

### PENCIL AND PASTE POT.

Iowa is making a big show of insanity statistics. It is well to be ahead in something or other.

Winter wheat in Michigan has suffered some by frost and much from being smothered by late snows.

Twenty years ago the doctors told Peter Cooper that he couldn't live six months. Peter always had his own way about trifles.

It is said that Sioux Falls offers \$250,000 if the territorial capital is located there, and Elk Point is said to be ready with \$1,000,000.

The senate has reduced the tariff on barbed wire fencing, but that won't help the farmer's hired man any. He wants the barbs filed down and a cushion arranged every twenty rods along the top wire.

The Bermuda group of islands contains 365 islands with a total of about 13,000 acres, the four largest being connected with bridges, which affords a driveway over the smoothest and hardest of roads.

A Kansas panther came sneaking around the other day to eat up the scraps set out for the dog, and the woman explained: "I thought he must be a new breed, as he wouldn't leave until I broke the broom handle over his back."

The legislature at Yankton has prepared a memorial to congress, asking the repeal of the duty on nails, lumber and barbed wire, and that the legislature be authorized to regulate the freight and passenger rates on railroads in the territory.

A Minneapolis lady recently gave a small dog six grains of morphine, with the intention of killing the animal. The canine went to sleep, and it was supposed had died. Three days later, however, he awoke, and ever since has been as bright and lively as before.

A Pennsylvania man who was mean enough to rob his needy family of food to buy rum was lately horse-whipped by the vigilants. A Connecticut man for a similar offense was spanked with a red-hot shovel in the hands of a squad of indignant women neighbors.

Twenty-five years ago a clergyman in an Alabama town prayed one Sunday that the Lord would send a wind and blow the ten-pin alley down. The next Wednesday a wind visited the town, blowing down the ten-pin alley, and nothing else in the whole village. There has never been a ten-pin alley there since.

A Michigan judge, in sentencing a prisoner to five years of servitude in the penitentiary, commented with severity upon a petition signed by a number of women, spoken of as "ladies," who requested clemency in the case. Inasmuch as the prisoner's crime was rape, of an exaggerated kind, the world at large is apt to applaud the act of the judge.

The sorrow which intemperance causes was sadly illustrated in a New York court when a drunken mother was sentenced to the island for six months. One of her little girls begged the father in piteous tones: "Oh, papa, papa, don't send mamma away." The husband, however, would not relent, and the mother was taken into prison with a baby in her arms.

### TERRITORIAL TWINKLINGS.

The bill to locate the penitentiary at Bismarck has passed both houses.

James H. Teller, of Ohio, has been confirmed as secretary of Dakota territory.

E. A. Grant of Fargo, who was renominated as postmaster has declined. N. N. Tyner, it is supposed, will be nominated in place of Mr. Grant.

Wheat stealing has been going on very actively in the region of Grand Forks. Henry Gotzian, who farms three miles west of Stickney, has been plundered of 300 bushels.

Chicago Inter-Ocean: Within a short period several families will leave central Illinois for homes in Dakota, and it is estimated that these emigrants will take with them about \$1,000,000 in money alone.

N. Stevenson, a farmer near Valley City, mangled himself horribly with a jack-knife. He is now being cared for and it is thought will recover from the wounds. Physicians believe him insane.

Fargo Argus: Fargo remittances from the east have increased within the past few days, and bank balances show quite a healthy gain. Investors are coming in and money is daily becoming more plenty. Thirty days more will witness an activity unprecedented.

The two eastern townships of Wells county have been annexed to Foster county by legislative enactment. This places Carrington in nearly the center of Foster county, and insures its permanency as the county seat, which is a very valuable and satisfactory assurance. The work was accomplished very quietly, and no objections seem to have been made to it in the legislature.

From one end of the country to the other there is a grand general move in favor of peopling the broad prairies of Dakota, and the tide of immigration setting in within the next sixty days will be unprecedented in the history of this wonderland. Such is the belief of one who has traveled over five thousand miles and through a half dozen states, in the past month. Everywhere the talk is Dakota, and how to get there. Railroads are planning excursions, and colonies are forming in almost every northern and western state, the destination being Dakota.—Fargo Argus.

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