

Around Town.

Bowden & Buck's Bob, jr., was shot to-day.

Mr. D. Pinkerton favors the office with some fine barley water. D. is Al's efficient deputy and he is a good one.

Francis Morgan, formerly of Michigan, has rented the Rufus Pinkerton farm, and has moved in, with his family.

J. S. Church, who has been engaged in Cooper's elevator, has been on the sick list, and started for Brainerd, his home, this morning.

Elija Hamilton went to St. Cloud, Minn., Tuesday. He will return in the spring, with a car load of stock, and a "cook." That's the stuff.

W. S. Hyde was in town, Thursday, for medical attendance. A short time ago he tipped over with a load of wood, and cut and bruised his leg in a terrible manner. Dr. Newell is attending him.

Stevens & Enger are making over the store. Judge Melgard says the attorneys of his court will hereafter have rocking chairs. Steve says the cold weather is giving them a good job of carpenter work, by Contractor Muir.

Miss Lulu Retzlaff entertained a large company of her little friends last Thursday, it being her seventh birthday. The little folks had pleasant time, and presented little Lulu with many nice presents—mementos of the occasion.

Little Hattie Sutherland is as handy with the shot gun as many of our "crack shots." Noticing a flock of geese flying over the house, recently, she got her father's gun, and firing into the flock brought down a large, fat goose.

Friday morning, Andrew Husel had a valuable horse fall into a ten-foot well. The well had a covering of inch boards on it. Neighbors were called in, and after hours of hard work, succeeded in getting the horse out. The animal was badly bruised.

Jos. Buchheit goes east in about two weeks. This will be his first trip east for several years; and it is suspected that he has serious intentions of returning early in the spring, with one of the beautiful daughters of the Hoosier state, as a bride.

Wednesday morning, a lady from Lee, thirty miles north, drove to the Terminal Town to do a little shopping. With the mercury at 26° below zero and the lady suffering no inconvenience, this is a fair showing for the dryness of the air, and the energy of our women.

The Oakes Merrie Makers give an entertainment at the court house, on Wednesday, the 16th inst., for the benefit of the Sunday school library. They are highly spoken of by the press, and will doubtless give a good performance. We hope they will have a full house.

Rev. E. P. Hall, of Sanborn, lectured at the court house, Wednesday evening, for the benefit of the Norwegian church, on "The Seven Plagues of Modern Life." The gentleman is a pleasant and forcible speaker, and his lecture was full of good points, and instructive matter.

The ladies of the Congregational church will hold their much-talked-of fair on Dec. 15th, at the court house, with an oyster supper in the evening, after 6 o'clock. The ladies are very proud of their work, and hope to win an appreciative and generous public. Tickets for the oyster supper, 50 cents, with music and a good time thrown in.

Romness.

Mr. Editor—In the COURIER for Dec. 4, you say "It is rumored that the commissioners will object to any more dances in the court house. Should the commissioners do so we think they would have the endorsement of the people at large. Now, we have no objection to dancing, but if the court room shall be for rent for that purpose, why not use it for a skating rink, the county buying a few pairs of skates. We think there would be money in the investment. M. W. & T.

Fine line of picture frame moldings at H. S. Pickett's.

Baby chairs to throw at the birds, at H. S. Pickett's.

To see the fur exhibited at Syverson & Co's, one might imagine that the whole product of Labrador and Siberia had been secured. No man need go shivering to his grave this winter. Coats, caps, mittens, and gloves to suit everybody.

A Miracle Explained.

"What miracle was performed at the time of this lesson?" asked a Sunday-school teacher.

"The miracle of the loaves and fishes," was the prompt reply.

"How many persons were fed?"

"Five thousand," echoed the class.

"How do you account for five loaves of bread feeding 5,000 persons, Willie?" "I guess our hired girl baked it, and they couldn't eat it! Gosh! you ought to taste her bread! You can't get the taste outen yer mouth fur a week!"—Greensburg Press.

Fleas in the Robe.

Some cuss stole a robe and a coat from one of the ministers of Grafton last week and in a card to the public he says that if he can find out who did the business he will present him with a chromo, in token of his obligation to him.—Bathgate Sentinel.

A Hero.

MONTREAL, Nov. 21.—Father Andre, speaking of the interviews between himself and Riel, says the latter asked him to use his influence to obtain from the government a bribe of \$100,000 as the price of Riel's withdrawal from the county. The rebel had arrogantly declared that the Metis question was himself. In a subsequent interview Riel reduced his price to \$35,000, and afterward said he would take whatever he could get.

Notice to Tax Payers.

All delinquent personal tax for the years of 1883 and 1884 must be paid before January 15 next. Any such tax remaining unpaid at that time will be left with my deputy tax collector, and collected by distress, according to the general laws of this territory. Dated this 5th day of Dec. A. D. 1885. ANTON ENGER, Treas. Griggs Co. D. T.

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Delivered at your door, every day in the week, leave your orders at postoffice.

Commissioners' Proceedings.

Convened Nov. 30, 1885, at 9 a. m., in accordance with adjournment.

Neither of the commissioners being present the clerk adjourned the meeting until 2 p. m.

Present, Commissioners Rukke and Halverson.

On motion Com. Rukke was made temporary chairman.

The following school township treasurers' and clerks' reports for the year ending June 30, 1885, upon examination, were found to be correct, and it is hereby ordered that said treasurers and clerks be allowed the sum of \$15 each, viz:

John M. Dahl and Amon V. Johnson, treasurer and clerk of Pleasant School township.

M. Sutherland and I. E. Mills, clerk and treasurer of Greenwood School township.

Harry Clark and C. H. Johnson, treasurer and clerk of Red Willow school township.

David Miller and F. D. Fenner, treasurer and clerk of Pleasantview school township.

Andrew Johnson, clerk, and S. B. Langford, treasurer, of Greendale township.

Ole J. Tkrie, clerk, and A. A. Fluto, treasurer, of Nelson school township.

John H. Atchison, clerk, and C. Arstad, treasurer, Gallatin school township.

A. M. Sinclair, clerk, and J. W. Fiero, treasurer, Wheatland school township.

M. L. Michael, clerk, and N. Swenson, treasurer, of Helena school township.

On motion ordered that the following bills be allowed, viz:

Allan Pinkerton, salary as Jailor and janitor, for October, \$ 52 00

B. B. Brown, tending boiler at court house, two months ending Dec. 4, 1885, 80 00

J. N. Jorgensen, work on 1885 tax receipt book, 6 00

Edward Koloen, road work, dist. No. 3, 1 50

E. H. Koloen, helping reviewers, 2 99

Peter Fiero, road work, dist. No. 12 41 25

Andrew Nelson, trus for bridge across creek, 22 and 23-147-58 19 50

Allan Pinkerton, notifying road viewers, 5 80

Julius Tinglestad, road work in district No. 13, 1 50

John Pates, road viewer, 4 00

Allan Pinkerton, boarding prisoner, Frenchy, 29 25

John Morris Co., tax sales certificates and mdse., 9 75

On motion ordered that the following refunding orders be issued, viz:

E. H. Koloen, school township No. 3, 80 cents.

Lewis Anderson, road poll tax for 188, \$1.50.

W. T. Vail, on ne 1/4 sec 6-148-50, on 44 acres, erroneously assessed for year 1885.

On motion ordered that an abatement of \$2.19 be granted to Chas. A. Radford upon personal property, erroneously assessed for the year 1884.

On motion ordered that the report of Lars Johnson, John Atchison and John Pates, viewers of a proposed public road commencing at the corner of secs. 23-24-25-26, tp. 145, r. 58, and terminating at Cooperstown, be approved, and said

road is hereby ordered open, according to said report.

Commissioner Cooper joined the meeting, at this point.

On motion ordered that the following bills be allowed, viz:

N. C. Rukke, services as commissioner, \$104.00.

Bowden & Buck, jail blankets, \$11.25.

Mrs. Sarah J. Miller, board of Jack Smith, \$12.

On motion ordered that the bill of J. W. Gilkey, for medical attendance for Ole B. Reindall, poor, \$80, be allowed at \$10.00.

On motion ordered that bill of J. A. McGuire, for medical attendance of Jack Smith, \$25, be rejected.

On motion ordered that bill of Gull River Lumber company to furnish the county coal at the following rates be allowed, viz: Egg coal, \$9.75; stove coal, \$10; Mansfield, Ohio Soft coal, \$8; and take county warrants at 80 cents, in payment.

A communication from the board of commissioners of Steele county, Dak., was presented, asking for bids for the keeping of Steele county prisoners.

On motion ordered that no bid be given.

On motion ordered that the sheriff be instructed to lock the court room, and permit no person to use it, except upon presentation of a written permit from a member of the board.

On motion adjourned.

N. C. Rukke, Temp. Chairman, H. P. Smart, Clerk.

Condensed Wisdom in A.

A young man idle, an old man needy.

A good word for a bad one is worth much, and costs little.

A friend is never known till needed.

A passionate man rides a horse that runs away with him.

A faithful friend is the medicine of life.

A precipitate choice makes way for a long repentance.

Ambition is torment enough for an enemy.

Anger is like a ruin, which breaks itself upon what it falls.

A guilty conscience needs no accuser.

A bad man, whatever his rank, has a blot in his escutcheon.

A clear conscience fears no accusation.

A gift long waited for is sold, not given.

A man without modesty is lost to all sense of honor and virtue.

A good servant makes a good master.

Avoid all low company—in parts, in manners, and in merit.

A blithe heart makes a blooming visage.

Anger begins with folly, and ends with repentance.

Add not trouble to the grief-worn heart.

Application in youth makes old age comfortable.

Ask thy purse what thou should'st pay.

An evil heart can make any doctrine heretical.

As you salute you will be saluted.

A gentle disposition is like an untrifling stream.

A libertine's life is not a life of liberty.

An evil conscience is the most unquiet companion.

A great fortune is a great slavery.

A smart reproof is better than smooth deceit.

Affectation is at best a deformity.

A fault is made worse by endeavoring to conceal it.

A soft answer turneth away wrath.

Attempt not too hastily, nor pursue eagerly.

Applause and preference are things of barter.

Actions measured by time seldom prove better by repentance.

Avoid that which you blame in others.

Advise not what is most pleasant, but what is most useful.

A good tale is often spoiled in the telling.

Apprehension of evil is oftentimes worse than the evil itself.

A fop is the tailor's friend and his own foe.

A jest is no argument, and loud laughter no demonstration.

All is but lip-wisdom that wants experience.

As a bird is known by his note, so is man by his discourse.

A little neglect may breed great mischief.

Application and industry are the best preservatives of innocence.

Admiration accompanies respect; hatred, fear.

Art and science have no enemies but those who are ignorant.

A tale out of season is as music in mourning.

Arrogance is a weed that grows mostly on a dunghill.

Avoid a slanderer as you would a scorpion.

As in life, so in study, it is dangerous to do more things than one at a time.

A fool's heart is ever dancing on his lips.

All complain of want of memory, but none of want of judgment.

Affectation is part of the trappings of folly.

A man's own manners commonly frame his fortune.

A vain hope flattereth the heart of a fool.

An angry man opens his mouth and shuts his eyes.

A poor freedom is better than a rich slavery.

Appoint a time for everything and do everything in its time.

—Signed in a Catholic Home.

The Woods & Winter.

Let us walk out into the living woods. The trees can never be so fully seen as now. Their painted trunks, relieved against this neutral foil of snow, disclose a surprising wealth of color, and the exquisite tracery of branch and twig, the essential elements of the tree's beauty and character, here are largely concealed by the perishable garments of foliage, is now revealed. The true tree, freed from all disguise, stands forth like an athlete stripped for the contest. Observe the soft, blending tints on the bole of this smooth, dappled beech. See the infinity of refined grays, browns, and greens which everywhere spread and intermelt upon its surface. "The painted beech," it has been happily called. Yes, it is the palette of the sylvan studio. It is Dame Nature's sampler. Upon its gray surface she mixes and tests her sober and subtler tints, to be afterward disposed in those artfully artless contrasts throughout the landscape. You shall find this silvery sample on yonder rock-maple, disposed in one telling splash, divided vertically by the brown fissures of the bark. This bright ochery remnant reappears on the hickory beyond, in strong brilliant touches here and there upon the shingly shales; and the broad rock hard by has received lavish decoration in mottled circles of this pale sage green. Here is the array of tints with which she paints the antiquated stone walls, and here the sheeny gray by which she has reclaimed the rambling miles of splintered rails. The virentest drab of poplar, the rosy ash of young maple, and the varied mosaic of the mossy bowlder, all find their complement here.

With its clean, trim contour and bright, smooth complexion, we may readily appreciate the estimate of Thoreau. "No tree has so fair a bole or so handsome an instep as the beech." This latter feature, however, is often lost in the winter woods, as the trees stand knee-deep in the snow, and the comely slope of their feet, clad in velvety moss, is concealed from view.

It is a common error to suppose that winter effaces the distinctions of individuality among the various trees. Nothing can be further from the truth. "Are you the friend of your friend's thoughts, or of his buttons?" asks Emerson, as though we should know our companion only by his dress. Many of our trees announce themselves even more distinctly in February than in June. The shag-bark was never barked as now. The white birch reveals many more of her distinctive pallid features; and in this unseasonable weather the tattooed bull sat in dress of her cousin, the yellow birch, seems more than ever conspicuous. The tupelo never more effectually asserted its precious whimsicality. The white oak audibly nuths its identity; and the marbled buttonwood-tree hangs out a tall tale label from every twig. Look at this scraggly silhouette against the sky over this lichen-painted wall. Who needs the hint of the brown frozen apple lodged among the twigs to call its name? It is not written in every angle of its eccentric spray, or even in its shadow in the snow? Likewise the elm with pendant nest, the spiral lured hornbeam, and sugar-maple too. Who would not know each from a fragment of its bark? Scarcely in a less degree do the linden, the ash, the various willows, oaks, and maples, the chestnut and the tulip tree, assert their individuality and claim recognition. To the curious observer they soon become familiar, and he can name them all at a glance.—G. C. Johnson, to the C. S. Magazine for Dec. 1884.

A liquor dealer in East Douglas, Mass., has the following printed on the back of his business cards: "To whom it may concern. Know ye that by the payment of \$25 I am permitted to retail intoxicating liquors at my saloon in this town. To the wife who has a drunkard for a husband, or a friend who is unfortunately dissipated, I say, emphatically, give me notice in person of such a case, or cases, in which you are interested, and all such shall be excluded from my place. Let mothers, fathers, sisters, and brothers do likewise, and their request will be kindly regarded. I pay a heavy tax for the privilege of selling liquors, and I want it distinctly understood that I have no desire to sell to drunkards or minors, or to the poor or destitute."

A steamboat, built in England and sent out in pieces at a cost of \$20,000, is being put together on Lake Nyassa, in the interior of Africa. It will be used for missionary work along the coast.

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Britain's New Class of Politicians. The politician seems to have an ailment of the school-teacher in Great Britain. A radical candidate recently, after some stirring conversation about the crops and the weather, intimated to one of the 2,000,000 new voters that he would like to have his ballot. "Oh, say!" was the ready response, "ye seem to be a decent child, an' I'll give ye my vote. Will ye tak' it off ye now?" In the same constituency a voter was found who had had much difficulty in establishing his right to the franchise. "Give ye my vote?" cried the elector in indignation. "It's no' likely. I had too much difficulty in gettin' it myself to give it awa' to any body." Evidently "ye" might with fitness reproduce a cartoon of now many years ago. It represented Hodge saying to Mr. Gladstone: "Be la' power in the state," meaning: "What be I to gain by thent?" To which replied the statesman: "That, my friend, is a mere detail. The real question is, what am I to gain by it?"

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