

Around Town.
C. A. Wright was in from Willow, Wednesday.

Andrew Husel and his accomplished wife, will have a paste-board (two years) wedding, February 12th.

Robt. Witherow came in, Wednesday, and favored us with some of the needful, and a renewal of his subscription.

Herbert Chamberlain is expected home, with his bride, sometime during the month.

Schoeck, the Chicago lad, won the six days, Minneapolis, bicycle match, over Woodside, the Irish champion, by 12 miles. He made 923 miles. Gate receipts, \$12,000.

Schaefer defeated Vigneaux, at Chicago, in the great balk line billiard match of 3,000 points.

Secretary Johnson issued membership cards in the Farmers Mutual to five persons, Tuesday.

Emigrant Agent Powell, of the St. Paul road, informs a Milwaukee reporter that their will be a great rush to Central Dakota, this year.

Exchange: Charles Richardson announces that, having decided to retire from the newspaper business, he offers for sale his entire outfit.

Greece is bristling up ready for war with Turkey, England, France, Germany, the United States, or the world, if necessary. Her size protects her with most nations; and her poverty in resources, with England.

We would like to hear from our Willow correspondent again; and have him send in his name—not for publication, but as a guaranty of good faith.

An exchange heads an article "A Horse on the Cabinet." It must be some of the jackasses in the cabinet that is alluded to.

Budd Reeve, of Buxton, and R. C. Brophy came up on Wednesday's train and made us a pleasant call.

E. C. Ward has been offered a fine situation in New York, and thinks of leaving Cooperstown soon. All those who want fine shoes better send in their orders at once.

The "dead of winter" shows the freight receipts at the Cooperstown station, for the last month, but slightly in excess of \$1,000, not including receipts on incoming freight. The freight receipts from this time will steadily increase.

The petition for a reconsideration of the resolution of the county commissioners in regard to license, was presented to the board, Saturday, by Iver Jacobson, district attorney, who eloquently plead the case for the petitioners for license. The board refused to consider the petition.

Dan Woodmansee has a very promising pacer named Shamrock, which he purchased of Col. Broadhead, in Milwaukee, recently. The pacer showed a trial mile last season, the only one he has paced, 2:23. Shamrock is by St. Julien, out of Molly, by Magna Charter.

Alliance: Mr. P. L. Hoiland, of Nelson county, called on the Alliance, Monday, and "came in" on our seed offer. Mr. H. is one of the pioneers of the Red River valley, and opened the first agricultural implement store in Cooperstown. He is well known through Steele, Griggs, Nelson, and Northern Barnes counties.

The rage among newspapers for illustration has found its way into the Northwest, and during the Carnival at St. Paul the PIONEER PRESS proposes to make this feature very prominent. Special artists have been secured in addition to those regularly attached to the paper. All spots, processions and ceremonies connected with the Ice Carnival will be elaborately reproduced. We advise our readers to send in their subscription at once.—*Ad.*

Tuesday was ground hog day. The woodchuck did not see his shadow. Therefore we may look for an early spring. We haven't any wood chucks. If we had a stray woodchuck, he could not have seen his shadow until 11 a. m., so we shall have to consult the almanac.

C. F. Kindred's errand to Washington is said to be to get Postmaster Anderson, of Valley City, bounced. We wonder what Anderson thinks of himself now. "If he had served his God etc." D. W. Clark will evidently be the next P. M., and he will make a good one.

A new time card went into effect on the Dakota division of the Northern Pacific and its branches, Feb. 1st. The morning passenger train from the east, due here at 8 o'clock, will go no further than Fargo; the one from the east due at 8 o'clock in the evening, will leave at 8:20 and run as far as Jamestown; the one from the west, due at 1:05 a. m., and the one from the east, due at 3:50 a. m., will arrive and depart as heretofore. The Jamestown accommodation, and the evening train from the west, will arrive as usual.—*Fargo Republican.*

A breath of balsam,
A bunch of clover,
A murmur of song where the brook fell down,
The clouds rolled by
And the birds sailed over,
And I looked up and you looked down,
A patter of rain,
A mutter of thunder,
A butterfly stood by the edge of the brook,
The storm passed over,
And we stood under,
A little bird staid in the tree to look,
A clasp of the fingers,
A little flutter,
A big drop fell on my hand like pain,
You smiled in your tears
At the words I would utter,
And laughingly said it was only the rain,
A break of gold in the vines that clamber—
You said the sweet words that made you mine;
And the sun came out with a flagon of amber,
And drenched the world with celestial wine.
—*Century.*

What Was Heard in an Hour.
That Gillespie & Blow will go into the wholesale liquor business.
That a business man has failed.
That another business man has gone crazy.

That we are about to sell out the COURIER, and that some ambitious genius is going to start another paper—probably a daily.
That E. C. Ward is going east to get married.

That Andrew Johnson will build a two story brick store in the spring.

That we must swear to any of the foregoing items, for its a dull time of year, and people, in order to talk, must have something to say.

Some "smart Aleck" (and by smart Aleck, we will explicitly state, that we do not mean Herbert Smart, nor Aleck Stuart, and do not know who the brilliant person is) has discovered that in an article, (which we supposed to be general and facetious), entitled Henry VIII, Henry VIII means H. Retzlaff, Henry VII (who wasn't mentioned), means Henry Gillespie, while the Pope of Rome is R. C. Cooper. We are much obliged for having the satire pointed out to us; and will not try to explain it least the smart Aleck should construe the expalnation into an attack on U. S. Grant or Grover Cleveland. When we try to be funny again, if Smart, whoever he is, will come around we will give him a map or chart of the thing, to show where the fun comes in.

One old lady in Washington, who is in the habit of indulging her visitors with a delightful concoction of cold punch, remarked last Wednesday to a lady caller: "Pray have a little, dear, it is only claret; no rum in it to-day—the Bayards, you know."

Senator Bayard's wife died of brain fever, Feb. 1st, consequent upon the recent loss of her daughter. The senator is broken down with grief, and will resign his cabinet position.

Portland Inter-Ocean: Adams, of the Cooperstown Courier, knows how to get out an interesting paper.

The Ryan block, in St. Paul, has gone up in flames.

Scientific American: The remedy is, to the writer's knowledge, in use in New Granada and Guatemala, as a positive remedy for the bites of a number of varieties of poisonous snakes, as well as scorpions, tarantulas, and other reptiles or animals; and such reliance is placed upon this remedy that the natives will not go upon hunting or exploring expeditions without they are first supplied. The remedy referred to is the seeds of a small tree of the order Simarubaceae, indigenous to Granada, Guatemala, and Mexico. The tree are known as cedron seed, and the seed as Simaba cedron. A fruit with a single seed, like the peach or olive, is grown, and the seed is from an inch to an inch and a half in length, and four-fifths of an inch in width or more, and half an inch in thickness; flat or concave on one side and convex on the other; hard, and when cut with a knife shows almost a metallic luster; very bitter indeed. The natives cut the seed and chew pieces, when bitten by snakes or tarantulas, and place the fragments upon the wound, and chew and swallow pieces of the bean. Sometimes, if spirits are available, they dip slices or clumps of the bean in brandy, whiskey, or other spirits, and then wash the wound, swallowing meanwhile other portions. When thus armed with the cedron seeds, they have a reliable antidote, and seemingly do not care much about a snake bite, if only the cedron seeds are at hand.

On the Pacific coast the virtues of the cedron seed have been proved as an antidote for the bites of the several species of the Crotalids, or rattlesnake, family.

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

64 A new car load of furniture at S. Pickett's,—everything from a 40-cent chair to a bridal chamber set.

65 Farmers can get grain insured in stack or granary, by calling at the Bank of Cooperstown.

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Those troubled with sleeplessness are invited by a writer in the New York Mail and Express to try the following remedy. It is based upon the theory that sleep is prevented by an excess of blood in the brain and may be induced by drawing it to other parts of the body: "Having assumed the usual posture of repose, inhale and exhale slowly and steadily long breaths, devoting the whole attention to making the inhalations and exhalations of exactly the same length. The length should be much greater than that of ordinary breathing, although not sufficient to disturb the circulation by working the lungs to their utmost capacity. Any person who has force of will enough to concentrate his whole attention to the maintenance of this style of breathing can compel sleep in very unfavorable circumstances."

Recently I sat next the Baroness and Mr. Burdett-Coutts at a place of entertainment. Her ladyship was superbly appareled, and, on appearing before the audience, was presented by a young girl, dressed in black, with a large white bouquet, all lilies and tuberoses, trimmed with white lace. Mr. Burdett-Coutts seems to be endowed by nature with the most enviable of all gifts, a mirthful disposition. He has a laughing mouth and a splendid set of white teeth. He is a jolly, handsome man, and I don't wonder his wife likes him. There has been a great deal of comment made about this match, but, for my part, I see no more reason why a lady of 65 may not marry a man of 33, if both are willing, than that a man of 80, like Sir Jules Benedict, should marry a girl in her twenties, as I believe Lady Benedict still is.—*Olive Logan's Letter.*

A traveler pictures the guano coast of South America as the most desolate region on earth. On one side is the Pacific Ocean, with its great swells sweeping almost around the globe, as regular and constant as the throbbings of the human pulse. On the other side the impenetrable Andes rise in a range whose altitude averages 15,000 feet, and whose peaks tower 20,000 and 22,000 feet above the sea. Between the ocean and the mountains for 1,000 miles, with a varying width from twenty to fifty miles, lies a strip of drifting sand which no river waters and where rain never falls. There is not a well or spring along the coast, and drinking water is an article of merchandise, like ice or flour, costing 7 cents a gallon to the consumer.

A correspondent asks: "Where does the locust come from? Please tell me something of its habits." The locust spends most of its life as a grub underground. In May or June perfect insects emerge, and, after pairing, the female deposits four or five hundred eggs in the bark of trees, and then soon dies. The eggs are hatched in a few weeks and the young larvae fall to the ground and burrow into it. Their larva life is believed to last nearly seventeen years, and then they undergo the change into fully developed insects, mate, lay their eggs, and die. Of course, if the number of "locusts," or more properly speaking, the cicadas, is very large in any place this year, a larger number of eggs will be laid, and we may expect an unusually large number of the insects, in the place, in another seventeen years. The noise which the cicadas make is produced by a wonderful drum mechanism, situated on the lower part of their bodies.

Forty clubs in St. Paul alone, averaging two hundred strong, propose to devote themselves solely to winter sports and carnival fun during the first two weeks in February. Many more will come in from other directions—Winnipeg, Duluth, Stillwater, Minneapolis, Red Wing and many other cities will be represented by large uniformed clubs. Nothing like it has ever before been seen in this country. All the features, sports, etc., will be elaborately illustrated in the PIONEER PRESS. Now is the time to subscribe.

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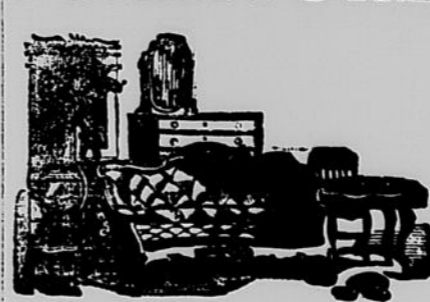
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