

Around Town.

F. Fenner, of western Griggs, is sending his boys to the Cooperstown academy to be educated.

Mrs. E. G. Nichols, of Eckelson, who has been visiting Mrs. G. W. Bathey, returned home Monday.

E. D. Bloom's beaming countenance was visible Monday. He was in town to see his friend Mosely off on his tour east.

Those boys who swore off drinking in the saloons January 1st, will probably keep their good resolutions this time. It's a ground hog case with them.

Charley Hunter says that since the saloons have closed the demand for water is so great that he has been compelled to padlock his well, in order to have sufficient amount to water his stock.

Wm. Glass and Benny McCormick had a sparring match, last night, for the light-weight championship of Griggs county; best two in three—Marquis of Gooseberry rules—82 a side. Benny says he's willing to fight Billy single handed to the "finish," but when the office safe jumps up and lints him in the eye he considers himself knocked out on the first fall.

A very pleasant surprise party was organized Wednesday evening, and repaired the hospitable residence of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Bathey, six miles north. The guests were cordially welcomed, and royally entertained by Mr. B. and his estimable lady; and at midnight went sailing over the snow, homeward bound, with a stiff nor'wester at their backs.

County Commissioners' Annual Meeting.

Annual meeting January 4th, 1886, at 11 a. m.

Present, Commissioners Cooper, Rukke, and Halverson.

Commissioner Cooper presiding.

On motion ordered that the following road supervisors reports be approved, viz:

- Andrew Torfin, for district No. 2.
Ole O. Groff, for district No. 3.
Wm. Howden, for district No. 5.
Allan Pinkerton, for district No. 6.
M. L. Michaels, for district No. 12.
W. T. McCulloch, for dist No. 14.

On motion ordered that the following amounts be paid to the following road supervisors, respectively, to-wit:

- Andrew Torfin, \$26.00.
Ole O. Groff \$55.30.
Wm. Howden, \$47.40.
Allan Pinkerton, \$20.75.
M. L. Michaels, \$23.00.
Wm. T. McCulloch, \$12.70.

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

- M. L. Michaels, road work, \$20.
Ole O. Groff, road work, \$10.50.

On motion adjourned until 2 p. m. Convened at 2 p. m.

Full board present, Com. Cooper presiding.

Application of Merrell Bros. & Luce for abatement of taxes for 1884, upon personal property, was upon motion rejected.

On motion ordered that the report of Adam Arns treng, road supervisor of district No. 11, be approved, and he is hereby allowed \$4.20, being balance due.

On motion ordered that the following resolution be adopted:

Whereas, in year 1883 the assessor of Griggs county joined the personal property with the realty upon the property of Martin Wethy, Now therefore it is hereby

Resolved, That the personal property be set apart from the realty, and that the nw 1/4 sec. 18, tp. 144, r. 61, be set apart, and only pay the assessed value of \$907, and that the taxes therefor, as apportioned for the year 1883, be \$39.55, besides the interest and penalty to be assessed by the county treasurer, and that the same be collected from the lands described as said nw 1/4 sec. 18, tp. 144, r. 61, and that the personal property taxes levied be collected out of the personal property of the said Martin Wethy.

Application of Andrew H. Berg for a refunding order for taxes of 1884, was laid upon table for explanation.

On motion ordered that the bill of Barnes county vs. Griggs county, for \$15.59 for court expenses, be allowed in full, and that an order be drawn for \$15.59, e s \$57.95, already paid, viz: \$150.05.

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

- Brita Estherson, road and school poll tax for 1884, \$2.50.
Wm. Koch, road poll tax for 1884, overage, \$1.50.
Wm. Koch, road poll tax for 1883, overage, \$1.50.

Nels Gulbrandson, road poll tax for 1884, \$1.50.

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The order of abatement dated January 10, 1885, was upon motion, rescinded.

as far as it effects nw 1/4 sec 32, tp. 144, r. 61.

On motion ordered that the tax paid upon se 1/4 sec 32, tp. 144, r. 61, for 1884, viz. \$21.83, be transferred upon the books in the county clerk's and treasurer's offices toward the payment of taxes upon the nw 1/4 sec 32, tp. 144, r. 61.

On motion ordered that the taxes against se 1/4 sec 32, tp. 144, r. 61, for year 1884, viz: \$20.03, be abated.

On motion ordered that the quarterly report of P. A. Melgard, justice of the peace in the following cases be approved, and the following items of fees in each case are ordered paid to-wit:

Case of Henry Hiller vs. Joe Arpagaus, fees and fine paid.
Case Territory vs. Carl Carlson; fees and fine paid.

Case, Territory vs. Joe Arpagaus:

- Geo. Honel, witness fees..... \$ 2 50
Elizabeth Hovel, witness fees..... 2 50
Henry Hiller, witness fees..... 2 50
Christine Hiller, witness fees..... 2 50
C. J. Tanglestad, witness fees..... 2 50
P. A. Melgard, justice fees..... 7 90
Allan Pinkerton, sheriff's fees..... 14 20

Case, territory vs. Frenchy.

- Miss Moon, witness fees..... 1 00
Geo. Miller, witness fees..... 1 00
Jack Smith, witness fees..... 1 00
Mrs. Miller, witness fees..... 1 00
Cotton Bakers, witness fees..... 1 00
P. A. Melgard, justice fees..... 11 10
Allan Pinkerton, sheriff fees..... 43 25

Case, Territory vs. Wm. Miller.

- P. A. Melgard, justice fees..... 10 75
Allan Pinkerton, sheriff fees..... 12 00
Wilson Saunders, witness fees..... 1 00
Sam Sanburn, witness fees..... 1 00
Wm. Glow, witness fees..... 1 00

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

- C. H. Johnson, road work, dist. No. 4..... \$ 1 50
H. Nelson, road work dist. No. 14..... 2 25
A. H. Overley, road work dist. No. 14..... 3 75
H. C. Baringer, road work, dist. No. 12..... 15 00
J. S. Byington, road work dist. No. 12..... 1 50
Ole O. Havig, road work dist. No. 7..... 3 00
C. H. Johnson, road work dist. No. 4..... 1 50
M. Sutherland, road reviewer..... 7 00
Geo. W. Pratt, road reviewer..... 4 00
J. H. Aichison, road reviewer..... 6 00
A. N. Adams, spikes for bridges..... 3 25
A. N. Adams, m. s. s. for court house..... 1 75
Geo. D. Barnard & Co., m. s. s. for county offices..... 17 95
B. B. Brown, tending boiler at court house for December..... 40 00
T. F. Kerr, per diem and mileage, sup. schools..... 18 60
T. F. Kerr, 4th qr. salary sup. schools..... 87 50
H. P. Smart, 4th qr. salary as co. clerk..... 125 00
Iver Jacobson 4th qr. salary as co. ally..... 125 00
Allan Pinkerton, salary as jailor for Dec..... 26 00
Allan Pinkerton, board prisoner, Frenchy..... 23 25
C. H. Fromm, attendance at dist. court..... 10 25

On motion adjourned to meet January 8, 1886, at 9 a. m.

ROLIN C. COOPER, Chairman.
H. P. SMART, Clerk.

Bowden & Buck's Clyde stallions are, without doubt, the finest in either Griggs, Barnes, or Steele counties.

Large reduction on heating stoves, at A. N. Adams'.

Perfect Happiness.

One day when I was out in the woods with a companion, ready to shoot a parrot or a wild pig, to cut down a cabbage tree or to capture a yellow snake—when, in short, we were trying by any means to kill a tropical day—we found ourselves unexpectedly on the border of some cleared ground. In this opening were growing two or three plantains, two or three yams, pumpkins of some size, and sweet potatoes.

At the most remarkable object there was a shed about six feet long and three feet broad, coming up to a ridge some two and a half feet high in the center of its length, and resting on the ground at both sides. Its transverse section was a triangle. The construction was simple in the extreme.

Branches of trees, roughly trimmed, were set up in pairs, at distance between the pairs of two feet or thereabout. Each stick had been run into the ground at one end; at the other, that is to say at the ridge of the shed, it was bound by a wither to its ally. A few smaller wattles were interwoven among the principals, and the outside covered with palm thatch. There was scarcely time to remark the ashes of a fire and an old iron pot near the end of the shed before a grizzled, woolly head was produced, the owner of which was, of course, prostrate, or he could not have hid under the thatch. He proved to be an African, and, when he perceived that his visitors meant no harm to him, he crept out, an ancient cronie, with marvelously little raiment. This interesting person, had, it seemed, been set free at the general emancipation, and, not seeing the advantage of doing any more work, and not caring for society, had squatted on the outskirts of a property and built himself the habitation just described. His suppellex consisted of the iron pot aforesaid and a hollow bamboo for water, with a cover to it and a string to hold it or hang it by. His carpet, bed, or whatever it ought to be called, was sedge obtained from some neighboring pond. He informed us that he raised his own "bread-kind,"—namely, yams, plantains, etc.,—and that he sustained himself therewith, cooking some of the food in the iron pot. His fire, which we had thought at first to be a heap of cold ashes, was really alive, and crackled up on being fanned with a plantain leaf. He could manage generally to keep it going, but if it failed he had to go some way to the nearest hut to beg a little fire, which he would carry back in a calabash. His machete, or small cutlass, served for horticultural purposes and for dinner-knife, and an old hoe sufficed him for planting. In this calm retreat he passed his days, liable to ejectment, but not in much danger of it.

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The Liquor Question.



"Can anyone tell me where I can get a little gin and sugar?"

The fiat of the board of county commissioners, refusing to license the sale of intoxicants, in Griggs county, has produced no little excitement among "the boys;" but is received in a manner reflecting credit upon the citizens of Cooperstown. The order was made Saturday afternoon. By Monday afternoon all bars were closed. Gillespie & Blow had sold out their cigars, cider, etc., and removed the balance of stock to the cellar of their dwelling, for safe keeping. Jackson Bros. had covered their bar with a shroud, and locked their doors. A. L. Bowden, landlord of the Palace, had taken his inventory and cellared his goods; and the Union house was a temperance hotel, with the genial landlord smiling behind the counter. A legend over a barrel at the Union house read: "Thou art so near, and yet so far."

The terra cotta bust of Syche, at Jackson's had written over it "Miss Bad Luck," while a line was drawn through the original name. The genial Jack Flynn (not Diet Harte's Jack Flynn, of Virginia) was bustling around the Palace hotel as cheerful as if he had held up a duce and drawn four aces, and the other fellows had been "froze" out. In fact the saloon keepers in no town in the country could be laved in a more lawabiding manner. The feeling among the people, as near as could be ascertained, was of a cheerful acquiescence in the decision of the commissioners. Those who believed in "license" were content to wait and see the result before condemning the action of the board.

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Gillespie & Blow will probably open a skating rink in the saloon building. H. Retzlaff will still keep the Union house; while Jackson Bros. propose to move on their fine farm, in the spring, and raise No. 1 hard. A. L. Bowden intends to retain the Palace, if the rent is made reasonable. All in all, there has been a great revolution in Cooperstown, of which time will determine the wisdom or folly, and which we hope will result in good.



"Say, Jimmy, did yer hear what them 'ere court house bloaks her been doin'— They her jist killed this yer town. I'm goin' to jump it."

NOTICE—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., Dec. 11th, 1885: Complaint having been entered at its office by Henry Olson against Charles Schroeder for abandoning his homestead entry No. 9338, dated April 28, 1882, upon section 12, township 148, range 56, in Griggs county, Dakota territory, with a view to the cancellation of said entry; the said parties are hereby summoned to appear at this office on the 20th day of January, 1886, at 10 o'clock a. m., to respond and furnish testimony concerning said alleged abandonment.