

AROUND TOWN.

Berg & Larson have a new safe. A. B. Richardson was in town, Tuesday. Twelve degrees below zero. Tuesday morning. Dan Flood is at Pullman, Ill., where he has a permanent job. Commissioners Halverson and Hogen were in the city Tuesday. M. Zimmerman has lost, by distemper, one of his valuable pointer pups. Able, the St. Paul tobacco tourist, visited the Terminal Town, Tuesday. John K. Olson, of Ottowa, made us a substantial call, Monday. Mr. John Houghton favors us with a renewal of his subscription. We would like to hear from our Wilcox correspondent, early and often. First-class tickets from Chicago to San Francisco now sell for \$20. I. W. Miller has purchased a lot west of H. Retzlaff's, and has commenced to erect a dwelling. J. N. Jorgensen destroyed his wife's house plants, with a cold air draft, Monday. E. C. Ward, the accomplished boot maker, will remain among us a few years longer. We couldn't spare Ward. C. E. Blackwell, the Valley City lumberman, is about to remove to Jamestown to live. R. C. Cooper is in Chicago; thence he will go to St. Louis and purchase mules for the season's farm work.

Mrs. Zimmerman's concert will be the next thing on the programme. She deserves a rousing benefit. Outside papers say Tower City has voted license. It is wrong. The report is too previous. We vote on that question in April.—World. The King and Queen of Sweden, it is reported, have signed the pledge; not that their majesties have hitherto shown inclinations to inebriety, but as an encouragement to the temperance cause. Evan Lewis, the strangler, defeated Moth in a mixed wrestling contest, in Milwaukee, on the 7th inst.

H. Hazenwinkle, Julius Able, H. J. Compton, W. F. Paine, of St. Paul; S. B. Stanton, Minneapolis; G. E. Phelps, Sioux Falls; E. W. McCrea, Ottowa, were registered at the Palace, Tuesday. Stevens & Enger are laying in the finest stock of hardware ever brought to a Dakota town, west of Fargo. Knud Thompson says trade is as good with him as at this time in any year of his life. His Yankee Doodle advertisement has brought him \$1,000 worth of business.

H. G. Pickett has not been able to be ordinarily sociable since his return from the frozen east. S. J. Tande and Ole E. Forde came in to help beam the Courrier, Wednesday. Mr. Tande had a smart runaway while on his way in; but fortunately no harm was done. Frank Brown and Ben McCormick went up to Horse hill, on the river, Saturday, to spear fish. They got nine pickerel, and one sucker. To judge by the quantity of lumber on the ground, the Congregational church will be an imposing edifice. With brick so easily obtained it seems a short sighted policy to build a frame house. Fred. Thomson: the genial clerk at Whidden's, and an old tyro, is behind the counter again. Mrs. Thomson and the children will return from Buckingham, P. Q., where they are visiting, in the summer. H. P. Hammer arrived in town, Monday morning, with a magnificent three year old Clydesdale stallion, said to have been imported from Scotland, and to weigh 1890 pounds. Mr. Hammer bought him of J. T. Odgaard.

We shall commence next week a breezy Californian serial, in the Bret Harte style, called "The Bank of California." It is by Prentice Mulford, one of the most original and sparkling writers of the Pacific slope, and is fresh from his gifted pen. All farmers who have paid up their subscriptions, and are not getting the Farm, Stock & Home, one of the best agricultural journals in the Northwest, can procure the same by mentioning their needs at the COURIER office. We also want that old farmer who has been about to subscribe so long, to get to the front immediately, with his \$2. A celebrated statistician, Richard A. Proctor, has discovered that out of 1,600 English business men who did not advertise their business in a newspaper, 700 died insolvent, 57 emigrated to a different country, 49 became paupers before their deaths, 92 died insane, while of the balance only three acquired a competency. One of the two was a Chinaman, and the other two Italians. Of 1,000 men who advertised liberally, 403

acquired a competency, 71 died insolvent, 3 died insane, and not one became a county charge. Wm. McIntyre is back from the farm, and is at work on the Congregational church. H. G. Tiffany is back to the farm, after serving as pressman of the Argus this winter. A gang of eight commercial travelers visited Cooperstown, Wednesday. Bob Moore is back from St. Mary's, Ont., and is amusing himself until spring opens, which he expects next week. Sam Sansborn will be back about April 1st, and it is rumored that he will bring Mrs. Sansborn with him. Col. Morton, of Fargo, has gone to Washington, and it is understood he is loaded down with affidavits of citizens of Steele, showing that Col. Steele knew what he was doing when he located the section. A fight is to be made against the passage of the bill in the interest of the inviolability of the school lands.—Ex. Joseph Hoggarth made a pleasant call at the Courrier sanctum, Tuesday, and received the Farm, Stock & Home.

We have received a communication from a farmer, calling the county clerk sharply to task for trading in speculators' hay lands. In the absence of the accused the communication is laid over. We believe in giving a man a chance to fight back. How is it about wood land, Mr. Farmer? Is there any difference? Ole Serungard is in town, on his way home from the carnival. Some miscreants have cut the timber on the island in Lake A'die, this winter. There was perhaps a quarter of a cord of wood all told. The value of the wood can poorly recompense the settler for losing such a valuable land mark. The timber about Jessie no sooner gets ten feet high than it is ruthlessly slaughtered. Mrs. Zimmerman's benefit concert, the 19th inst., should draw a rousing house. Miss Thirza Gimblett will sing several solos. Mrs. Graham will recite, and the entire programme will be such as to merit liberal patronage.

The Song of the Corn. BY C. L. WESTBERG. I was made to be eaten, And not to be drank; To be threshed in a barn, Not soaked in a tank. I come as a blessing, When put in a mill, As a blight and a curse, When run through a still; Make me up into leaves, And your children are fed, But if into a drink, I will starve them instead; In bread I'm a servant, The eater shall rule; In drink I'm a master— The drinker a fool. Then remember the warning, My strength I'll employ; If you're in straits, If I drink, I'll starve.

Explaining It. Evangelist—(To her brother) I saw Sam Jones acting the queerest. He came up Barrall avenue, just now, waddling, and with eyes fixed like a dead person's. I wonder if he drinks? Brother—(Who had been out with Sam, on a bender) Lor' no! What non-sense 'er talking—been drugged, I tell ye (hic)—strychnine or suthin'. Evangelist—(Who is sweet on Sam) Who in the world has drugged Sam? Brother—H'sh'd I know who drugged 'im? Been eatin' fox bait, I guess catchin' on to the idea with satisfaction! Fox bait, I tell ye—woods full (hic) fox this time year. Evangelist—Well, that settles it. Fox bait! You needn't bring him here any more. Don't say another word. I don't wish to talk to an—intoxicated person. (Goes out in disgust.) Brother—Well! I never did see such contrary women. 'Splain ev'rying and then she says I'm (hic) 'toxicated.

Horse Notes. Geo. W. Greenleese is driving Dr. Newell's—beg pardon—Mrs. Newell's Sweigart mare. At four years the beautiful mare showed a 35-gait. Julius Stevens is driving a handsome young sorrel stallion, which shows promise of speed. Claus Jackson's roadster is one of the pleasantest drivers in the city. Knud Thompson's Lady Emma will be tracked this season, and will make the wheels fly when the leaves begin to turn. The father of them all, ye editor's horse, is wintering in Fargo; but will be on the Cooperstown track in the spring. A great number of citizens are desirous of securing a county fair ground, in the rear of the court house; and will endeavor to effect a lease of Cooper Bros., who, no doubt, will heartily enter into the scheme.

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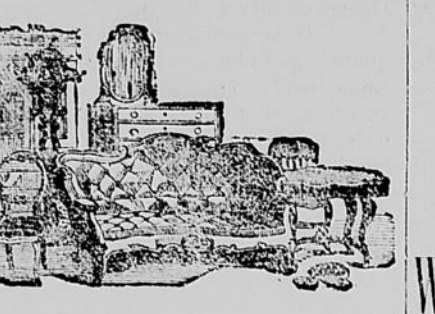
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