Dakota but four Episcopal ministers, who are located at Grand Forks, Larimore, Mayville and Lakota. Bishop Walker, of course is not counted at Fargo.

Tom Bowditch and Col. Billson Mansfield will soon be parading the thoroughfares in suits of corduroy made by the artist Hyman. The clothes fit their magnificent forms like paper on the wall.

One of the neatest and most artistically arranged stores in the city is Charley Dickinson's. His stock is complete and so arranged as to be very inviting to customers. Charley has the reputation of keeping the best qualities of all goods in his line.

Misses Phyllis Hicks, Alma Ball, Minnie Wade, Teresa Wade, Edith Klapp, Eva Jacobs, Susie Lathrop, Jennie Drake, Belle and Kattie Tilden have formed a sewing bee to make fancy work, which will be sold at a children's fair some time during the summer. The proceeds of the fair will be devoted to the poor.

The business of A. P. Halstead's Steam Laundry has increased by his good work, and accommodating liberal way of treating patrons, to such an extent, that out of town orders are getting more numerous than ever, and Henry Doolittle at Sanborn has been appointed Mr. Halsteads agent to take orders from that place.

Attorney Dodge returned from Bismarck last evening, where he appeared in the Hyers habeas corpus matter. Judge Francis denied the habeas corpus, and the prisoner was committed to the Burleigh county jail to await the arrival of Chapman. During the day a telegram was received from Chapman saying that Cummings, the hired man, had been captured. All three will be taken to Wyoming for trial.

The Board of Education of the city of Jamestown, by attorneys Roderick Rose of this city and D. H. Twomey, of Fargo, has brought suit against Henry J. Ott, principal, and R. E. Wallace, A. A. Gray, George Vennun and John T. Allen, trustees in the sum of \$10,728.22. Attorneys Glaspeil and Dodge represent the defendants in the case. The case is set for the November term.

Frank C. Newell, general agent of the Wood binder, at Fargo, has been making a trip to LaMoure and other points in the valley, in the interests of his celebrated machine. Mr. Newell is one of the most successful machine men in the northwest, and holds a responsible position with the big company he represents, having spent five or six years in Australia, Germany and Russia, introducing the firm's machinery. He made a large sale to a bonanza firm here, and from the number of binders disposed of at this point, naturally regards this portion of Dakota one of the best portions of the territory over which he has charge.

One of the most thriving institutions in the city is the bottling establishment of Heinrichs & Clark. They have a new refrigerator with capacity of two car loads just completed. It is built on scientific principles and as a cold storage room is probably the finest in the territory. The bottling machinery is as fine as in any first class establishment in the east. They manufacture ginger ale, seltzer, champagne, lemon beer, etc., and handle porter and ale, and Falk's celebrated Milwaukee beer. Their outside orders are constantly increasing and the city trade is entirely supplied by these enterprising gentlemen.

R. C. Leavett, manager of the Gull River Lumber Company, was in the city Saturday, attending to the details of closing up the sale of Saries & Durstine's yard to the company. The Gull River company is spreading out all over North Dakota, and their entrance to this city has been contemplated for a long time as one of the most important points in the territory. They have yards at Coopers-town and Valley City. Leavett is a general, popular gentleman, who has made many friends in this city during his frequent trips over the Northern Pacific. The company has a fine business worked up to start with, and will doubtless see it constantly increase. Charles Blackwell, formerly in charge of the company's yard at Valley City will have charge of the Jamestown yard, and will move his family to this city soon. Mr. Leavett endorses him, as an experienced and accommodating lumberman, who will make friends for the Gull River company and get them their share of business.

A new time card for the Fargo & Southwestern and James River Valley railroads will go into effect at six o'clock a. m., March 15. On the Valley line trains will leave Jamestown at half past eight a. m., arriving at LaMoure forty-five minutes past eleven a. m., leave LaMoure half past two p. m., arriving at Jamestown forty minutes past five p. m.

The Alert keeps a large stock of legal blanks for use of attorneys, justices, real estate men, farmers, merchants and everybody. Outside orders are given prompt attention always. Special forms printed. All the new blanks in stock. The Alert blanks are, and will continue to be, the latest and most correct forms. They are printed on good paper, and sold at a reasonable price, with the usual discounts. Correspondence and trial orders solicited.

The story and a half house of William Schultz, near Flint's bridge on the river burned to the ground last evening. The fire was occasioned by a young son of Mr. Schultz accidentally knocking over a kerosene lamp on the bed clothing. Every article of furniture and clothing was burned, besides fifty dollars in cash. There was an insurance of \$700 in the Continental, of New York, in G. L. Raymond's agency, and the adjuster, N. S. Head, happened in the city just in time to fix it all up satisfactorily with Mr. Schultz.

Sheriff Stoddard of LaMoure county, and J. B. Chapman of Wyoming, came in on the J. R. V. road last night with the prisoner Cummings, who was arrested near Woonsocket, for horse stealing. Chapman and Cummings left for the west this morning. The man Myers, one of the brothers of that name, connected with the theft got away. Chapman recovered the three horses that were stolen, and it is learned, disposed of them at Ellendale. There are a number of other horses now at Ellendale, that were brought along with Chapman's, that are claimed by various parties in Montana and Wyoming.

One of the city's substantial business houses, Kirk, Allen & Heston is branching out, determined to get a good share of the trade elsewhere, as well as here. They have established a machinery warehouse at New Rockford and sent the first car load of implements to the establishment yesterday. G. A. Willis, formerly with the North Dakota Elevator Company here, will have charge of the new store, and New Rockford people can rest assured that no better firm or business man to manage it, could establish an enterprise and residence in their midst.

The following citizens of Carrington have been arrested on a charge of keeping gambling houses: Albert H. Ross, Florus C. McKay, the lesser of the Kirkwood, Robert E. Turney and Bruce Warner. They were all arraigned before Justice Churchill, who bound them over in the sum of \$250 bail, to appear and answer at the next term of the district court. For a small place Carrington must certainly have considerable wealth to support so many games of chance. Perhaps it was only a harmless game of "freeze out" after all.

Regarding the purchase of the Capital by Judge Warnock and Mr. Vallandigham, of Valley City, for a democratic organ, providing enough stock can be subscribed by prominent democrats, Hon. D. M. Kelleher says: "The scheme is not completed as far as I know. I would probably know something about it if it was. The plan was to make it a daily paper, but the expense attached makes it doubtful if such will be done. I am not sure but a weekly would answer all purposes. However, that is not determined, but will most likely be so soon. I would of course favor any sound democratic paper published here." Mr. Burke, of the Capital is reported to have said that he knew nothing about any purchase of his paper is above.

The court house was crowded last night in response to the call of the committee to nominate candidates for mayor, police justice and treasurer. Major Lyon was made chairman, and G. A. Lieber, secretary. Fredrus Baldwin placed in nomination alderman D. R. Long, in one of the happiest nominating speeches that any candidate of this city has been favored with. Mr. Long received the nomination without opposition, and the frequent applause of the audience testified their satisfaction at the result. Joe D. Mills was re-nominated for city treasurer likewise without a contesting candidate. The names of Winfield Bakwin, H. J. Ott, and Dr. Croes, were proposed for police magistrate, and Mr. Ott was finally nominated. Mr. Long gracefully signified his acceptance of the nomination, as did Messrs. Mills and Ott. The chairman pointed the following gentlemen, L. Lyon, J. Dee, E. S. Miller and Dr. Croes, as a committee to call a caucus in each ward for the purpose of nominating aldermen and suggested all the meetings be held the same night. Of this committee J. A. Frye was appointed member at large. The convention adjourned, after hearing a few words from Mr. Blum, and Mr. Dunn, expressing their gratification at the result of the nominations.

Landlord Ingraham fed eighty people for breakfast this morning, and reports his hotel overflowing with new comers. This looks like the days of '82.

The University of Straburg, founded in 1567, was reorganized in 1871, and is thus in a certain sense a monument of the new political conditions. Since the reorganization over \$8,500,000 has been expended for new buildings, etc., and there is an annual appropriation of nearly \$250,000 for its support. Its new edifices are a series of magnificent palaces, and its library contains 500,000 volumes. No other institution in Europe has so rich a provision for higher education. It now has seventy-three ordinary and nineteen extraordinary professors. Last year there were 856 students.

Customer—"Aren't you afraid to leave all these clothes hanging out on the sidewalk with nobody to watch them? I should think you would be afraid somebody would steal them." Dealer—"Steal does you know? Mea Himmel, no. Confidentially! Vy, mein friend, I tell you, I take down main things I sell you, I take down clothes so cheap that I don't care if they steal them."—Someville Journal.

LATE CITY NEWS.

Duluth wheat market today as reported by telegraph.

Cash opened 87 1/2, closed 86 1/2.

May opened 91 1/2, closed 91 1/2.

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TOUGH CLOTH.

A Startling Incident Which Occurred Before the Days of Shoddy.

It was in a country grocery store, of course. Every thing in the shape of a plausible yarn either originates in or is directly traceable to a grocery nowadays, and I do not feel at liberty to deviate from the established rule. Several good stories had been told about the strength and durability of certain kinds of cloth by several members of the gathering. There was a lull in the conversation, and the clerk cast a meaningful look at the clock and twirled the store-keeper in his fingers, when suddenly, as if moved by the spirit, Yankton Puckett arose from his seat on the cracker-barrel, spilled a gill of compound liquid of dog-leg and saliva into the coal-scuttle, stood with his back to the stove and began:

"Yas, gentlemen; some kinds of cloth is stouter'n all git out. But the stuff we useter buy beats all. I remember way back in '54, I bought a bolt of doe-skin from old man Smittkins, that used to keep the store up yonder at Pitkins' Corner, this side of Cragg's Bend. Doeskin them days was doeskin! Tough! Well, I should say so! Stouter'n blazes! Tougher'n buckskin! Well, as I said, I bought a bolt, and as my wife rigged me out with a suit from it, fixed out in the style of them days with a spike-tail coat. Don't know what a spike-tail coat is? Well, that's a fact, you don't see many on them nowadays, but it used to be so's a man couldn't be without one. They had long tails and short at the waist in front. Well, sir, I wore that suit every Sunday till after the war, and then took to wearin' it for every-day! How well I remember it! That suit o' clothes was associated with me a good part o' my best days. What? Of course! Didn't have time to let go. But the plow jerked me through the openin' in the stump so quick that my coat-tail stuck out horizontally behind me, and was caught by the halves of the stump, and they clapped back together like lightning! That pesky stump had a death-grip on my coat-tail, but I was resolved not to let go o' them plowhandles. Give-ss-ss! Something began to give, but it was the coat. Well, sir, we just yank, that ar hickory stump out by the roots as slick as you please, and I let the stump hang on to my coat-tail till we got to the edge of the field, when I slipped out of the coat and chucked it low. It took me nearly an hour."

—Puck's Sun.

EXCHANGE LINGO.

The Meaning of Many Terms Used by New York Stock Speculators.

The technology of the Stock Exchange is too large for full quotation. "Conversions" are the exchanges of bonds for equivalent shares of stock, such bonds being called "convertibles." "Collaterals" are securities of any kind pledged for borrowed money. Pledging them is termed "hypothecation." A "good delivery" is a certificate of stocks or bonds legally issued, bearing satisfactory power of attorney on the back or appended, and transferred agreeably to the laws of the Exchange. A "bad delivery" is the opposite, and involves the right of appeal to the Committee on Securities, and the action of the committee. "Differentials" are money balances paid where stock is not transferred—which seldom happens. To lend "flat" means without interest. To "water" stock is to increase its quantity and impair its quality. To "pass a dividend" is not to pay it. There are other slang phrases used in connection with the business of stock privileges, which is not "recognized" by or done publicly at the Exchange. Privileges to receive or to deliver securities are bought and sold outside the institution. Russell Sage is the king operator in these peculiar transactions. Stock privileges are "put" and "called," or combined, and the market by agreement of putting or selling to the one who sells it a certain quantity of a specified stock at a designated price within a fixed time. A "call" is the privilege of calling for or buying a certain stock at a specified price within a given time. The seller of the put must be ready to buy, and of the call to sell, whenever called upon. A "straddle" is the option of either buying or selling; it combines the put and call in one, and differs from the "spread" in that the market price at the time of purchase is filled into the latter, while in the straddle the price may vary from that of the market by agreement or otherwise. The cost of stock privileges varies with the length of time they have to run, the difference between the prices named in them from those current on the day the privileges are sold, the activity of the market, and other conditions, and is from one per cent. to three per cent. of the amount involved. Experts affirm that they have a duplex character—that of policies of insurance and that of tickets in a lottery. In exceptional cases only are they means of profit to any but those who issue them. Even the latter—with the exception of the shrewd operator now so conspicuous in the business and possibly even of him—are likely to come to grief, as the large majority of their predecessors have done. The gain of the holder is dependent, first, on favorable turns in the market, and next, on his ability and promptness in utilizing them. Keen intellect, prevision, nerve, watchfulness and tigerish spring at opportunity must unite to prove the worth of what is invested in them. "Don't" is the best advice to those who seek advice about fooling with them.—R. Wheatley, in Harper's Magazine.

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PATTI'S CHAGRIN.

One of the Unpardonable Mistakes Committed by the Great Prima Donna.

A German paper tells a good story of how Patti made a mistake in Paris some years ago.

She was called upon at a private entertainment, to which she had been invited, to sing a couple of songs. She did so, and the company overwhelmed her with praise.

Next morning the gentleman who had given the entertainment sent her a magnificent pair of diamond earrings. They were worth not less than eight thousand francs.

The prima donna expressed her thanks in a note for the present, but she added a postscript to the effect that she had omitted to enclose her three thousand francs, which was her regular price for singing at private entertainments. The gentleman was very much shocked, but he got even with her neatly. He went to a jeweler and bought another pair of earrings for eighty francs. He sent his servant to the diva with these cheap earrings and a check for the amount she claimed. The servant said:

"My master received your note this morning, and he finds your demand perfectly reasonable. Here is a check for it. He also sends you a pair of earrings, but those which I left her yesterday were intended for another person. They were sent you by mistake. Will you have the kindness to return them and overlook the mistake?"

Patti saw too late that she had made a faux pas. With a face as red as fire she returned the magnificent diamonds, but she sighed heavily as the servant put them under his arm and went off with them.—Tid-Bits.

The Afghan Language.

"Ab," in the Afghan tongue, means water, as in Punjab (that is, the "five waters," referring to the five great rivers that traverse the northwestern province of Hindoostan), or as in Hurrah (the water of the "Hurris") or as in Surkhab (the "red water," and so on). "Koh" is a mountain, as in Safedkoh (the white mountain), Koh-i-Baba (the mountains of Baba), Kabor, or as in Hindoo Kosh (the Hindoostan mountain). "Abad" as a terminal ("City of Allah"), "Ahmedabad" (the "City of Ahmed"), and so forth. "Safed" is white, "Surkhab" (surk) red, "mil" blue, etc. Then there are the numerals, such as "panj" or "punj" (five), "chah" or "chahar" (four), etc., all of which are descriptive of certain characteristics of the places to which they are attached. "Panjdih" is an example, for as "deh" means a village and "panj" five, as already explained, the name of the place signifies a collection of five Turkoman villages. "Kotul" occurs it signifies simply a pass over a mountain spur. For instance, the first victory General Roberts won in Afghanistan was at the Palwar Kotul, the pass of the Palwar, 9,000 feet high.—London Times.

In 1849 tin was discovered in New South Wales, but two years later gold was found, and the baser metal attracted no mercantile interest until 1872, when regular mining operations began. In the space of fourteen years not less than 300,000 tons have been exported, and \$55,000,000 have been realized by the colony. Previous to 1879 the total tin production of the world scarcely exceeded 12,000 tons per annum, but now Australia alone produces considerably more than that. In 1872 the total tin production of the world was only 876 tons, while in 1884 it was 9,633 tons.—Chicago Herald.

Our principal observatories all work at specialties. At Harvard the relative magnitude of the stars is the chief object of study. At Princeton, spectroscopy at Allegheny Observatory, the dark spot of the solar spectrum and the effect of the invisible heat rays on the earth; at the National Observatory, positions and orbits of satellites; at Cincinnati, double stars, at Chicago, Jupiter's surface, and at Albany and Yale, perfecting maps of the heavens.—N. Y. Sun.

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