

AROUND TOWN.

M. L. Ruggles is back from the east. I. W. Miller is running the Montgomery barn.

Charley Allen is boarding at J. L. Haskell's.

Editor Vallandigham, of the Valley City Democrat, was in town Friday.

John Law and H. N. Craw were drumming up customers, Wednesday.

Mrs. Abe Lent, of Mt. Clair, has been sick; but is better now.

W. J. Wheeler favors us with an ad., this week.

O. B. Bolster, the hardware man, visited Cooperstown, Monday.

Captain Pattison, the genial land lord of the Pattison hotel, at Dazey, is out with a new card this week.

The tax sale at the Lenham elevator was postponed, Monday, till Saturday, for lack of bidders.

We have a very interesting letter from Gallatin, this week, which is crowded out for lack of space.

Two Spink county doctors have been arrested and bound over for prescribing too much liquor for their patients.

Wm. Sandy, an enterprising farmer near Dazey, has returned from Canada, with his bride.

It is to be regretted that the Norwegian church has \$700 tied up in the bank, which will probably delay the completion of the church.

Frank Scougale, of Valley City, drove up to the Terminal Town Friday, with Miss Rheum, whose brother was taken to the asylum, Tuesday.

Peter Mathison was in from Romess, Tuesday. He is again under the weather, with a return of his old trouble.

Joseph Buchheit has ordered his paper sent to Willow—so it is to be inferred that Jo. is going to tickle the soil this spring.

Sanborn is picking up again, and bids fair to recover its old prosperity, this season.

Mr. W. H. Davis, of St. Clair, Mich., accompanied by his son, Henry, arrived with a car load of horses, Monday.

If seed wheat is soaked in a solution of sulphate of copper, or blue vitrol, the crop will never smut.

A lady reports having met Mrs. Joe Buchheit. How is it, Joe? Have you been sneaking around a week without setting up the cigars?

Andrew Johnson has sold out his general store, lock, stock, and barrel, to J. N. Jorgensen, who is now helping the farmer to the necessities of life as if he had been engaged in the business twenty years.

Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Crane returned from their winter in Florida, Monday. Mrs. Crane is very much pleased with Dakota; and Maynard is delighted to shake off his alligator lethargy, and breathe some good, bracing air again.

George Rheams, a Frenchman, twenty-seven years old, unmarried, who has a farm near Kingsley's, was taken to the insane asylum at Jamestown, by M. L. Michaels, Tuesday morning. He has a sister at Valley City.

Newell Brothers received a car load of horses and farm truck, Wednesday. They are about to erect a cement ous dwelling on the farm, at an expense of \$1,500—James Christie, builder. They are informed by the Lenham Elevator company that there is good prospect of getting the full value of their wheat, stored with them.

The Congregational church will be built at once. The materials are on the ground. As to architectural design they should take warning by the monstrosities in adjacent towns.

We publish this week the card of Melgard & Regnery, who succeed Stevens & Enger. The boys have had experience in their new business, and they cannot but succeed.

Rev. David Wirt, the venerable but active missionary of the Congregational society, has been supplying the church at Salem, west of the Missouri, during a greater part of the winter.

H. P. Smart writes the COUNNER that he will return about April 10th. He says: "I am in the midst of more snow than I left at Cooperstown, changeable weather, and frequent storms. Am enjoying my visit very much."

S. H. Nelson called on us, Wednesday.

Captain M. Robinson and family, formerly of the Mardell house, are located at 20 College Avenue, west, St. Paul. It is rumored that the captain will, this season, open a private hotel in that city. We guaranty, if he does, he will have a vegetable garden, and a cow that gives pure cream. When we go to St. Paul he can have our patronage, if he will let us stay out till 10 o'clock.

The Northern Pacific has paid the survey fees upon the following surveyed lands in Dakota: Barnes county, 406,051 acres; Stutsman, 381,307; Kidder, 116,703; Burling, 156,463. The fees on the remaining surveyed lands in the territory will be paid by April 1st.

Suicide in Valley City.

The following facts, brought out at the coroner's inquest on the body of Miss Clara Root, who committed suicide at the house of Rev. Thos. Sims, Friday last, we clip from the Times:

The first witness called was Dr. De Puy, of Jamestown, who testified as follows:

I examined the remains carefully, and am satisfied that death resulted from carbolic acid poisoning. The inside of the mouth was discolored, and a spot at lower corner of mouth was burned, showing where the poison had oozed from her mouth. Am satisfied that no other means were used to produce death; a teaspoonful is sufficient to cause death in from five to ten minutes.

Mrs. Sims was the next witness: Knew deceased about a year; she came to my house about 10:30 o'clock on the night of the 24th of the present month, in an excited condition, and asked to remain there. She was shown her chamber and retired. Next morning she arose about 9 o'clock and remained in the house all day. About 4 in the afternoon Mr. Warner, whom she had sent for, called and went to her bed chamber. During his visit the deceased fell in a faint, and I carried to her room a goblet of water. In a few moments she recovered and I went down stairs. In the evening she was in the sitting room and remained about two hours. Did not notice anything in her actions to warrant the belief that she intended to commit suicide, although she seemed despondent and gloomy about her surroundings. At about 10:30 she retired. Next morning I went to her room to call her to breakfast, and found her lying on her left side, having the appearance of death about the face. I went down stairs and sent out for Mrs. Henry to come in, which she did. We went to the room where Miss Root was lying and Mrs. Henry said she was dead. I found a letter on a chair addressed: "The Rev. Thos. and Mrs. Davidson," which I opened. We also found a goblet on the floor, near the bed. The goblet had contained carbolic acid.

The following is the letter alluded to in the testimony:

MARCH 25, 1886.

Mrs. Davidson: I wish you would pack up my things and send them to Brainerd, to Mrs. W. J. Havel.

If I remember rightly I owe you for room rent from Feb. 21, to March 13, and for my board from March 13 to the present date. I believe there is in the neighborhood of \$14 in my hand satchel, and the pay for this school month. I have taught for fourteen days.

Mrs. Styles said she wanted that little stove. It cost me \$4.50, and the pipe between \$2 and \$3, or \$3 and \$4—I have forgotten which. If she will take it the money will go towards paying expenses.

Will you see the pictures and two chairs returned to Mrs. Sleigh, and the looking glass to Mrs. Henderson.

Give Mrs. Van Aucken my table and you keep the rocking chair and coal.

That blue calico is not paid for. Will you return it to Paulson's.

If my dress is changed I want to have on my Jersey skirt and velvet waist. I want one of my sisters to have my black silk. The rest of the things I think it will be quite easy to pack.

I hope I will be allowed just a pine box, and the dray to take me to the burying ground.

Well, Mrs. Hattie Root will have the satisfaction of driving me out of town. She has said so much, and been so ashamed of me, without cause. She now has something to be ashamed of.

I am so sorry for brother. If his wife would let him, he would be kind and good, and not get into trouble.

Whatever has gone wrong, Hattie drove me to it; and Amasa P. Peake found out something about it, and advised and insisted on its being made right.

Brother was not cross to me the night I left your house. C. A. Root.

P. S. I want Mr. Sims to have my clock and amp, and give Allyn my hymn book if he will accept it.

The following is a continuation of the testimony:

Mrs. M. Sims, being first duly sworn, on oath deposes and says: The first conversation I had with Miss Root after she came to our house was on the afternoon of the 25th of March. I went up stairs about five minutes after Mr. Warner left and found Miss Root lying on the bed, and I asked her if Mr. Warner had given her any satisfaction, and she said he had not. She desired Mr. Warner to marry her, and expected he would satisfy her by so doing. She told me that whenever she approached the subject of marriage in her conversation with Mr. Warner, he would not listen to her. She said matters had gone so far she could not bear it any longer, and I advised her to wait and not trouble about it, and it might come out all right yet. She said she thought it was settled in this way: that he would not marry her; I had further conversation with Miss Root on the evening of the same day. She said matters had gone so far that she could not bear it any longer. Her emotions overcame her, and tears came to her eyes, and she could not speak for a few moments. She said their had been a great deal of talk about several ladies in town, and she was one. She said she believed the reason why Mr. Warner would not marry her was through the influence of Mrs. Root and Mr. Peake. She told me she had been sick the week before and feared she might be pregnant. Said Mr. Warner had promised to support her if she would go away for two years; but she refused, as that was not what she wanted and would do no good; the only consolation he could make was to marry her, and if he would not do that there was nothing else he could do that would be of any service to her. I have not read any of the letters introduced in the evidence. I found the one addressed to J. Parkhouse and D. McDonald in a book on the piano rack March 28. I remember that on the afternoon of Thursday, when Miss Root came to supper she walked around the table by the piano, and looked up toward me to see if I was looking, and I noticed her do this and thought it strange, but forgot about it. Miss Root said Mr. Warner had agreed to come up to our house on Monday, the 22d of March, with her, and marry her, and bring Mr. Peake along as a witness, and she said he would have done so, if Peake had not persuaded him not to. I asked her if she had any reason for believing she might be sick, and she said she had.

The sad event has cast deep gloom over the entire city, among the citizens of which Miss Root was a universal and

esteemed favorite—both for her Christian virtues and lovable nature—and her sad death will rekindle in many hearts that sympathy which was shown her during her troubles in life. Her death was her refuge, and she took the step that set free her pure soul from an earthly existence that she had not the courage, or desire, to continue.

After the funeral of the deceased lady, which was very generally attended, not only by her personal friends, but by the public she had served so faithfully as a teacher in the high school Rev. Thos. Sims discovered other letters which seemed to indicate that she had been wronged by Warner, and that he was accessory to her death; whereupon the body was disinterred, and a post-mortem examination had. No evidence of pregnancy was found, and Warner, who had been placed under arrest, was discharged. Circumstances indicate either that the lady was insane, or that Warner is most a damnable villain,—and perhaps both. While censure may be due Mr. Root for his harshness, we cannot but believe, had he known all the circumstances of the case, his manner, and the termination of the affair, would have been very different.]

The big gillies who, about two months ago, were so anxious to start a paper, ought to have the thing on their hands now. If we were vindictive we could have a little fun with some of them, at the present time. Some people cannot stand prosperity. If their home paper does not devote half its space to them, and call them all judges and misters, and old land marks, and advocate the whisky trade, they are foolish enough to try and get an "organ," and compel the old paper to warm them up, and really give them something to kick about. Otherwise the county paper is a harbinger of peace. It announces your advent into the world with a pleasant joke; it mentions your wedding as the great social event of the season; and when you die the midsummer rain drops do not fall more gently upon your grave than do the pleasant little fictions of the county newspaper upon your memory, and it advocates law, order, peace, and harmony at all times. We would "devise" you boys never to go into the newspaper business—it won't pay you. We tried it ourselves. But if, when you are on your car again, you must have another paper, give us the cash (if you have more money than you can use in your business), and we will print it for you, and make you a very nice paper,—our facilities are first-class. And in the mean time, don't let any chronic bull-in-the-woods, who has always been starting another paper, lead you round by the nose, and get you into hot water, and we won't say any more about it. If you are so well fixed as to be able to go into journalism, perhaps we can sell you the whole "shooting match." That's fair.

A Statement.
Mr. F. H. Adams, City.

DEAR SIR: At your request, I enclose herein a statement of the affairs of the Bank of Cooperstown. In explanation I wish to add that resources are merely nominal, as taken from the books, and far from real valuation—which can only be determined on realizing.

THEO. DRAZ, Assignee.

RESOURCES.	
Bank disbursements	\$20,000.00
Overdrafts	4,750.00
Special account	2,500.00
Special account	2,000.00
Trusts paid	2,000.00
Expenses account	381.50
Sunday items, counted as cash	736.48
Cash on hand	39.52
	\$32,367.50

LIABILITIES.	
Capital account	\$100,000.00
The bank on open account	1,284.10
The depositors	18,341.32
Creditors of deposits	11,908.88
Bank's red account and B payable	35,819.37
Cash on hand	39.52
Special account	1,100.00
Insurance account	35.22
	\$164,838.41

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Notice of Final Proof—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., Feb. 9, 1886. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and secure final entry, thereof, viz: Thorger O. Jorgensen, D. S. No. 15,226, for the 1/4 of sec. 21, T. 18 N., R. 60 W., and names the following as his witnesses, viz: Ole Alfson, Ole Aslakson, Berge Osmundson, Thos. P. Flugsstad, all of Otter Tail County, D. T.

The testimony to be taken before John N. Jorgensen, clerk of the district court, at Cooperstown, Griggs county, D. T., on the 17th day of April A. D. 1886, at his office.

HORACE AUSTIN, Register. 8-13
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Mr. R. C. Cooper returned from the south and east, Wednesday night.

D. O'Malley, the genial commissioner of Barnes county, made us a pleasant call Wednesday.

F. H. Adams sold to D. O'Malley, Wednesday, lot 18, block 24, in Valley City, for \$1,000 cash.

Van Deusen, Elliot & Co., it is reported, have made arrangements with the Lenham Elevator company, and will at once open up the elevator.


In spite of a little temporary set back the farmers and merchants are at work with a will, and as soon as the weather is settled, we shall forget all about our little March troubles.

Our friend, D. R. Swartout, complains about not receiving his paper, and—no wonder! In recopying the subscription list his name was inadvertently omitted.

Semi-Annual Examination of Teachers.
The regular semi-annual examination of teachers for Griggs county, will be held in the school house at Cooperstown on Friday, April 16, 1886, beginning at 9 o'clock a. m.

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