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LCCAL NOTICES!- 10 cents per fine for first Beertion; de. per line for each suberquent insertion, MO subscriptions continued longer than paid for ADDITIONAL LOCALS,

-Learned Bros., have just received a car load of the following stoves:

PARLOR STOVES. Golden Star, Silver Star, the Resolute

and Graffic.

Challenge, Fanshon, Fire produce Young America, Silver Star and Golden Star Cook.

#### Jamestowa General Produce. Provision & Grocery Market,

Corrected Weekly by L. LYON

No. 1 wheat, 95 cts \$\$1.00 per bushel No. 2 '90 c \$ 92 bu Oats 45 \$50 bu White Rose Flour \$7.50 per barrel.
Four Ace Petent " \$8 50 per barrel.
Mess Pork \$20 bbl | Eacon 1214 \$9 13 ib
Hams 14 \$9 15 ib | Dried Beef 15 \$9 13 ib
Sugar 9 4c to 14c ib | Teas 30c to 80c ib Coffee, best 25cth | Dried Apples 12½ th Dried Peaches 12½th | Dried prunes 12½ "Bl'kberries 12½-Zanter currants 12½ Alden Evaporated Apples 25th.

#### AT HOME

We are here. Blue birde. Green corn. String beans. Strawberries and cream. The roses they are in bloom. Justice Braunie is very ill.

Barber Thompson's building is nearly completed.

Best teas at Curtin & Winslows. Wood and Potatoes at Henry Vessey's,

Oveters, best in town at Curtin & Winslows -Old papers for sale at this office for 75 cents per 100.

Our aleic sun did it.

Mackinaw clothing at Curtin & Winslows Jamestown will soon have a bakery. The weather during the past few days has been lovely.

Mr. Dewey rejoices and is exceeding glad. Lo, and behold, it is a boy.

Get yours coffees, groceries, &c., at Curtin & Winslow's Cheap Cash Store. Mr. Bellinger of Spiritwood knows how to make it interesting for the boys.

Gen. Pride, once on Gen. Grant's staff, spent a few days in the city last week. Carpenter Smith will commence the

erection of two new houses this week. Our county commissioners will meet on

the twenty-fifth of the present month. We are not wable to have another such a winter as we have just experienced, in seven years.

Frank Perkins, of Deadwood, favored Jamestown with readings on Tuesday

"Why don't you call at Curtin & Winslow's " "What for " "Why for everything in the line of merchandise?"

Those desiring information concerning this country would do well to write to G W. Vennum, our county clerk,

Cartin & Winslow will sell their im mense stock of woolen [goods at cost, in order to make room for their spring stock.

Peter Auberton has succeeded in getting Mr. Timm's store building moved to its new location. A good job, Peter.

Captain Garrety, wife and two daugh-ters, of Fort Totten, are in the village Also Major Bell, of the same place

Capt, Elliott openly refuses to accept the office of justice of the peace under any circumstances.

Gerin and Hayden's combination were among the waiting pilgrims at the Dakota house during the late blockade.

The North Western Land Journal will make its appearance in about two weeks. The country will then be safe.

THE ALERT is the only newspaper, with the exception of one issue of the Bismarck Tribune, that has been distributed in Jamestown for three weeks.

We are compelled to print THE ALERT on wrapping paper this week, owing to the protracted blockade on the Northern

The late storm occasioned one of the severest blockades of the season. In fact one of the worst ever known to the Northern Pacific.

Postmaster Kelly informs us that he will soon have another suite of drawers made for the post office. They are much

Gossip says there is soon to be a wedding at the Dakota house. Also one at the Jamestown hotel. Will wonders never cease?

A proposition has been made to call an occumenical council of all the Methodist bodies in the world, and the 6th day of next May has been mentioned as a day of meeting to prepare the call for the council. The late storm has been of a greater disadvantage to the Northern Pacific R. R. than it could possibly have been to any private individual or corporation. The country has suffered least of all.

Later developments show that Mrs. Ford whom we mentioned in last week's issue as having been severely injured by a fall from a chair on which slie was standing, has one or two ribs broken. We understand that she is gradually recovering.

Mr. Timm has let the contract of moving his store tuilding to Peter Auberton who will place it spon the lot next to H Vessey's feed store. We are informed that Mr. Timm will open an eating house and bakery therein.

The attention of the inhabitants of North America and Europ : is respectfully directed to the new advertisement of G. W. Kurtz on fourth page. You will find him a "safe" man to deal with,

Last Saturday evening Henry Bergenthall, one of our prominent farmers, living four mites west of this place, gave a party at his residence which was attended by a goodly number of invited guests from the city. Those who attended, report it as one of the most enjoyable parties of the

Mr. Ward Bill after struggling with the elements for more than one week between Gloves and mittens at Curtin & Winslews this point and Bismarck, finally fetched has lived in this region since '72, and adds that this winter without a single exception has been the severest he has ever experienced in the country.

> Those desiring to get a first class pair of boots made to order can be accommodated by calling on our neighbor, Mr Ringuett, who holds forth over the way. Mr. R. is a good workman as his work shows, and being a very industrious man is deserving of a liberal support from our

For the benefit of those who claim that a man must have lived in the county nine months before he is eligible to an office in the county, we arise to remark that they are just a little off their "cabase." The laws of Dakota provide that a man is eligible to any county office after baving been a resident of the county a period of three months, and to territorial offices after a residence of nine months.

A. McKechnic, clerk of the school board is in favor of employing a first class teacher this coming season and gives it as his optnion that Mesers. Lees and Collins, members of the board, are favorably impressed with the same Our school board could nothing which would so effectually call forth the heartfelt thanks of tae intelligent portion of Stutsman county as to employ a first class teacher. Give us a male teach er who has both ability and experience.

Mr. Miger, the gentleman who struggles with all things earthly from a strongmisded Amale to a box of sardiner at Major Lyon's stere; has just received in Mend who was kicked out of Gran

cabinet and benished to the Fiji islands some four or five years ago,a wonderful bird which the giver claims was captured with great loss of life. The physical dimensions of this fowl is as follows: Bill 18 inches, legs 8 feet long and 14 inch in inches. Distance from tip of toes to end to do, that they can not possibly give of bill, 68 inches. These who desire to look upon this mysterious bird can do so free of charge by calling at the store.

G. W. Vennum, county clerk, comes out this week with a mammoth advertisement covering one whole page of our "Great Family Journal." As the advertisement is large enough to speak for itself we will only add that Mr. Veanum is well acquainted with both the quality and location of lands in this section of the country and has the ability to carry out in full all that he promises to carry out in his advertisement. Those desiring to secure lands, village property, &c. would do well to advise with him at once.

O. A. Boynton, who possesses a very valuable 160 acres of land near this village departed last Thursday morning for Trempealeau, Wis., his former home. Last Tuesday, Mr. Boynton in company with Mr. Case, of this village, faced one of the severest storms the country has ever known, with baskets of provisions for the hungry passengers who were snow-bound some three miles west of this place. As Mr. B. refused to accept pay in money from the company, they very properly granted him free passage from James-town to St Paul. It is rumored that Mr. B. will return ere long accompanied by a blushing bride.

Not many weeks ago we called the attention of the public to the fact that Mr. G. W. Kurtz had erected a building and highest terms of his family. proposed to commence the manufacturing of milk safes at once. On calling at the factory last Friday we found everything booming and had the pleasure of gazing on twenty five or thirty new safes which were in every respect equal to any we have ever seen. This addition is one of great importance to our thriving metropois en the article manufactured is something that no family can well do withour Mr .Kurtz informs us that he will soon have a team on the road and a man with it to sell his safes to any who may desire to purchase.

#### TURNER'S SOCIETY.

The German's of this place met at the office of G. W. Kurtz, last Saturday evening and successfully organized a Turner's society, the first organization of the kind on the line of the Northern Pacific, The tollowing officers were elected:

1st speaker,	G W Kurtz
2nd "	Che Timm
Treasurer	W C Mueller
1st Secretary	C.A Braun
2nd "	H Dorn
1st Master Turner	W Buhl
2nd "	L N Verdigam
Janitor	H Smith
Standard bearer	J Freeman

#### IT WAS ALWAYS THUS:

The prominent gentleman from Deadwood who took upon himself the uncalled for responsibility of instructing Supt Towns and Manager Sargent how to run a railroad failed to get a favorable hearing. His complaints against the employees were base lies, as every one knows who knows anything about the matter.

Those men who are so ready to tell what they would do and what the company ought to do, are as a usual thing a set of shiftless, self-conceited asses, who are no more fit to manage a railroad than a hog is to care for a garland of flowers. They can sit with their feet to the fire, and tell how short-sighted and mean the railroad company is, and swear because fifty men cannot shovel out one hundred miles of snow-drifts, twelve feet deep in one night, when at the same time it is drifting in faster than a thousand men could shovel it out, very easily; but if they were among the ones to do the shoveling they would change their tune very much. If the company has not done all that might have been done, it certainly has done all that it could do considering the unpleasant circumstances under which it has been compelled to labor. We have suffered as much, in proportion, as any business man in tows, and would no doubt, do se much fault-finding and grumbling as othere are doing, if we knew as little about what they are grounding about as they do

THE manner in which some of our leading citizens act regarding political matters is not altogether commendable. The very men who are fully capable of holding the various offices now vacant, are the very men who refuse to accept them. Their diameter. Claws, 6 inches, neck, 3 feet, 5 excuse is usually that they have so much them the attention they would require. Others put in a poverty stricken pleathat there is not enough money in them to make it an object. They do not appear to care a copper for the welfare of our public enterprises unless there is "mon ey in it." Just notice these mentafter a man of less ability, but of more patriotism, has reigned for a season, you will see them finding all manner of fault with his administration and will be heard to remark, "He is no no man for that office." etc. You notice them again after the county has advanced in population and its treasury, has been filled with filthy lucre, and see how willing they are to accept the very offices which they so unreasonably refuse to day.

Such men are sometimes elected in after ballet boxes they would never be Men who expect to make Stuteman county their home-men who have property and children, should manifest a little faterest in matters pertaining to the welfare of does not appear to be "millions in it."

The Richland County Gazette mentions the disgrace and flight of Hon. J. G. Burbank, who was a defaulter as county treas urer, and who had appropriated money entrusted to him by settlers for their homestead and pre emption fllings and for other purposes. He is also charged with forgery. The Gazette speaks in the

#### THE SOCIETY SEASON CLOSES WITH A GRAND PARTY GIVEN BY E. P. WELLS.

The smiling countenances of our citizens and the gentle rustling of Sunday garments together with an occasional waf of perfumery that one might accidentally inhale as he swept past an average citizen at an early hour last evenlug was sufficient to convince him that something uncommon was up, and that the whole city was about to take a social bath-so to speak-and such was the case. About half-past eight an hour later, the new and elegant residence of E.P. Wells had to all appearances passed out of the hands of its highly res. pected owners and had become the property, in common, of the town.

The gentlemen with their wives, daughters and lady friends, also the young men with their "sisters, cousins and aunts," were out in full force; We were kindly received by our highly esteemed citizen, Capt. H. T. Elliett, and ushered through the hall into the reception room where we received a cordial welcome from our amiable hostess, Mrs. Wells. made it our first business to take in the situation. The three rooms on the lower floor were occupied by the merry dancers, while the three on the second floor were liberally supplied with card tables -seven in all-around which some of our best citizens gathered with loving tenderness until beaten, when another lover of the festive pasteboards would take his place. The gentleman beaten did not give up his seat at the card table to make a wall flower of himself; such was not the order of things. But taking his partner, if he had one, if not some other one's partner, he gracefully glided from the scenes of the card rooms to mingle amongst the merry dancers who occupied the three elegantly furnished rooms below.

Here was a variety of diversions which would cause the most unwilling guest to stay, unconscious of time, until morning. As we strolled through the well lighted parlors, our curiosity as to know how many there were present, led us to count 'noses," so to speak, and we were somewhat surprised to find the attendance to be 73. About 12 o'clock the work of passing refreshments commenced. Don't ask us to tell when it left off. We do not know. The last we remember was edging up to side boards where we ate the 3d dish of ice cream, tackled the 99th piece of cake, which was washed down with the 5th cup of coffee, which possessed more inspiration to the square inch than any coffee we ever drank.

Somehow we want to write a piece of poetry about it right here but our space is already more than occupied and we must close by adding that the party without a single excaption was the most successful and brilliant one eyer held in the thriving village of Jamestown; and one which has wonder Mr. Wells and his accomplished family a feeling of friend-ship which will not be effaced by the large of time. lapee of time

### JAMESTOWN

A Betrespective Glance at its Early Mistery, together With a Brief sketch of its Present and future

[Continued from No. 80.] CHAPTER V.

W. W. Bill, of whom we have previous ly made mention, came to Jamestown is July, 1872, in the interests of Hubbard, Raymond & Allen, whom he and a Mr. Clark bought out and continued business under the firm name of Clark & Bill. This latter firm afterwards moved to Bismarck in June, 1872, continued there till spring of 1876, then moved to the Black Hills and the same summer of this year, Mr. Clark was mysteriously killed on the road between Yankton and the Hills. In 1877 Mr. Bill returned to Bismarck, clerked that season on a Missouri steamer, and in the spring of 1878 entered the employ of N. B. Harwood & Co., of Minneapolis In September of the same year he came to years, but if we had the stuffing of the Jamestown to take charge of a stock of goods formely owned by H. C. Miller & Co. but at that time bought by Mr. B employer. The goods remained the prop. erty of Harwood & Co. until September, 79 when they were bought by S. F. Lambert their own county and village even if there Mr. Bill remains head manager in this enterprising house, has taken up one hundred and sixty acres of land in close proximity to town and is one of Stutsman county's most popular and favorite men.

S. F. Lambert, emigrated from Minne sota to Bismarck in the spring of 1872 where he remained tril August, 1879, engaged in freighting and government contracting; he then came to this place bought the stock of goods as above mentioned; engaged with other parties under the firm name of S. F. Lambert & Co., in carrying freight from this point to Fort Totten; entered one hundred and sixty acres of land within a few miles of town; and is 'one of our most successful and enterprising business men.

The building occupied by S. F. Lambert was put up in September 1873, by H. C. Miller, who immigrated to this vicinity July 1872; he at first kept a meat market and dealt in cattle, but afterwards opened a general merchandise store which he run until hie death, March 1879.

George W. Braunie, one of our justice's of the peace came in the summer of 1872 with Capt. Bate's company, and was hospital steward at Fort Sewart until the abandoment of the same. He then enter ed the employ of H. C Miller as bookkeeper; afterwards, started in business for himself; opened a saloon in the building now occupied by Thompson th barber. He sold out about a year ago and has been in the employ of Mr. Kelleher nearly ever since.

In the forepart of the year 1879, Canton. St. Lawrence county, New York, lost one of its most amiable men in the personage of Will Elmer who came to this place in March of said year, with the words of old Horace Greeley burning in his mind. He cpened a small stock of drugs in his present location, and has kept adding to and increasing his business until now he has one of the neatest and best selected stocks of the kind on the line of the N P. Will, in common with all the boys has taken up one hundred and sixty acres of land as the foundation of the fortune awaiting his perseverance and pluck.

Henry Ringuette, our shoemaker, left Unity, Wisconsin, in May 1879, with a view to settling in the best and fairest place he could find in his travels. Naturally enough, Jamestown proved his choice he opened a shop in the house now occupied by John McGee, moving thence into a room in the Jamestown hotel, and lastly, into the building erected by hun last summer on Front street. He has taken up a very desirable claim about two miles west of town, and this season will find him engaged with both his trade and the business of farming.

#### [TO BE CONTINUED HEXT WERE ]

At the November election of 1878 Mor-ton County had but eighty voters, and many of them were employed Fort lin

The Rapid City (Dak.) Journal says a bank is needed in that town and thinks a circulation of \$50,000 could be used to advantage. The money order business at Rapid, the Journal says, is \$1,000 per