

**AROUND TOWN.**

Wm. Glass drove "cross country" to Iacota, Wednesday.

Dr. C. L. Opsal, of Minneapolis, drove over from Hoop, Wednesday.

Halver P. Hammer, the horseman, of Lee, was in town, Wednesday.

Nate Sifton has the contract for furnishing the stone for the Lawrence Bros. building on Burrell avenue.

The Congregational church will, according to present indications, be more ornamental than the generality of pioneer church buildings.

R. C. Hoyt, representing the Plano Manufacturing company, has been in the city this week.

N. L. Shattuck, of Fargo, has been disposing of horse flesh at this point for several days.

C. M. MacLaren has rented the A. Haskell property, and will go to keeping house about May 1st.

Geo. Benson, son of Andrew Benson, died at Bald Hill, Saturday, of consumption, contracted in Oregon.

Knud Thompson is training his blooded mare, Lady Emma, and John Fairbanks is giving J. N. Brown's Colorado stallion the exercise that he needs.

H. Gillespie shot a crane, Monday evening, that measured eight feet, seven inches, from tip to tip.

Harry Blow brought down four geese at two shots, Saturday.

Beecher Cox is with the Gull River Lumber company.

On Saturday, Treasurer Enger made arrangements to secure the county to the amount of 60 per cent of his deposit in the late Bank of Cooperstown, it being expected that 40 cents on the dollar will be released by the assignee. He also gave a new bond for \$15,000, with C. A. Benson and John Simons, of Valley City, M. L. Michaels, Rollef Berg, and Iver Jacobson as sureties.

Dr. Opsal takes his departure for Cooperstown, where he will remain for some weeks. We recommend him to the good graces of Bros. Adams, and all Cooperstownites, who require the services of a dentist.—*Hope Pioneer.*

Nate Sifton's recent purchase in horseflesh promises a record in the "thirties."

No. hard is bringing 64 cents.

Anton Enger has purchased the hardware store of Melgard & Regnery.

M. L. Ruggles, R. H. Berg, and C. C. Robison, now get their mail at Cooperstown.

Peter Stewart sold his find yoke of oxen to Knud Thompson, Tuesday. He had driven them just once, and came to the conclusion, in a hurry, that they weren't the proper brutes for a christian to drive.

J. I. Case has sold his celebrated stallion, Phallas, to C. C. Lyford, of Minneapolis, for \$50,000.

Paul H. Wood, of Duluth, of the firm of Cutler & Gilbert, and "nephew to us," has been in town this week, taking orders for his house, and making a pleasant visit. He is a rustler, and his house is one of the solidest and most conservative in the west. In connection with lime, salt, and cement, the firm do a grain commission business.

The Van Dusen, Elliott Co.'s elevator (formerly Lenham's) opened up, Monday, with Mr. G. N. Stork, as manager. This will be good news to the farmers.

The body of Joseph Bartias, brother-in-law to Frank Rassler, was brought from Jamestown to Cooperstown for interment, Monday.

Saturday, in a town not far away a lady, who has a married daughter residing in Cooperstown, gave a friend of the COCKER editor a pair of dainties to deliver to her daughter. At the depot in Cooperstown the aforesaid COCKER man kindly relieved his friend of his load, and dispatched a boy to deliver the goods. The boy delivered the goods to the unmarried sister-in-law of the lady, and insisted that he had sent 'em to her with our compliments. As the lady is a stranger to us, and the Indian fashion of sending presents is not in vogue here, we assure all parties interested that the "little boy lied"—we did not attempt to steal the pail, nor contents.

Our old friend, John C. Evans, of Valley City, made us a visit last week, and with E. C. Blackwell and the editor helped slaughter the fish in Red Willow lake. The lake had been open several days, and the fish had returned to deep water, so that the catch was not large. It has been a popular idea that the noise of the discharge kills the fish, and that shot or ball are not necessary. Experiment, however, demonstrates this to be erroneous. A blank cartridge has never yet killed a fish, although the concussion of the bullet upon the water has been known to kill several fish, without touching a scale.

**Commissioners' Proceedings.**

Quarterly meeting. Convened April 5, 1885, at 10 a. m. Present, Comrs. Cooper, Halverson, and Hogensen, Commissioner Cooper presiding.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved. On motion ordered that the following abatements be made, viz:

Knud Arneson, road poll tax for 1884, \$1.50.

Arne Lukkassen, school poll tax for 1885, \$1.

Wm. Church, road poll tax 1885, \$1.50.

Gunder Enerson, road poll tax, 1883, \$1.50.

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On motion ordered that the following bills be allowed, viz:

B. B. Brown, two months attending boiler at court house, and drayage on coal, \$86.86.

Iver Jacobson, salary as dist. attorney from January to April 1st, \$125.

Iver Jacobson, expenses to St. Paul \$38.25.

Iver Jacobson, fees as commissioner of insanity, case of George Reahms, \$2.

Geo. B. Clark, fees commissioner of insanity, case Geo. Reahms, \$8.50.

Geo. B. Clark, fees as commissioner of insanity, case of F. M. Rockwell, \$2.

W. L. Pattison, witness fees case of George Reahms, \$2.00.

Christ Gilbertson, witness fees, case of George Reahms, \$2.00.

Wm Kingsley, witness fees in case of George Reahms, \$2.00.

Lyman Lewis, witness fees, in case of Geo. Reahms, \$2.00.

Scott Van de Bogart, salary in case of Geo. Reahms, \$2.00.

Allan Pinkerton, salary as jailor, February and March, \$52.

Allan Pinkerton, board of prisoner, Frenchy, March, \$21.

Allan Pinkerton, board of prisoner Frenchy, February, \$23.25.

Allan Pinkerton, sheriff fees, case of George Reahms, insane, \$9.85.

O. E. Thorn, road work dist No. 4, \$1.50.

Hiram Guest, road work, dist No. 11, 1.50.

A. Coleman, road work dist. No. 4, Geo. D. Barnard & Co., one book register of actions, and one book mechanics liens, for clerk of court, \$39.75.

John Morris & Co., 1000 tax statements for treasurer, 10.25.

Affidavit of Harry Clark as to road work in dist. No. 4, for 1885, was accepted, and county order for 1.50, on road and bridge fund issued to him.

On motion Elija S. Hamilton was appointed road supervisor for district No. 4 for the following year.

Adjourned to meet at 1:30 p. m. Convened at 1:30 p. m.

Full board present. Comr. Cooper presiding.

On motion ordered that the following bills be allowed, viz:

Gull River Lumber company, coal, \$247.78.

Gull River Lumber company, lumber for bridges, 6.75.

P. F. Egan, clock for register's office, \$10.

E. D. Bloom, road work district No. 12, 4.50.

T. F. Kerr, salary as supt. of schools, January to April 1st, \$7.50.

T. F. Kerr, per diem and mileage, as supt. of schools, 8.40.

T. F. Kerr, fees commissioner of insanity, case of Geo. Reahms, \$7.

On motion Wm. T. McCulloch was appointed road supervisor of district No. 14.

Report of M. Sutherland, supervisor of road district No. 13, for 1885, was accepted and bill of \$15.29 allowed.

Report of E. W. Hagerty, supervisor of road district No. 4, for 1885, was accepted, and bill of 12.95 was allowed.

Report of A. A. Flulo, supervisor of road district No. 7, for 1885, was accepted.

On motion Martin Lund was allowed a refunding order for road and school poll tax for 1885, \$2.50.

On motion adjourned to meet April 6, at 6 a. m.

Convened April 6, at 9 a. m., in accordance with adjournment.

Full board present. Comrs. Cooper presiding.

On motion Andrew Johnson was requested to give new bond as justice of the peace.

On motion Thore Olson was allowed a refunding order for year 1885, for \$9.71, taxes erroneously assessed upon a valuation of \$265, and he was requested to apply same in payment of taxes assessed against him upon a valuation of \$287.

On motion the order dated January 16, 1886, allowing Ole K. Bakken a refunding order for \$10, was rescinded to the amount of 2.50, being for road and school poll taxes for year 1883.

On motion ordered that the following bills be allowed, viz:

Christian Sibby, road work district 12, \$2.

H. P. Kins, road work, district No. 12

1.50. A. P. Anderson, road work, district 12, \$1.50.

Bowden & Buck, oil and merchandise \$15.52.

On motion adjourned to meet April 7, 1886, at 10 a. m.

R. P. COOPER, Chairman. H. P. SMART, Clerk, by Geo. B. Clark, deputy.

April 7, 1886, at 10 a. m.

Neither of the commissioners being present the clerk adjourned the meeting until April 8th, 1886, at 10 a. m.

H. P. SMART, Clerk, by Geo. B. Clark, deputy.

April 8, 1886, at 10 a. m.

Neither of the commissioners being present the clerk adjourned the meeting until April 9, at 10 a. m.

H. P. Smart, Clerk, by Geo. B. Clark, deputy.

April 9, 1886, at 10 a. m.

Neither of the commissioners being present the clerk adjourned the meeting until April 10, at 10 a. m.

H. P. Smart, Clerk, by Geo. B. Clark, deputy.

April 10, 1886, at 10 a. m.

Neither of the commissioners being present the clerk adjourned the meeting until April 13, at 10 a. m.

H. P. Smart, Clerk.

Convened April 13, 1886, at 10 a. m. Present Comrs. Halverson and Cooper.

Adjourned until 2 p. m. Full board present.

Adjourned until 4:30 p. m. Convened at 4 p. m.

Full board present. Comr. Cooper presiding.

A consultation was held with Anton Enger, county treasurer, with reference to giving the county proper security for the deficit caused by the failure of the Bank of Cooperstown, and he was given until April 17, 1886, at 10 a. m., to complete his arrangements.

On motion ordered that the following bills be allowed, viz:

C. H. Moseley, road work, district No. 12, \$27.

H. P. Smart, first quarter salary as county clerk, \$125.

F. H. Adams, printing and stationery 152.45.

Allan Pinkerton, jailor's salary for April 10.50.

Allan Pinkerton, board of prisoner to April 13, 9.75.

Anton Enger, making three redemption receipts, and postage, 9.50.

Bill of J. E. Quale for \$11, was allowed at 10.50.

On motion ordered that the following abatements be made, viz:

Upon s-w 4 of 7-148-58, for 1885, tax upon fifteen acres, value \$90, tax 1.62, quarter being fifteen acres short.

To Albert Larson upon personal property valued at \$655, tax 184, erroneously assessed for year 1884.

To Syver Johnson, for road poll tax, 1.50, and school township tax (No. 2) 1.12; total tax \$2.62, erroneously assessed for year 1885.

To P. C. Nelson for road and school poll tax, erroneously for the year 1883, 2.50.

On motion ordered that the following refunding orders be granted, viz:

James Kennedy, road and school poll tax for 1885, 2.50.

J. H. Kellum, road poll tax for 1883, 1.50.

J. H. Kellum, road poll tax for 1884, 1.50.

Hans Pederson, road poll tax for 1885, 1.50.

Allan Pinkerton, sheriff of Griggs county, tendered his resignation, which was accepted, to take effect when his successor is appointed and qualified.

On motion ordered that M. L. Michaels be appointed sheriff of Griggs county, to hold said office for the unexpired term.

On motion, adjourned to meet April 17, 1886, at 10 a. m.

ROLF C. COOPER, Chairman. H. P. SMART, Co. Clerk.

*Ed. Courier:* Will you kindly permit a small correction to the announcement made in last week's issue? It was stated that according to the "decree" of the building committee" there was four barrels of lime used in the foundation of the Congregational church. Regarding the scarcity of the aforesaid lime there is nothing wrong; but as to the responsible parties—through a process of twisting, much in vogue these days—are "not what they seem." The contractor, A. G. Young, of Sanborn, was the party who furnished the lime, pledging his word that the job should be first class in every particular; if it was not so he would ask no pay. As the top of the wall was left nicely finished it was not thought necessary to probe the work and find out if it was an honest job, inasmuch as Mr. Young's reputation as a workman was good, and his own recommendation was ample enough to dispel all fears.

**BUILDING COMMITTEE.**

The prisoner known as "Frenchy" is a prisoner no longer. On Friday night he departed from the county jail, for parts unknown; and he will probably remain away until cold weather sets in. His crime was an aggravated assault, with a knife, upon John Smith. Smith was carved in such manner as to seriously mar his beauty. Frenchy had not been closely confined, and it has been a mystery for some time why he persisted in lingering around, since he wasn't laying up anything.

**That Verdict.**

As a rule the verdict of a corner's jury is a model of brevity, so the exception furnished by the verdict of the jury that sat upon the body of Miss Root, at Valley City, must be explained upon the ground that the extraordinary circumstances attending the young lady's suicide called for an unusual verdict. It reads more like a work on special pleadings, or the closing address of a district attorney in an important criminal case, than it does like the verdict of a coroner's jury didn't succeed in eliciting many important facts relating to the tragedy. They did succeed in piling up an argument that will paralyze the authors of law books from away back.—*St Paul Globe.*

**The Late "Buckshot" Forster.**

William Forster, an English Quaker preacher, died in Tennessee while advocating freedom for the negro. His son, the late William E. Forster, died recently in England, having spent the latter years of his life in the endeavor to prevent legislative freedom for the Irish people. It is an illustration of the intense feeling which seems to be inborn in the average Englishman toward his Irish neighbor. Wm. E. Forster was a strong Liberal in his time, and during our war was shoulder to shoulder with John Bright on the side of the Federal states and in opposition to slavery, while his last words, it is said, were: "No home rule for Ireland."

William E. Forster was born in Dorsetshire, England, in 1818. In 1861 he entered parliament since. On the call to office of Mr. Gladstone in 1868 Mr. Forster became chief secretary for Ireland. Here he supported the relief distress bill and was the author of the compensation for disturbances bill. In 1881 he introduced some coercive bills that were bitterly opposed by Parnell and his party, who adopted the policy of obstruction by a system of dilatory tactics, and a sitting, commenced on Jan. 30, was protracted through the night and the whole of the next day and the following night, causing intense excitement throughout the kingdom. After the house had been sitting for the unprecedented period of forty-two hours, the speaker, on resuming the chair, Feb. 1, forbade further speaking and put the question. On the following day Mr. Dillon, Mr. Parnell, Mr. Finegan and



THE LATE WILLIAM E. FORSTER.

twenty-eight other Irish members were suspended, the three named being removed from the house by force.

Though Secretary Forster promised at that time that the prosecution act, which he was armed with, would not be employed to repress agitation, immediately after the act received royal assent, the counties of Clare, Galway, Kerry, Leitrim, Limerick, Mayo, Roscommon, Sligo and several baronies in the county of Cork, were proclaimed and several persons were arrested, among them being Parnell, Dillon, Sexton, Father Sheehy, a Catholic priest, and Mr. Boyton, a native American, these were locked up in Kilmallock jail. "Suspects" were hurried to jail on all sides, and a reign of terror prevailed.

Then it became evident that to proceed with this policy the whole Irish nation would have to be imprisoned. This being impracticable a new departure by the government was announced and Mr. Forster resigned. It was in a speech in parliament later, in explaining his reasons for resigning, that Mr. Forster gave Parnell the title of "the uncrowned king of Ireland."

Mr. Forster was undoubtedly a well-hated man. His nickname, "Buckshot" Forster, was bestowed upon him during the heat of Irish troubles connected with the suppression of the Land League. Mr. Forster having advocated the substitution of buckshot cartridges for the usual ball cartridges used by the Irish constabulary.

In personal appearance Mr. Forster was bizarre and uncouth. He dressed in such ill-fitting clothes that it was a standing joke in the house that they were cut and made by himself. But all this uncouthness of manner and simplicity of style were the result of design. The same affectation of simplicity characterized his speeches. They were rough and unrhymed and bore all the marks of extemporization, although they were always carefully prepared and sometimes rehearsed for weeks beforehand. His ambition was great, and though few would suspect it, he was extraordinarily vain. He had the courage to maintain his convictions at whatever hazard, and even his worst enemies admit that he was brutally honest.

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