

**AROUND TOWN.**

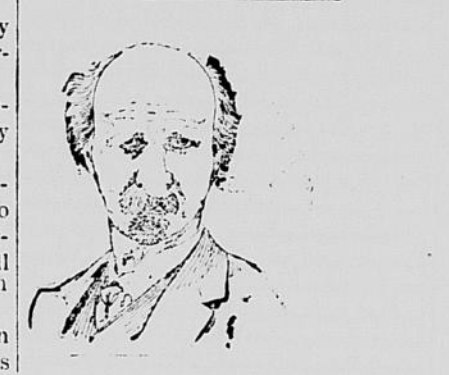
Sunday was St. Valentine's day. The Farmers' Mutual has a boom. Fred. Thomson will return March 1st. No services at the churches, Sunday. A. L. Bowden is seriously ill at Adamsville, Pa. Andrew Husel has a bad case of neuralgia. We now have a good Gallatin correspondent. Rev. Westberg is back, full of ambition and vitality. Miss Grace Van Voorhis is visiting at Hon. L. S. Lenham's, in Sanborn. Robt. Pinkerton will be married, at Bluffton, Minn., Feb. 22. The dance, Friday night, was well attended. Thirty tickets were sold. R. C. Cooper returned from the carnival, Tuesday night. F. B. Edwards, the architect of the court house, is in Duluth. H. G. Pickett denies the plug hat, but he has one secreted somewhere, all the same. J. E. Qvale has a horse with one side "stove in," from the kick of another horse. Louis Strauss, the traveling man, was in town, Tuesday. He thinks it a poor town for his line of goods. A small dancing party at Dr. McGuire's cozy cottage, Wednesday evening. Basket social at Mrs. R. C. Cooper's, Friday eve., for the benefit of the Congregational church. Messrs. Blackwell and McCormick stopped in Fargo and Sanborn—in the latter place attending a dancing party. Saturday night, thirteen young people visited Geo. W. Barnard's. Conveyance, bob sleigh, and a general good time all around. R. C. Cooper attended the carnival, at St. Paul, but did not slide down hill with the rest of the boys. Mrs. Ella Wheeler Wilcox says: "The chivalry of the average man consists in protecting woman against every man but himself." We would like correspondents at every postoffice in the county. Do not be afraid to sign your names, nor that the copy will not be properly corrected. Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Davis will visit at London, and St. Thomas, Canada, and at St. Clair, Mich., before their return. D. J. Galvin, N. P. traveling auditor, reinstated Agent Cowen, Tuesday. Charley Allen has been agent for a week. The editor spent a goodly portion of last week with friends, at Valley City and Sanborn, and took in the tax excitement. Smith, of Groff & Co., and Hawksworth, the Boston "boot and shoe" man, came up, Tuesday evening. The North Dakota Farmer, (Jamestown, Dak.) and the COURIER for \$2.50, in advance, per annum. John Oie is in St. Paul, visiting his sister, whom he has not seen in twenty years. Land Agent Glass says that inquiries are more frequent, concerning land, than they have been in two years. C. C. McDonald is very ill, at his home in Wisconsin. We have received a handsome set of chessmen, the handiwork of a brother in Vermont. Attorney Jacobson goes to Valley City, to attend the funeral of his father-in-law, Saturday. Iver Jacobson and M. L. Michaels returned from the carnival, Tuesday evening. Another corpse on our streets, unclaimed and uncare for, frozen to death, probably—maybe murdered—perhaps a suicide. At this rate, there will not be a dog left in town, when spring arrives. John Syverson keeps everything in stock—what he has not got he sends for. The last importation is from Nomanland, is a handsome boy, weighs ten pounds, and looks like John. Mrs. Syverson and the child are doing as well as could be expected. A Norwegian girl came into Clausen's last week, and wanted to change a 5-cent valentine she had purchased. "What's the matter?" said Clausen. "I don't want a *he* one, you see. I want a *she* valentine." Clausen traded with her. J. N. Brown's famous trotting mare, Lady Emma, has been purchased by Knud Thompson; price, \$350. In accordance with Knud's Yankee Doodle method, he couldn't pay cash, but exchanged for seven cows, at \$50 per cow. It looks as though Cooperstown would boast of a fine half-mile track in the spring. Judge Mills of Valley City, died yesterday of consumption. The deceased was about 50 years of age, and had practiced law in Valley City since 1880. He was county attorney for Barnes county in 1883 and 1884. He was formerly of Trempeau county, Wisconsin, and was

judge of probate for that county several years. He belonged to the Masonic fraternity, and the G. A. R. He leaves a son, I. E. Mills, of this county, and one daughter, Mrs. Jacobson. The deceased was a very industrious and hard working attorney, and will be greatly missed. The bereaved family have the sincere sympathy of the COURIER and the people of Cooperstown, in their affliction.

Evan Lewis, the Madison, Wis., wrestler, seems to be a brute. In a late match with Matsada Sorkichi, the Jap, he gave him a choke lock so that the latter did not recover his wind in two days. February 15th there was a return game. Lewis this time deliberately broke the ankle of the Jap's left leg, and had commenced on the right leg, when the Oriental concluded not to go any further. At the next match its expected that Lewis will finish his man.

**A Musical Family.**  
It was a balmy evening in July. The shadows had grown longer and longer, and finally vanished over the hill into the eastern night. It was in the mystical twilight, and the odor of new mown hay came up from the stretches of meadow like incense wafted over the couch of a dead day. The Jimsonweed homestead was a dream of peace and contentment. The low swung door was open, and on its hospitable sill sat Mrs. Jimsonweed playing upon her accordion. Her wrinkled face glowed with beatific pleasure as anon she succeeded in pumping a shriller strain than usual out of the ancient instrument. Was it the memory of old times in Posey county that made the tears come to her faded eyes, and her thin lips pucker? We asked this of old Jimsonweed as we sat on the reach of the red farm wagon without the door.

"I reckon the leather wants ilin', an' she's jest strainin' herself," said the old man, looking at her. "When she's playin' Sweet Byby, or Sweet Billy Mahone, or any of them sam tunes, she aint thinkin' of nothin' but tother world, and whether the bellows kin stand the strain. She air of a musical family. Just watch her contortion as she air banked up agin the hole in the wall. She don't hear nothin', nor see nothin' but the music. She air 'wrapt up', that air the idea—she air wrapt up," and the old man threw a kindly smile toward the ancient and battered partner of his life. "Fur all I kin see, she plays jest as well as she did forty years ago, and she air pretty near stone deaf, too. Thar ware seven of 'em, all musical—all played on the accordion or seraphina, except Elisha, and he sung base in the choir. He had what they called a remarkable voice. You could tell when he had ben singin' in the choir by the busted window lights in the church. Finally, the deacons had a meetin', and they 'barred' Elisha. They said as they wanted a base singer, but they couldn't stand a window buster. He made too strong music for 'em. Finally Lash wandered off with a nigger show, and I reckon he got to be a great primer donna, or a hog doctor—he were a handy man with the hogs. His name was Lish Slocum, but just as like as not he called himself Signor Lishio Slocumio, and that's why we never heard of him no more. It air a pity the old woman's gift warn't cultivated. If she can do that to the 'cordion, I jes believe she'd raise — with a pamer."



We had a brief sketch of Commissioner Sparks set up for this week's COURIER; but unfortunately it was pried, and we have to replace the article with a Pioneer Press portrait.

**A Card.**  
COOPERSTOWN, Feb. 17.—Mr. Editor. On my return from Grand Forks, I learned, that, in reference to the license and no license question in Griggs county, Mr. Iver Jacobson, county attorney, in his very elegant appeal for license before the county commissioners, made several groundless charges and ungentlemanly remarks concerning me. So far as I am personally concerned, I care very little about the matter; for everybody is aware of the motives which prompted the attack, and I simply wish to say to Mr. Jacobson, my friends, and the public generally, through the columns of your paper, that I bear no ill will towards Mr. Jacobson, or his coadjutors, for I realize that it was whisky that did the talking.  
C. L. WESTBERG.

**NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS.**

**DAZEY TIME TABLE.**  
S. C. & T. M. RAILROAD.  
Going South..... 10 a. m.  
Going North..... 2:45 p. m.  
Any information as to connections with trains at Sanborn, and rates quoted on tickets to all points in the United States and Canada, cheerfully given.  
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**-LOCALS-**

**Wheat, 67 cents.**  
Attend the magic lantern and musical entertainment at the school house Saturday evening, February 20th.  
Mr. P. L. Orr will ship in three car loads of horses cattle, in March.  
Mr. J. L. Strauss, the popular liquor dealer, was entertaining our dealers Tuesday.  
Mr. and Mrs. August Eckstrand, of Fargo, have been employed at the Half-Way house.  
Holman & Nelson are doing a good business and giving the best satisfaction to their patrons.

Miss Agnes Quick who has been with Mr. Pattison and family the past year, left, Wednesday, for Buffalo D. T., in company with her brother.  
Commissioners Oppgaard, W. L. Pattison, Michael Hume, and a number of our tax payers, attended the tax payers meeting at Valley City, Saturday.  
Divine services at the school house next Sabbath, at the usual hour, Rev. J. W. Donaldson officiating.  
J. M. Kerr will open a boot and shoe shop at once, the stock already bring ordered.

Rumor has it that we are to have a bank located here, next summer. May the rumor have good foundation, as an enterprise of this kind will surely meet with success.

C. F. Weiland has a few more tons of that choice ground feed left, which he is still selling at \$25 per ton, or \$1.50 per hundred.

L. H. Mulroy is busy hauling lumber for a commodious granary to be erected on his farm at once.

John Holliday, one of Sanborn's popular machine men, intends building a large machinery hall in the spring.

John Briske is still taking in the sights at the St. Paul ice palace.  
James Christie is visiting friends in town.

"Uncle John," as the boys call him, is painting our town red.

Barney Berlin is in Decorah, Iowa, buying a few car loads of horses, which he will ship here next month.

One peeled nose and two black eyes, since the boxing gloves arrived.

August Eckstrand has opened his tonsorial rooms for the present, in the Half Way house.

Farmers, the time will soon be here when you will want to clean up your seed wheat. Leave your order at once with C. F. Weiland for one of the Keller Fanning mills cockle separators.

**Gallatin Items.**

Mr. Ladbury, of Gallatin, has butchered some fine beeves this winter, one calf dressing 300 pounds. He has a good breed of cattle.

The feed mill has changed hands. It is owned now by Sven Olegard and Knute Holand.

Some, who call themselves farmers, on the river, let their stock run out day and night, in all kinds of weather. Is it not a law to compel them to look after their dumb brutes?

Martin Ueland has a fine lot of spring calves. Some died during the cold weather.

Quite a revival at Sven Laukey's. The sermon was preached by Rev. Nashem, of Gallatin.

Mr. Greenland reports that the farmers of Griggs county are talking of starting a county alliance. Let the good work go on.

The P. M. has got his house painted up in fine shape, this winter.

The Nimrods report foxes plenty on the river; but no farmers have lost chickens. The coons played hob last fall, some of us losing as many as forty chickens.  
J. P.

**Bald Hill.**  
Mrs. J. Mills is visiting friends at Jesse, and John thinks there must be at least nine days in this week.

Pumper George is poisoning foxes, but the dogs will not accept of that kind of a bait, and he will have to send to England to get one that is not posted.

Miss Eva Church, who has been attending school here, has returned to Jesse to visit her home.

Thomas Robinson, while visiting the Sheyenne, remarked to E. Olson, that green wood was a little more troublesome than dry, especially when sleighing is slim, and with assistance of that gentleman's team, was brought out of his difficulty.

The parties that made an attempt to attend the dance, Friday night, and had to return on account of a little rain, should not let such small obstacles keep them at home. Of course damp weather is hard on bangs, but the boys would understand that, and the ladies would not have to excuse their appearance.

James White, of Helena, made some of the Bald Hillites a pleasant visit, last Sunday.  
Thos. Robinson visited Dazey, Tuesday.  
Abe Lent took a trip to Sanborn, Monday.

CHICAGO, Feb. 16.—The grate McCormick reaper works closed down at 9 o'clock, this morning. Not a wheel is turning, and 1,400 employees begin a siege of enforced idleness. The threat of certain employees to precipitate a strike unless non-union men working in the moulding department were dismissed appears to be the cause of the suspension. At a meeting of dissatisfied employees, last night, a committee was appointed to wait upon McCormick, to-day, and insist upon their demand. McCormick had hinted at yesterday's conference that if this condition were insisted upon he would shut down the works indefinitely. Today he declined to meet the labor committee, saying his time was otherwise fully occupied, and ordered the suspension of operations. The employees were dumbfounded when informed at 9 o'clock that their services were no longer required. Very few are in good circumstances, and if the lockout is long maintained many families will suffer for the bare necessities of life.

Tom Craver has sold out his interest in the restaurant to Frank Buck.

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