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Jo. Jamison drove to Hope, Saturday.

John Hogenson was in town, Wednesday,

C. E. Blackwell visited the city, Tuesday.

Five drummers at the Palace, Tuesday night.

R. H. Belden and wife lost their infant child, last week.

Addy Moore has sold out his paper, and gone to Colorado.

J. M. Freer favors us with a renewal of his subscription.

H. Pinkerton is in Greenock, Bruce County., Ont.

R. C. Brophy visited the Terminal Town, Wednesday.

Andrew Allen, of the St. Paul plow works, was in town, after the spring trade, Monday.

I. Miller and family have moved to the Palace, where Mr. and Mrs. Miller are employed.

A half dozen petitions are in circulation, asking the commissioners to grant license for the sale of liquors.

It is reported that a young artist of Cooperstown, was married, at Hope, last week, to a young lady of this place.

James Muir, the boss carpenter, returned from the farm and family at Tower City, Monday.

J. J. Dobbin is mentioned as the next mayor of Valley City. He will make a good one.

A hundred cases of freezing to death are reported in the South, and not one in Dakota.

Maxwell, the murderer of Preller, at St. Louis, is reported to have confessed his guilt.

Grant's Memoirs have already paid his family $250,000. It is expected that $750,000 will be realized from the sales of the work.

John Jorgensen is about to raise fifteen more spaniel pups, so as to get a handsome buffalo overcoat from their hides.

The party at the N. K. Thursday night, was a very pleasant affair. About twenty couples were in attendance, and danced until morning. The supper at the Palace was particularly good.

The *Democrat* infers from the COURIER, of last week, that "Cooperstown has a small temperance society." Let's see. Jacobson must be the President.

We are pained to learn that Rev. Rockwell is very much worse, both mentally and physically. It is feared he will never be any better.

Dr. Newell is the old family physician of George Larsman, a bonanza farmer of Barnes county. Both were from Racine county, Wis.

For the benefit of the Subscribers who did not get their "Widows Lodger" of the 22 inst., we reprint that installment of the engrossing story.

Rollef Berg, of the well known machine firm, Berg & Larson, has gone to his home at Lanesboro, Minnesota, for a visit, and will take in the St. Paul carnival.

A. L. Bowden and Mrs. H. S. Lenham have gone to Meadville, Pa., for a visit. They will be gone five weeks. John Flynn will do the diamond pin business at the Palace, for the present.

Messrs. Forde & Wagsnes, the merchants of Ottofy, made the COURIER office a pleasant business call, Monday; and ordered some of the fine job printing for which the COURIER office is so justly celebrated.

Mrs. Zimmerman's singing class does the lady great credit. The class should give a concert, and it would be appropriate to make it a benefit for the lady, who has so faithfully instructed it.

The hop at the Cooper ranch, Friday night, was a dream of delight—after you got there. Good music, nice oyster supper, and pleasant people, inside, while outside the mercury stood at—40 degrees.

Fannie, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis L. henham, of Sanborn, and Manley J. Davis, of Cooperstown, will be married at Sanborn, Wednesday evening, Feb. 10th. The young couple will reside in Cooperstown, and be at home after March 15th.

During the Ice Carnival excursion tickets will be sold to St Paul and return, for $14, which is the regular one way fare. The carnival admission tickets, at 25 cents each, well be sold here with the railroad tickets. Sale will commence January 30, the Tickets will be limited to six days, in addition to day of sale.

A. S. Irwin; J. P. Buckley; F. B. Mallet, Minneapolis; H. P. Kino, Mt. Clair; John Moore, Mardell; E. B. Winship, Fargo; J. S. Squires, Minneapolis; J. H. Law, St. Paul; C. K. Levy, St. Paul; M. H. Hyman, Chicago; W. H. Hide, Helena; A. M. Cameron, Ont.; D. H. Turner, have been regestered at the Palace hotel this week.

Harry Pickett is swelling around in the frozen west (Abbington, Ill.,) with a plug hat. He has heretofore been thought well of in this vicinity; but a man who will be so easily seduced into the dudeism of an effete civilization can never regain the good will of the breezy Northwest. We expect next to hear of him in alligator boots and pig skin mittens.

We publish this week the card of the churches in regard to "license." We invite an expression of opinion upon the subject, from all sects, associations, or citizens, without regard to religious creed, and whether for or against license. It is a matter which peculiarly concerns citizens, as such. The sinews of emancipation were not in the churches, but in the people, as men and women; and the "people" includes the people of the churches. The church members are generally good citizens; but a good citizen is not necessarily a good church member. In justice to the churches, we would say that this card was sent to the COURIER office two weeks ago.

In a private letter to the editor of the COURIER, Hon. Charlemange Tower, of Philadelphia, the owner of many sections of land about Valley City and Sanborn, states his intention of paying his share of county expenses, by way of taxes, as if the Traill county decision had determined the legality of taxation on railroad lands, the surveyors' fee of which he have not been made good to the government. Wm. Thaw, of Pittsburg, the Coburn estate, and other large holders, will do the same. These gentlemen are all millionairs, and their action shows the grasping avorace of capital in this country.

The ladies of Valley City have recently changed the title of their cooking club, and according to the *Democrat*, the Y. M. C. A. of that town has been investigating the mystery of its new initial title.

Blackwell: Above Female Curiosity.
Tonsorial Smith: After Fresh Crumps.
Vanderbilt Barlow: Another Firm Corner.
Richardson: Angel Food Contractors
Sterninegs: A Fur Coat.
Leons: Antiquated Female Cooks.
Crassels: A Few Chosen.
Jones: Another Fargo Convention.
Packham: Active Fly Catchers.
Pauls: Are Fearfully Choice.
Clarks: Active Flea Catchers.
Scofies: All For Cleanland.
Herlings: A Fascinating Coterie.
Scoll: Another Fresh Cod.
Bacelow: A Fresh Conundrum.
Dudley: A Funeral Casket

Romness.

ED COURIER—The topic of the day is the liquor question. Many say they can stand it as long as the county fathers can. We hope that with the commissioners it is no political whim, but an honest intention to take nothing but pure water in the future. If not, a good horn with a little political bitters may upset the board any time. With us the little brown jug is an heir loom, and to be able to have a little in the jug is something that we have been thankful for, the same as we are for all good things in this world. Yet, we are not blind to the fact that the moderate man is never safe, neither is the counsel he gives to others. So from this on, we shall take sides with the board, and be a total abstiner for our own sake; and a prohibitionist for our neighbors' sake. M. W. H.

Willow Items.

Paul Flick has rented C. H. Johnson's farm.

Last Friday, as C. H. Johnson was on his way to Jesse, he got out of the cutter to pick up a whip, and his team lit out. Mr. Stringer very kindly loaned him a horse to catch them with. C. H. says he doesn't think that horse was well, as he has felt uneasy ever since he rode it.

Mr. E. G. Johnson has made over 2,200 words from the three words, "Chicago Weekly Herald."

Dick Davis has sold his fast horse to N. Gilbertson.

The Safford Bros., have dissolved. P.

A Card.

We, the undersigned, desire, by this means, to express to our worthy board of commissioners, the appreciation of, and gratitude we feel, for their recent action in respect to granting no liquor license. The hearty support we stand ready to give will attest to the deep concern and approbation it demands from the people, whose interests are thus faithfully served.

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A Story by Lincoln.

The Rev. Dr. Szold, the rabbi of a Jewish synagogue, at Baltimore, who was often at Washington during the war, said very correctly that it was the martyr President's nature to argue a point, but that when persons would come to him with complaints he often gave them his views in a short and comprehensive parable. He would thus often unravel an intricate and knotty question by his keen and inductive wit. As for instance: Some Western gentlemen called at the White House and harangued Mr. Lincoln in an excited manner about the omissions and commissions of the administration. He heard them with his usual patience, and finally said: "Gentlemen, suppose all the property you were worth was in gold, and you had put it in the hand of Blondin to carry across Niagara Falls on a tight rope, would you shake the rope while he was passing over it, or keep shouting to him, 'Blondin, stoop a little more,' 'Go a little faster,' 'No, I am sure you would not. You would hold your breath as well as your tongue, and keep your hands off until he was safely over. Now, the government is in the same situation, and is carrying across a stormy ocean an immense weight; untold treasures are in its hands; it is doing the best it can; don't badger it; keep silence, and it will get safely over."—*Ben: Perley Poore, in Boston Budget.*

Wedded to Her Profession.

Mary Anderson, says a New York rumor, has a special fondness for Mr. Forbes-Robertson, her leading man. He is a fine actor, a noble-looking and most attractive gentleman, but there is not the shadow of truth in this report. It is natural, of course, to couple the name of so beautiful and successful a young woman as Miss Anderson with the name of some marriageable man, but as a matter of fact she has probably kept herself as clear of all entanglements of this sort, if entanglements they may be called, as any celebrated young woman of these times. A gentleman who has known her intimately for fifteen years tells me he believes she has not the remotest idea of marrying anybody for the present, and that the only man who ever got at all into her heart is a son of a well-known millionaire of this city, who bears a pretty foreign name. He is a handsome, compact, athletic young man of near thirty. He formed the acquaintance of Miss Anderson in London, and was most devotedly attached to her for some time, but his attentions came to naught, and it is understood he is now engaged to another young lady. Miss Anderson is thoroughly wedded to her profession, and she very properly thinks a husband would be an impediment to her success. She is now about 23 years old, and is long on fame, so beautiful, and so rich. She will probably have abundant opportunity for serious consideration to the question of matrimony several years hence.

"I am planning a drama of the Twentieth Century," murmured the fair-eyed poet, as he ran his stiffingers through his asparagus-vaneurls. "The scene will be laid in Canada, and the story will involve the passionate love between an ardent patriot of the land and an American girl who is a young thing and cannot leave her mother." A happy solution is offered by the prospect of annexation. It is put to vote; the Tories reject by tremendous over the early claimant out, and the solid vote of the new ex-American bank President, cashier, and prominent citizens bury the measure beyond hope of redemption! Tragical tableaux to end the play!" And the poet's auditor said, "Great Scott!"—*N. Y. Tribune.*

A touch of humor of an unpremeditated character enlivened a recent commencement. A young woman, who was reading with fine effect her graduating essay, quoted from "Hamlet" as follows:

"Marry, trotth, Horror, the funeral bak'd meats
Do coldly furnish forth the marriage tables."

As a surprised smile which soon became laughter showed the amusement of the audience the graduate looked up in wonderment, and, not understanding the interruption, calmly continued her reading. She apparently was not aware that she had betrayed her Connecticut descent by substituting for "bak'd meats" the cultured and always appreciated but hardly Shakspearean dish of "bak'd beans."

Miss Louise Alcott was once with a party in the midst of the miseries of seasickness, when she gasped out: "They name ships Asia, and Scotia and Persia. Why don't they name one Nausea?" Everybody laughed, except one pretty little woman, who, failing to see anything amusing in this, exclaimed: "I think it would be a very disagreeable name. I wouldn't want to sail in a ship called 'Nausea.'" This reminds "Margery Deane," of the Boston *Transcript*, of a young man—who would have been called a dude, only his kind had not then been named—who, when trying to give an answer to the then new conundrum, "For what was Eve made?" could get no nearer than this. "It was for some express company down town, but which one I weally cawn't wemember."

Under the Mexican law a creditor can have a debtor arrested on the day when the debt falls due. The prisoner is chained to a post five days, guarded by an officer. At the end of the time, if the money is not forthcoming, the man's labor is sold to the government for 40 cents a day for as many days as will be necessary to discharge the obligation. The miserable debtor is sent to the silver mines, where he is chained to a gang of felons, and compelled to work under ground. He sleeps under ground, and never sees daylight again until restored to freedom.

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