

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.

It has now direct connection with Southern Dakota and southern and eastern points, via the Jamestown & Oakes branch of the Northern Pacific railroad, and the Chicago & Northwestern Extension. The St. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba, and the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul from the south to Jamestown, are in process of completion. The inevitable entrance of several trunk lines, its central location in Northern Dakota and the vast unoccupied stretches of fertile soil whose products are naturally tributary give Jamestown a future certainty of commercial importance, second to no city in the Northwest.

Jamestown has a graded public school, including a high school course, occupying two large school buildings and employing eleven teachers. Jamestown College, an institution of the highest class, is in process of construction. Its liberal endowment, is now in its first year. The city contains six handsome church edifices, and its population numbering 3,500, is made up from the best and most enterprising classes of the northeastern and northwestern states. It is surrounded for fifty miles in every direction by the world-famed wheat lands of the James River Valley, which furnish an immense and inexhaustible support to every department of industry and commerce. Its hotel accommodations, business blocks, mercantile and commercial enterprise are not surpassed by any city in the territory.

CITY NEWS.

From Friday's Daily.

Bismarck mosquito! Several choice French sentences do them justice—English fails entirely—from Rhea.

Harry Cornwall was in town yesterday booming Eldridge crop prospects which he says have been wonderfully improved by the rains.

Joe Bischoff is reaching out and increasing his business. Yesterday he closed a contract to furnish Koeler & Hendricks of St. Paul, with 25,000 pounds of summer sausage.

Landlord J. M. Patch of New Rockford was in town yesterday laying in supplies from the extensive stocks of goods kept by Jamestown merchants. Mr. Patch is one of the old reliables in Eddy county and has helped to make New Rockford the good town it is.

Messrs Weber, Marrell, Poole, B. and M. Nashold, Wood, Bauer, Smith of Carriington and Porter of Melville; of the ball club, Mrs. Marion Nashold, Miss Lena Nashold, R. M. Winslow, Tony Klaus, Al Halstead and L. G. Willis came up from Lisbon on the Valley train last night.

Three tramps were arrested and brought before Judge Hamilton yesterday. One of them a boy, was given five days, and the others respectively nine and ten days each, all at hard labor. The judge's summary manner of dealing with the vagrants is productive of good results, as their scarcity will attest.

Mrs. David Goodman, Jr., Mrs. Menziesheimer and David Goodman, Sr., left yesterday afternoon for Chicago, where they will spend some time visiting with relatives. At the end of ten lonely days Dave will also leave for the same place, and during his absence will purchase a large stock of goods.

The recent hailing out that a settlement in Barnes county received damaged the crops twenty-five per cent, Mr. E. J. White's loss, however, not being as heavy as at first estimated. Even with all the hail felt the crop is yet good for twenty-five bushels to the acre on the grain struck. Pretty good luck after all.

Several of the blue coats who indulged too freely in fire-water during their stay here, were only found after a long search when Captain Nolan's company became ready to move westward, and as a punishment for their too generous indulgence of the ardent they were obliged to walk twenty miles. Parties along the line of march report that they were wearily plodding on their long walk all day.

Postmaster Horn, of Horn, was a caller at THE ALERT office yesterday. Mr. Horn was formerly from Pennsylvania's banner sheep raising county and since his residence in Stutsman county has made some very satisfactory experiments in this industry. Out of 400 sheep he only lost 3 last year, and this year has saved 200 out of 212 lambs. Mr. Horn thinks Dakota one of the best sheep localities in the country.

Aberdeen News: Hon. Thos. W. Bicknell, of Boston, was in the city yesterday, the guest of Mr. L. C. Johnson. Mr. Bicknell is one of the party of capitalists who are interested in the construction of the St. Paul, Black Hills & Pacific railway. He expressed himself as highly pleased with the crop prospects of this portion of Dakota, particularly the territory tributary to the new line. A reporter of the News saw Mr. Johnson last evening and asked in relation to the prospects for construction. He said: "The preliminary matters are being arranged as rapidly as possible, and we expect to have trains running into Aberdeen by the 15th day of November."

The interest felt here in the Lisbon tournament has again revived the project of holding a tournament in Jamestown

later in the season. Nearly everyone is confident that the Ft. Seward can outplay any club in this part of Dakota and believe in giving them another chance. A number of prominent citizens have offered to subscribe liberally for stock in the proposed organization and there seems to be no question as to the necessary funds. A tournament could be made to pay, and a subscription for stock is not looked upon as a donation or contribution, but as an investment which, if properly managed, will return a handsome profit. The matter has reached that point where definite action will be taken in a few days.

Vice President Fancher, of the Territorial Farmer's alliance, returned last night from Huron, where he attended a meeting of the executive committee. It was decided to incorporate as a corporation, with a limited capital of \$200,000, and to take fire insurance risks also. They begin business with \$20,000 capital, one twentieth of which was subscribed in the committee room. This amount will be gradually increased as occasion demands. The following officers were elected: President, Hon. Geo. W. Crose, of Hyde county; secretary, Don G. Needham, of Jerard county; treasurer, D. W. Sprague. Mr. Fancher was elected treasurer, and although urged to accept, declined the position. This move on the part of the alliance is one of the most important in its history. The organization is becoming very powerful, and the results of this action will be more apparent every year.

PERSONAL.

Mrs. G. A. Lieber is spending a few days in the country with Mrs. Wm. J. Denison.

From Saturday's Daily.

Hermann Schultz will have charge of the dancing parties to be hereafter given in Elliott's grove.

H. M. Tabor has returned from Michigan. He reports crops in that state as badly dried up, and thinks the outlook in Dakota as good as anywhere.

Mrs. R. R. Smith, of Valley City, came up to witness the Rhea performance, and returned yesterday. During her stay in the city she was the guest of Mrs. Jno. S. Watson.

Mr. and Mrs. Abbott, of Mahomet, Ill., are spending a few days in the city. They will go to Detroit lake Sunday, and returning make brief visits at Devils Lake and several points on the Northern where they have old friends. Mrs. Abbott is a sister of John Bolinger.

Captain Wm. McClellan started on his return trip to Pittsburg, Penn., last night, after spending several weeks in North Dakota, looking after the large interests which he represents. The genial captain's many friends are always glad to see him and hope for his return soon.

Smith Reed, of Mount Jackson, Lawrence county, Penn., who for two years was a resident of Jamestown, returned here this morning. He comes to take charge of the carpenter work at the asylum. Mr. Reed now thinks Dakota a pretty good country, and will remain here.

Fargo Argus: Attorney and Mrs. Dodge have taken a pleasant suit of rooms at Mrs. Swart's, and will make their home there for the present. It is not known where the Manitoba will select offices for him. Fargo is glad to be honored by the Manitoba and by Mr. Dodge with his headquarters.

Samuel Dailey, of Montpelier, is one of the latest subscribers to the WEEKLY ALERT. Mr. Dailey keeps the section house at that place, and states that there are plenty of good pieces of wheat around there, notwithstanding the recent hail. He thinks a number of fields in that locality will go twenty-five bushels to the acre.

George Jackson met with a painful accident while working at the mill yesterday. While breaking a boulder he struck his left hand with the stone hammer, badly mashing two of the fingers. Dr. DePuy dressed the hand. Although suffering considerable pain Mr. Jackson thinks the injury will not lay him up but a very short time.

The territory is arranging to equip the militia with the latest pattern Springfield rifle 45 calibre, which is considered the best army rifle in the world. Company H is now talking of organizing a rifle team of the best marksmen. There are a number of good shots in the company, and when the new rifles are received a team will probably be organized.

Yesterday's exercises at the G. A. R. encampment were under the auspices of the Woman's Relief corps. Many people left for the scene of merriment in private conveyances, as well as Bassett & Ringer's bus, which started early in the day with a full load. The exercises today will be in charge of the Sons of Veterans and will consist mainly in foot and boat races and base ball and foot ball games.

Argus: Vice President Wells informed me that the grade of the first 110 miles of the new road from Aberdeen to Hoskins is completed, and about 175 teams are at work on the fifty miles between Hoskins and Bismarck, which will be completed inside of sixty days. It is not the intention to iron until next year, as it is impossible to obtain the rails through the mills having such large orders filed ahead.

The two gun clubs are earnestly discussing the contemplated tournament, and intend offering a number of large

prizes for a shooting contest, to take place at the same time. There are a number of gun clubs throughout North Dakota that will no doubt attend if the arrangement is made.

Probably the best time for holding the proposed tournament would be the latter part of August—from the 23d to the 26th—just after harvest and before threshing.

Prof. Denny was in town from the farm near Windsor yesterday. He reports that at the teachers examination held a week or so ago all the candidates passed very creditably. The papers were all carefully examined and all were above the standard, which has been placed very high. The teachers examined were Miss Margaret Minnis, Miss Julia Lyon, Miss Lou Blood, Miss Mand Miller, and Miss Laura Atkinson. Although not a candidate for a position, Miss Bertha Klein took the examination and presented a very creditable paper.

Dunseith Herald: For the past two weeks, band after band of scattering Indians and half-breeds have passed through town, and pitched their tepees among the foot hills of the mountains and on the reservation. The Indians and half-breeds are all from Manitoba and the Northwest territory, probably outcasts, crossing the line for protection and support from the American authorities. They report a big fight across the line, between the half-breeds and whites. Our marshals should take immediate steps and investigate the case, and compel these Indians and half-breeds to return to their Canadian homes. The United States does not intend to support Canadian outcasts.

PERSONAL.

Ernest Niehoff returned yesterday from a trip to Lisbon and St. Paul.

C. V. Brown and wife, of Sykeston, came down from the north last night.

W. W. Graves, Spiritwood; and A. Walters, Edmunds; are at the Capital house.

Jno. A. Risk, Windsor; and Henry Kline, Minneapolis, are at the Grand Central.

Editor O. H. Culver, of Murrey, Idaho, was an east bound passenger on last night's train.

Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Farnsworth, of Buchanan, were guests at the Grand Central yesterday.

Miss Margaret Minnis took the Valley train for Ypsilanti last night, for a short visit with friends.

Alfred Dickey returned last night from a trip to South Dakota points, in the interest of the North Dakota Loan & Trust company.

Governor Church came in from Bismarck last night and left on the Valley train for Huron. The governor is making arrangements for the removal of his family to Bismarck, and when he returns will bring them with him.

From Sunday's Daily.

C. D. Porter is enlarging his green house to meet the requirements of his increasing trade.

The examination of the teachers of the county schools will occur August 2d, in the court house. The examination will be conducted by Superintendent Foley.

Some time ago J. R. Winslow was injured by being thrown from his carriage and yesterday Mills & Steel paid him \$100 as indemnity on an accident ticket, held in one of their companies.

A lengthy communication received last night, with no name attached to it, purporting to relate an adventure of a boarder at the Hotel de Dole, had to go the way of all such manuscripts.

Crops around Sykeston are said to give promise of an immense yield. The haying season is now well advanced and there is a great demand for men. A letter was received here yesterday stating that forty men could find employment from now until after harvest.

Messrs. Gasal Bros. and Bauer have ordered a new and latest improved twenty-four horse power engine, to be used in their brewery in the manufacture of beer. The engine is expected in a few days and, it is said, will make a marked difference in the quality of beer turned out by this justly celebrated establishment.

A ball game for big money is being arranged between Eddy and Foster companies. J. A. Frye, of this city, who has acquired a widespread reputation as an able and impartial umpire, has been selected to umpire the game. A game is also being arranged between Tiffany and New Rockford, and Mr. Frye's services have been engaged for this occasion also.

It is reported that Geo. Soxman has connected himself in business in Kansas with Judge England, late attorney and adjuster of the Sioux Falls Insurance Co. It is also understood that the judge has struck it rich at Findlay, Ohio—having a 400-acre farm near that city, for which he has been offered a large sum since the discovery of natural gas. All good people rejoice with the gentleman in his deserved fortune.

It is cheerful news to learn of the big yields of grain and bright prospects of the territory at large. Mr. Alfred Dickey, one of the oldest and shrewdest judges, has been in Brown county and other localities south of Jamestown the past week. He says the crops are a long way ahead of those seen in most of the western states, and show the usual Dakota thrift and promise of yield. Here and there in the territory a thin section of local extent only is found, but the general run of crops is excellent.

Fargo Republican: Sheriff Benton, of the committee on railroads appointed at the last meeting of the board of trade, left last night for Minneapolis, to consult

with the officers of the Manitoba road about building a branch northwest from Fargo, and with the Minneapolis & Pacific people about a branch from Elbow Lake to Fargo. He will be absent several days, and soon after his return, he will leave for Hunter's Hot Springs, Montana, where he hopes to find relief from his rheumatism. From the springs he will go to the Yellowstone Park, and will be absent about three weeks.

Mr. Augustus Haight, of Oshkosh, Wis., father of Secretary Haight, of the North Dakota Loan & Trust company, arrived in the city yesterday, and will remain some weeks in the bracing atmosphere of Dakota. Mr. Haight has been in the territory before, and has a most favorable opinion of the future greatness and prosperity of the same. He thinks the crop prospect, even as seen along the Northern Pacific, over which he came by daylight, is the finest he has seen this summer. Crops in Wisconsin in many places are burned out by drought, and what is left from that cause is now being devasted by chinch bugs.

PERSONAL.

John Bolinger and Geo. Eager went down to Detroit lake yesterday to spend Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. U. Green, Spiritwood; and Chas. Shafer, Easer; are stopping at the Capital house.

Mrs. J. F. Bradley, of Adrian, has been visiting friends in Jamestown for the last few days. She returned on the south bound train last evening.

Manager E. J. White went down to Valley City yesterday to take a look at his 800 acres of grain which were struck by the hail a few days ago.

Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Brown, of Sykeston, and Mr. and Mrs. Abbott, left yesterday afternoon for Detroit lake, where they will spend the Sabbath.

C. L. Holmes, a seven year resident of the county, with a fine farm near Eldridge, was in the city yesterday greatly encouraged over the improvement in all kinds of crops.

Mrs. Alexander Mitchell, wife of the late president of the Milwaukee road, accompanied by a party of friends were returning from a pleasure trip over the Northern Pacific last night. They occupied a magnificent special car.

From Tuesday's Daily.

The ladies of the Presbyterian Sunday school are arranging to give a Sunday school picnic in the near future.

Ten city prisoners in Fargo got away and are again on the tramp. They tore out the insecure basement wall.

E. S. Russell has greatly improved the appearance of his residence by entrusting the job of painting the same to Chas. Karcher.

Hon. W. E. Dodge was busy packing and boxing up yesterday, preparatory to removing to Fargo. Mr. Dodge has already engaged rooms at that place and will leave at an early date.

In the case of Koeller vs. Farley, Judge Allen yesterday rendered a decision in favor of the plaintiff of three dollars and costs. This is the case where an adjournment was taken Saturday after the testimony was all in.

F. M. Kephart, of Superintendent Graham's office, returned Sunday night from a trip to the Hunter's Hot Springs and other western resorts. Mr. Kephart's health is greatly improved, and his numerous friends rejoice thereat.

Gieseler, Blewett & Co. commence the erection of a powder house tomorrow, about a mile north of the city. The demand for powder is quite large and this enterprising firm will keep on hand at all times a complete stock of the best quality. In the advertisements of THE ALERT this morning appears the notice of sale of a large number of excellently bred horses and cattle, farm machinery, etc., at the Hamel farm four and a half miles from the city. Opportunities to get bargains are here offered and the sale will no doubt be largely attended.

P. Donovan, advance agent for Barrett's circus, was in the city yesterday making necessary arrangements for the appearance of the show here. The advertising car will arrive tomorrow and bill the town. Mr. Donovan arranged yesterday for the erection of several hundred feet of bill boards. The circus shows here August 12th, and is a splendid aggregation.

W. B. S. Trimble was in town yesterday. He states that while crops are not up to the average, there are still a number of fine looking pieces of wheat in the neighborhood of the Eldorado farm. Mr. Trimble has nine teams working on the grade of the Northern Pacific extension from LaMoure to Edgeley. Other farmers in the same vicinity have found similar employment for their teams.

The farmers in the neighborhood of Ypsilanti attended their annual picnic in the grove near the town last Saturday. There was a large gathering, and the participants were entertained with various games, base ball being the principal attraction in that line. Eight tables were set, upon which all manner of tempting delicacies appeared and disappeared. The tables seated forty persons each.

Even at the low price offered for hay, farmers are handling considerable into the city. They get \$5.00 per ton. H. O. Wood, living twenty-five miles south of here, yesterday, brought in several tons and disposed of all at the stock yards. Mr. Wood says hay has been quite plenty in his vicinity until the last week, when every body seems to be after all they can

secure, at the same time. His late sown grain will yield an average crop.

PERSONAL.

Capt. B. M. Hicks has returned from an extended trip in the northern country. Marion Hodge returned Sunday morning from Ft. Scott and Wichita, Kan., where he has been for the past half year.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. R. Topf left last night for St. Paul. They will remain a few days at Lake Minnetonka, and probably continue eastward.

Roseco Fuller, brother of B. W. Fuller, came in yesterday from Vermont, and will spend a few days in the metropolis getting acquainted with the magnitude of his brother's operations.

From Wednesday's Daily.

The flower beds in the park are a pleasant sight to the eye these days.

Capt. Bowman, of the Actives, has received a challenge from the Melville club to play a match game at that place.

Sam Mathews writes that since the hotel burned he has concluded to return east, but will take a trip through the park first.

Valley City is getting a dose of tramps. Five individuals of that order applied at one house one afternoon for a lunch. In Jamestown the wandering knights are lunched in the calaboose and pay for the same in work on the streets.

G. H. Spangler, who resides on the Clarence Selvidge farm, reports the arrival of a very fine boy, an eleven pounder Sunday night. Inter-state commerce law and the apathy of railroad companies can't prevent the population of Dakota being augmented just the same.

W. T. Gilman, of Pingree, was in the city again yesterday. He states that the late rains have brought out crops wonderfully, and that he now expects to thresh out an average of twelve bushels to the acre from his farm. Mr. Gilman expects his father, the colonel, who has been sick at his sister's in South Dakota, to return next week.

Among the old timers there is considerable talk about the unusually large rainfall during the present month. Rains have been heavier and more numerous the past three weeks than during any similar period in five years. In July 1882 a similar state of affairs was witnessed. If these showers continue the ground ought to be in good condition for next year's crop.

Quite a number of inquiries have already been received in response to the advertisement of the city council offering to grant an electric light franchise on certain conditions. The foremost companies in the country are figuring and will present bids. It is also understood that the three Jamestown parties have been figuring on the probable cost of the plant and are prepared to present bids which will astonish some of the stiff priced eastern companies.

The shortness of straw this year has again brought the header harvesting machine into notice in this portion of the country, and several will cut their grain with the header this season. It is extensively used in Iowa and Illinois, and in short straw is just the thing. One of the large machines was sold yesterday, and others will be on exhibition to show the manner of working. A very large amount of grain can be cut in a day, and is stacked like hay, to be afterwards threshed from the stack.

The storm in Fargo Monday night was very severe, and the wind which blew hard did considerable damage. The Chapin block, on Second avenue, and the Morrison block, corner Broadway and Second avenue, were unroofed, the water pouring in and doing considerable damage. Numerous glass fronts and awnings were broken and torn down. The large foundry which has remained unoccupied for some time was also demolished and a team of horses killed. The telephone service was entirely demoralized.

The demand for farm laborers has not been so poorly supplied in several years as the present. Men are very scarce, and promise to be still more so. The immense amount of building going on in this vicinity has taken the services of every mechanic, and all the cheaper laborers. The railroad building to the north and south has taken away all the unemployed long since. Wages are not advanced however, and it is thought that labor will grow more plenty as harvest approaches. One firm here wants forty men, and others are looking for men to work through the season by the month.

Rev. Mr. Brauns, the minister and director of the Roumanian colony that is growing so fast in Foster and Eddy counties, spent the day in the city yesterday. He states that the immigration this season has added about forty souls to those already in those localities. They have good crops as a rule, and are doing well. The credit of these people both at Carriington and Ellendale, is such that merchants readily trust them for what they want, no one yet ever having lost a cent from the Roumanians. Mr. Brauns states that the oppression of the government is such that nearly all of these people would immigrate to America, if they had means, or were permitted. As it is, he expects a large increase in their numbers next season.

Bismarck Tribune: Sheriff Donnelly was called to Sterling yesterday to take into custody two men charged with robbing the railroad agent's office at that place. The agent left his office to mail some letters at the postoffice. At the time he left several trampish looking fel-



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lows were hanging around the platform. On returning he noticed that two of them had gone, and on entering the railroad building found that the door to his office had been broken and \$20 taken from the drawer. He at once gave the alarm, and a party of citizens started in pursuit of the plunderers, whom they captured between Sterling and Driscoll. Sheriff Donnelly arrived with them on last evening's train. They were taken before Justice Hare, who held them to answer before the next term of the grand jury. Their names are John Rice and John A. Basanta.

PERSONAL.

L. B. Wachtell, Pingree is among the Grand Central arrivals.

Jerome Sabin was in from the farm south of the city yesterday.

Elias Fitterling, a Barnes county land owner, was in Jamestown yesterday.

John Misted, the Eldridge wheat raiser, was purchasing supplies in town yesterday.

E. G. Lyman, a well known Pingree merchant was registered at the Gladstone last evening.

Grant VanDusen, Eldridge; and Thos. Kane, Spiritwood; are stopping with Captain Ingraham.

Miss Agnes Schmitz, of Trempealeau, Wis., sister of Chief Schmitz, is visiting in the city and will probably remain some months.

Rev. B. S. Taylor has left for Elliott, a station on the Fargo & Southwestern branch, where he will begin camp meetings again.

Elmer Marrell returned yesterday from Grand Rapids, where he stopped off on his return from the Lisbon tournament, and has been since.

Notice to Ranchers, Farmers and Others.

Any members of the Farmer's Alliance or other societies, ranchers, or parties desiring to buy groceries, provisions and supplies at the lowest Chicago prices, can do so by consulting me. I will guarantee to duplicate prices and goods with Chicago, less freight. Mail orders will receive prompt attention. My stock is the heaviest in this part of North Dakota. Call and examine my prices and be convinced of the above.

S. S. ALTSCHUL,
Jamestown, Dak.

A Deputy Tax Collector's Stroke of Luck.

"Joe" Ahern, was as cool as an iceberg, notwithstanding the fact that he had just won \$15,000 in The Louisiana State Lottery, and he was busy "setting 'em up." "I never bought a ticket before in all my life," said Joe, "and I only did it this time for a flyer."—San Francisco, (Cal.) Examiner, May 13.

Stock Strayed.

Mrs. McCrimmon, a lady living some twenty-five miles southwest from here, near Alexander's place, has had the misfortune to lose two gray mares, branded, one 50, the other 150. Anyone finding or knowing of the whereabouts of said stock will greatly help the lady by notifying her of the fact.

NOTICE.

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