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The Chicago newspapers are claiming 700,000 population for that city.

The bill requiring every notary public to affix to his official signiture the date of the expiration of his commission, did not pass as many seemed to think.

The Herald says there were "between two and three thousand" at their celebration in St. Vincent on the Fourth. We are inclined to regard that as a stupendous—assertion.

The Grand Forks Herald discourses on Dakota editors, dividing them into two classes, those that can be bought and those that cannot be bought. The latter, it thinks, are in the majority. We hope the Herald is correct.

Beware of the trade dollar which is now only worth eighty cents. If one should surreptitiously get into your possession don't try to convince another innocent man that he has a better right to lose twenty cents than you. Also, look out for mutilated coins.

Reports from all over the country show that the recurrence of the Fourth of July celebration brought with it the usual catalogue of disasters and the annual discussion is revived as to whether the fire cracker, the toy pistol etc., should not be finally and forever abolished.

President Arthur seems to be gaining in popularity. He has yet an opportunity by rising above cliques and directing the administration of affairs with a wise and steady hand in the interests of the whole country to win the lasting respect of the American people and merit a re-election, although at one time he did not seem to be the man to do it. Substantial merit is the surest passport to popularity in a president of the United States.

Governor Ordway is the most abused man in Dakota. The editorial fraternity of South Dakota is agitated to sickness over all sorts of alleged wickedness on the part of the governor. The latest charge is that he has hired the Chicago Times and other leading newspapers outside the territory to champion his cause. This shows that the governor has made so much money out of Bismarck real estate as to move him with a generous impulse to help poor Chicago editors, Dakota editors being in opulence and beyond need of help.

Col Donan delivered one of his characteristic Fourth of July orations at Fargo this year. When the Colonel gets in a good charge of patriotic ammunition he goes off with wonderfully explosive force. His literary skyrockets went high into the air. With the "scream flying from the eagle" he also mingled the "croak of the raven" giving a terrible picture of the corruption in high places. He showed plainly that the average congressman, judge and other high official is on the straight road to that bad place to which the colonel's reverential feelings will not permit him to make allusion. The address was evidently much enjoyed by the audience.

The world do move. Egypt is to have a constitutional government. Such a long stride forward in so short a time has few parallels in history. In this connection the Minneapolis Tribune pays the following just tribute to England. "England had a grand opportunity, and she has improved it. Instead of using her power over prostrate Egypt for annexation or selfish purposes of gain alone, she has used her irresistible influence to oblige the Khedive to give his people a free government. Egypt will have a slow and toilful road to enlightenment and strength, but there is hope for her. There is in the patient and industrious Fellaheen the material from which to build up a solid, vigorous people."

Postmaster General Gresham, following the example of ex-Postmaster General Key, has put forth an edict against the use of the mails by lottery companies. Well done. Now let the new postmaster general have all the honor of the deed without being accused of figuring for the presidency. By the way, we notice that some prominent newspapers that are generally alert in dealing with live topics of the day, have very little to say editorially on this lottery decision. There is probably a fear in some quarters that those newspapers which publish lottery advertisements are in danger of being intercepted. So let it be. This Louisiana lottery business is an evil in the land and a disgrace to the state that fosters and encourages such a swindle.

Perhaps the protracted dry weather of this season, threatening to curtail the crop yield, following the disappointment of last year over the damage to grain from the rains, will emphasize the oft repeated lesson to farmers of Dakota, not to rely so largely on the production of wheat. This lesson is bound to be learned, whether from reason and foresight or from the due force of a few adverse seasons that will land exclusively wheat farmers on their back. There is a facination in expansive fields of grain that seems to tempt farmers to stake their all in an investment which even in Dakota has in it too much of an element of risk to be made an exclusive source of dependence. We have unbounded faith in the adaptability of our soil and climate to wheat growing and the commanding position our Valley is destined to achieve and maintain as the world's furnisher of bread for the coming ages, but such faith ought not to preclude the wisdom and foresight, which, if the gate of prosperity is closed on us, provides another avenue of relief. The fortunes of the farmer should not hang in the balance every year, even though nine points out of ten are in his favor. Mixed farming must be the policy of Dakota farmers, if we are to have an agricultural country whose prosperity rests upon a solid basis.

Real Estate Transfers.

The following are the real estate transfers for the week ending July 7, 1883:

FARM PROPERTY.

J. T. Reid to F. Hildebrand, s w ¼ sec 19, tp 159, r 51, 160 acres	$3,000 00
A. Reid to F. Hildebrand, n w ¼ sec 19, tp 159 r 51, 160 acres	3,000 00
J. H. Barton to A. B. Walker, s e ¼ sec 17, tp 159 r 52, 160 acres	1,600 00
Megquier & McIntyre to I. B. Winters, e ½ n w ¼ e ½ s w ¼ sec 31, tp 159, r 56, 160 acres	1,000 00
O. P. Kempen to S. Torgenson, s w ¼ sec 9, tp 159, r 53, 160 acres	,750 00
J. McFarron to Wm. Askew, w ½ s e ¼ e ½ s w ¼ sec 11, tp 163, r 54, 160 acres	900 00
J. Airth to T. E. Ewen, half interest of s e ¼ sec 9, tp 161, r 53, 160 acres	1,000 00

TOWN LOTS.

R. A. Sprague to H. Engen, lots 21 and 22, blk 5, Foster's add to Bathgate	625 00
J. LaMoure to G. F. Winters, lots 6 and 7, blk 15, town of Neche	1,200 00
C. J. Brown to J. D. Schoales, lots 15, 16 and 17, blk 31, town of Hamilton	300 00
C. J. Brown to S. Collins, lots 13 and 14, blk 5, town of Hamilton	200 00
S. Grandy to J. S. Grandy, lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, blk 55 and lot 8, blk 16, St. Thomas	300 00
Comstock & White to J. H. Anderson, lot 17, blk 1, St. Thomas	100 00
A. F. Appleton to School District No. 41, lots 58, 59, 60 and 61, town of Crystal	5 00
Comstock & White to Olson Thompson & Christian, lot 20, blk 1, St. Thomas	100 00
A. J. Wallace to S. E. Jackson, lots 18 and 19, blk 6, Wallace Bros. add to Drayton	70 00
A. J. Wallace to H. T. Funnell, lot 14, blk 14, lot 2, blk 3, Wallace Bros. add to Drayton	105 00
A. J. Wallace to H. H. Funnell, lot 8, blk 13, lot 19, blk 3, Wallace Bros. add to Drayton	100 00
A. J. Wallace to M. S Johnson, lots 5 and 6, blk 13, Wallace Bros. add to Drayton	80 00
A. J. Wallace to A. H. Johnson, lot 7, blk 13, Wallace Bros. add to Drayton	40 00
A. J. Wallace to S. F. Johnson, lots 22, 23 and 24, blk 6, Wallace Bros. add to Drayton	120 00
A. J. Wallace to M. Wallace, lot 7, blk 6, Wallace Bros. add to Drayton	60 00
A. J. Wallace to H. J. Layton, lot 2, blk 5, Wallace Bros. add to Drayton	35 00

Editor Goudy's Practical Joke.

Dave Goudy, editor of the Beaver Dam Argus, is one of the dryest jokers in the world, and he had just as soon play a joke on a member of his own family as not. Dave's wife is a friend of his, and so she is subject to his jokes. She hates Indians, and always locks the door when she sees the beggars who camp around Beaver Dam coming toward the house. Dave knew this, so he hired an Indian to go up to the house and get in, with a pass key, and beg a pair of Dave's old pants of the good wife, which she would gladly give to get rid of him, and then offered the Indian half a dollar if he would go right into the parlor and put the pants on. Dave thought it would be a splendid joke on his wife, and he got a drug-store man named Griffis to go with him and watch the fun from a distance. The Indian got in the house, and, when he asked for a pair of old pants, the good lady saw through the joke, and she gave him Dave's Sunday pants, and he went in the parlor and was going to put them on. This was too much for her, and she went to the kitchen and got a dipper of hot water. Nobody knows exactly what occurred, but Dave and Griffis suddenly saw an Indian come out the front door, with one leg in a pair of black doeskin pants and the other pants leg dangling in the air, and the Indian yelled as though he was in pain, and he pulled out for the camp up the lake about six miles. As he passed the two gentlemen the Indian said, "Squaw heap spunky. Ugh! Hot water," and he was gone. Dave went home and asked what the news was, and found that he was out a pair of Sunday pants, in the pocket of which was $12 in money and a pass on the St. Paul railroad, and his wife says when he wants to send his friends up to the house after any more pants to do so, by all means. She will be at home.—Peck's Sun.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

Notice is hereby given that tenders will be received by the undersigned for the erection of a Presbyterian church at Hybe Park. Plans and specifications may be seen with Mr. Hyde, Hyde Park; H. A. Mayo, Walhalla; Rev. A. K. Caswell, Neche; PIONEER-EXPRESS office, Pembina. The work to be completed on or before 20th August 1883.

JAMES HYDE,
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