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THE COURIER. By Tracy R. Trubshaw

The Courier joins with the newspaper fraternity in extending to Editor Stevens, of the Wimbledon News, hearty congratulations over his recent marriage to Miss Nora Tollefson, of Wimbledon. Nothing is too good for Blay and here's best wishes for a long life to both himself and bride.

The coronation of King Alfonso of Spain took place last Saturday, May 17th. The newly crowned monarch is only sixteen years old and is assumed a whole lot of trouble when he lifted the scepter. He is said to be a very bright young man. It is to be hoped that his path will be smoother for him than it has been for his predecessors.

The Courier comes out this week with a new name. It will be known hereafter as the Cooperstown Courier, the old original name of the paper. The name Griggs Courier was given the paper by the late F. H. Adams, whose idea was to keep the name of the county before the people. We believe in keeping the town before the people. When the Sentinel was started by its promoters the name Griggs Sentinel—copying after the Courier to a large extent in name and make-up, a compliment we appreciate—was given to it. This sameness in name has resulted in the two papers getting mixed by the state press to a more or less extent. We have had a chunk of populist doctrine credited to the Courier, while the Sentinel has been credited with boldly advocating republican principles. Neither of the papers want to stand for that so that the proprietor of this paper has decided to make the change which we hope will be better all around.

That Cooperstown is a prosperous little city nobody can deny and this statement is supported by the fact that not a house is for rent in the city and not a man idle who wants to work—in fact you can't get a man if you want one. The citizens of the town take pride in fixing up their residences and places of business and hundreds of trees have been planted around the town this spring. More new sidewalks have been ordered and improvement generally is the order of the day. The man that says Cooperstown is not striding to the front is some fellow with a pessimistic soul and a "pin head" to boot, and has a bad attack of "sour grapes" because he has been found wanting and has not been appreciated. We have one or two such men in town but they do not cut "much ice." Most of our people work in harmony for the welfare of the community and every man has a chance to "get there" if he is deserving of it. The sooner these "kickers" get out of town the better it will be for the community.

Many of the state papers and some of the correspondents for the twin city papers, having stated that Lieut. Governor David Bartlett was a candidate for governor to succeed Gov. White. The Courier, wishing to know how much truth there was in the claim, interviewed Gov. Bartlett on the subject and he said: "I am not and shall not be a candidate for governor in the next state convention. I do not want the office. I much prefer my present place on the ticket and expect to be a candidate for renomination. Besides I am for Gov. White and think he should be renominated and elected. Gov. White is all right. His administration of affairs has been fair to all and economical. If he erred once it was because he listened to bad advice. His heart is all right. He is with the people. The state is in good financial condition now, mainly by reason of his economical administration of affairs. Besides I believe the practice of giving the governors only one term is bad. In one term a governor can just about familiarize himself with the office and its duties and just begins to be a useful executive and we turn him down. I am for White. I am tired of hearing that I "have it in for White." If the governor and myself have had differences in the past, so far as I am concerned they are buried absolutely and eternally. This talk all originates with a certain person who hopes to improve his "graft" in the future by traveling over the state and saying that I am against White while pretending to be for him. So long as Governor White is a candidate and there is any possibility of nominating him, I shall be for him whether anyone else is or not.

The editor of the Norwich Pioneer wants the newspapers to quit using slang headlines, etc., in the paper and for the boys to get down to pure English a la Bostonese. The Pioneer man "threw a couple of fits" because we headed a piece last week "wouldn't that wrinkle your raglan." The task of breaking the American people of the slang habit is somewhat herculean and we would advise our Norwich friend to give up the job or he will die young. A little slang occasionally adds spice to the usual stereotyped way of expressing events and as it does not hurt anybody why raise such a fuss over it.

OBITUARY.

Another Old Settler Gone.

Mathias Simenson died yesterday at 1:30 p. m. He has been sick for several months past but only in bed the past ten days. Catarrh of the stomach caused his death. Funeral will be held 3 p. m., Friday at the Lutheran church. He leaves a widow and five children all boys.

An Old Citizen Gone.

Thore J. Odegard died last Sunday morning at 11:30 after a long sickness extending for a period of three years. The cause of his death was due to general breaking down and old age. He had made his home with Mr. and Mrs. John Syverson for the past few years, where he has been surrounded by all the comforts and care possible to give him. Three years ago he commenced to break down and for the first year he was able to sit up occasionally but during the past two years he has been bed-ridden and a constant care. Notwithstanding the many weary months that he was fast to his bed, the deceased bore it all with patience and never once murmured or complained. He was ready to go to His Master and died peacefully and quietly, surrounded by his three daughters, Mrs. John Syverson, Mrs. N. C. Rukke and Mrs. Knud Thompson.

Thore J. Odegard was born at Lom, Norway, in 1821, and died Sunday, May 18, 1902—being 81 years old at the time of his death. His wife died about 5 years ago. He came to the United States in 1867 and settled in Wattonwan county in Minnesota with his family, his wife, two sons and four daughters. He removed to Griggs county, N. D., in 1883 and has lived here continuously ever since, being one of the early settlers of the county. All of the children are living as follows: John T. Odegard, now in Christiania, Norway; Hans T. Odegard, of Brookings, S. D.; Mrs. Thora Halleck, of New York; Mrs. John Syverson, Mrs. Knud Thompson and Mrs. N. C. Rukke, of Cooperstown.

The funeral took place at Mr. Syverson's residence Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. V. H. Ruring officiating. The remains were laid to rest besides those of his wife in the Cooperstown cemetery.

Gone to His Reward

At 4:15 last Saturday afternoon the spirit of our respected townsman, Rev. James H. Baldwin, winged its way to its eternal abiding place. For the past few months the reverend gentleman had made his home with his son and daughter, A. M. Baldwin and Mrs. M. A. Hartman. For the past five years he has had kidney trouble and the last few weeks' Bright's disease which was the cause of his death. He was given the best of care that loving hands could give but it was known for some time that medical skill could only soften his sufferings. The deceased was one of nature's noblemen, seeking always to do good to all mankind. He was a thorough christian gentleman and worked for the Master's cause with untiring energy until the last few months of his life. His many good deeds of christian benevolence will ever be remembered by those who knew him best. He was independent in character and almost up to the time of his death insisted that he was able to help himself more—he wanted to save trouble for his friends. His end was peaceful and he was ready to go. He would have been 88 years old had he lived until the 28th of this month.

Rev. James H. Baldwin was born in New York May 28, 1814. He graduated at Oberlin College, Ohio. He was married to Elizabeth Hopkins at Circleville, Ohio, May 1st, 1843, who died May 10th, 1892, and was buried at Ridgefield, Ill. Three children, boys, are also buried at the same place, Samuel H., William D. and Edward P. The survivors of the family are

James W. Baldwin, of Tower City; Mary A. Hartman and Albert M. Baldwin, of Cooperstown; Harriet E. Baldwin, of Coronado Beach, California.

Deceased took a leading part in the anti-slavery movement. For 60 years he has preached in different places in Ohio, Illinois, Wisconsin and North Dakota, coming to this state in 1878 and taking up a claim west of where Tower City now stands. He organized most of the Presbyterian churches along the N. P. from Wheatland to Jamestown exclusive. The last church he organized was in Hannaford a year ago, and there he preached his last sermon in June last. His last charge was a church in the northeastern part of Barnes county in Baldwin township which was named after him. He was always a strong temperance worker and made many donations to different temperance organizations, the last being the donation of "Baldwin Cottage" at the Chautauqua to the W. C. T. U.

The remains were taken to Tower City where the funeral was held Tuesday, Rev. E. S. Preston, an old friend of the deceased, preaching the sermon. The remains were then taken by A. M. Baldwin to Ridgefield, Ill., to be interred by the side of his wife and children. "By their works ye shall know them." A good man is gone. The remaining children have consolation in the thought that his life was full of good deeds and that the world is better for his having lived in it.

Temperance Notes.

Those who braved the threatening weather last Friday evening heard a good address. The audience was much larger than was anticipated owing to the conditions. Mrs. Shipley is one of North Dakota's own workers. She was listened to with close attention and impressed her hearers with the greatness of the temperance cause. Her subject was "war of the 20th century." She has just organized unions at Dazey and Hannaford and also a Loyal Temperance Legion at Hannaford with one of the teachers as its leader.

The date for the county W. C. T. U. convention at Leal has been fixed for 25th and 26th of June. The program will be published in due time.

It is hoped that the Fair and Celebration program committee will look favorably upon the desire expressed by some of our people, for a good speaker on July 4th. Something intellectual would go well with the games and sports, and would direct thoughts to the higher significance of the day. Let us have an orator.

At the meeting of the National Brewer's Association held at Niagara Falls, the committee on Restriction of Legislation recommended the following appropriations to be used in defeating constitutional prohibition. \$2,000 for Dakota, \$2,500 for Connecticut and \$3,500 for Rhode Island. "The report of the treasurer showed a balance on hand of \$40,595.72." Such an equipment means a battle royal between money and morals.

The meeting of the local union meets this afternoon at 3 o'clock with Mrs. Dr. Kerr. Mothers are specially invited.

PRESS SUPT.

Locals.

Miss Mabel Gray, of Sauk Center, Minn., is visiting with the families of O. W. Kerr and T. E. Warner, being a niece of these gentlemen.

LOST—a bunch of keys with chain. Finder please return to A. E. Shue.

Manager-Captain Hoar of the Cooperstown team, seems to have developed into a chronic kicker. Formerly he was as "mild mannered" a villain as ever scuttled a ship but yesterday he kicked like an ill-natured member of the long-eared fraternity unblinded with the hope of posterity. One time he did the kid act and called his men off the field. To appease his royal highness he was conceded a point to keep him on the diamond. Such practices disgust the fans and the Fargo management will make a greater success by refraining from playing with teams under such captaincy.

Forum.

It seems to the Courier as if the above was entirely uncalled for and is rather a dirty roast—but is nothing but what we might expect from the base ball editor of the Forum. Mr. Hoar is anything but a kicker and never says anything unless there is just cause for it. He naturally objected to a decision and won his point which is conceded to be right by the Fargo players themselves. Mr. Hoar is a gentleman at all times which is something that cannot be said of the ass who edits the Forum's base ball column.

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