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Around Town.

Eighteen deaths from small pox in Montreal yesterday. Mrs. Mary Sterner is about erecting a cottage, on Roberts avenue. Wheat 73 cents. Frozen wheat is away off.

We learn that Mr. T. Robinson deems himself "stood off" by the Dakota Insurance company.

Mr. Henry Pinkerton will spend the winter at Greenock, Ont. He has called, and ordered the COURIER forwarded.

Mr. R. C. Cooper says his pigs are 400, in number. Good judges think he has about 4,000 quartered on the town, at present.

The dance at the court house, Wednesday evening, was attended by about forty couples; and is said to have been a very pleasant affair.

A very popular lady, residing in Cooperstown, danced so hard, Wednesday night, that she had to send for the doctor, Thursday morning.

Rev. F. M. Rockwell is back from Jamestown, and is thoroughly recovered. He will at once go to Chicago with T. J. Cooper. Mrs. Newell returned from Jamestown this evening.

Mr. Jordan will preach in Chalmer's school house next Sunday morning, and at Cooperstown in the evening—Subject, "The Church's Banner."

Cash Yancey, wife and sister, will shortly give a jubilee, and plantation melody, concert at the court house. Miss Yancey is a fine pianist, and the concert will be a good one.

Geo. Newberry regrets to give trouble about the wheelbarrow stolen from him thirty days since. A word to the wise is sufficient.

W. G. Taffinder, assistant secretary of the Sioux Falls Insurance company is in town, adjusting losses of Ed. Hanson and T. Robinson from prairie fire.

Azari, the Italian murderer, hanged Saturday, was not dead, and was buried alive. The party who discovered it kindly screwed down the lid of the coffin, to save him the trouble of being relanged.

The second entertainment of the Cooperstown Literary society demonstrated that the efforts of the society meet a hearty response from the public. As Mr. Pickett, the master of ceremonies, explained, last evening's performance had never been fully rehearsed, and the programme had to be partly rearranged because of the absence of some of the musicians.

The orchestra, under the leadership of Mr. L. B. Allen, would have done credit to an eastern city: Mrs. Bryant, piano; Mr. Eager, cornet; Mr. Wildgrube, clarinet. The quartette of Miss Gimblett, Mrs. J. N. Brown, Messrs. Whidden and Brown, were admirable. Miss Gimblett, the soprano, has a voice like a bird—of marvelous sweetness, and considerable power; Mrs. Brown, a rich alto, under perfect control; Mr. Whidden, a fine tenor, and Mr. Brown, a deep, sub-cellar voice, that could not be dispensed with. Mrs. Stork's only number was in a duet with Mr. Whidden, "The Minute gun," which was well received. Mrs. Zimmerman and Mr. Cowen favored the audience with a well executed piano duet, and Mrs. Zimmerman kindly presided at the piano as an accompanist. Miss Nina Van Voorhis contributed a spirited recitation, which called into requisition her fine elocutionary powers, and was warmly received. W. E. Bryant's selection, "Over the Hills to the Poor House," was well read, and loudly applauded. The hearty encore received by Miss Thirza Gimblett was a pleasing event of the evening. The entertainment concluded with the laughable farce, "Ici on Parle Francais," with Mrs. Bryant, Mrs. Whidden, Miss Isadore Cowen, Miss Grace Van Voorhis, Messrs. McCormick, Bryant, and Adams in the cast.

Among the visitors from abroad, we noticed Mr. and Mrs. Geo. L. Leuham, J. M. Burrell, Misses Fannie and Lulu Leuham, Sauborn; Mr. and Mrs. Little, Mrs. Clending, Mr. C. F. Weiland, and Colonel Baker, of Dazey, and J. L. Strauss, of Fargo.

Musical Notes. Mrs. Epitkins—Mr. Pompie is a very good young man; he is always in his place at church Sundays, but he sings in such wretched time. He knows no more about time than a blind pig. Epitkins—Why should he? He has spent all his time on eternity. Mrs. S.—For shame, sir! How can you talk that way. Mrs. Zimmerman's class will give a grand musical about Christmas.

LECTURE. AT Baptist Church, Dec. 9, 1885. Rev. E. P. HALL, On "The Seven Plagues of Modern Life."

The Devil's Lake Case.

Washington, Nov. 16.—Land Commissioner Sparks has created another uproar among Northwestern people, representing interests of that region, now here. His letter to James Britton, of Devil's Lake, puts a stop to the practice of double entry of lands. Britton had pre-empted a quarter section, and proved it up and commuted for cash. He then made homestead entry, and availed himself of commuting, according to statutes in pre-emption claim. The commissioner decides that the latter entry is invalid. He holds that there can be but one proof under pre-emption statute, and that pre-emption right is thereby exhausted. This does not prevent a man from pre-empting one claim and then obtaining another by following to the end provisions of the homestead act, but it does stop commutation of homestead, when one pre-emption is already made. Western men are already alarmed because patents are generally delayed months after final receipt is given, and in many cases of this kind of interval double entry may be detected, and thus titles supposed good will have a cloud upon them.

Mr. John McPherson, who has been quite ill from cancer for several months, died suddenly at his residence north of town on Sunday morning. Mr. McPherson was one of the pioneers of Barnes county, and was universally respected for his many sterling qualities. The funeral took place this afternoon from the M. E. church, of which society he was a consistent member. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Thos. Sims. A large number of sorrowing and sympathizing friends of the deceased and family followed the remains to Hillside cemetery, where he was interred beside two sons, who were cut down in the strength of manhood since coming to Dakota.—Democrat.

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