

AROUND TOWN.

A young dude wishes us to inquire: "What's the matter of a harvest ball?"

Rev. Jernberg preached north of town, Sunday.

Mrs. Seigfried and Mrs. Dr. Donaldson, of Sanborn, visited, last week, at Mr. Harry Wasser's.

C. W. Hodge and wife returned from a visit to Valley City friends, Wednesday.

The railroad boys were made happy Wednesday—pay day.

M. E. Walks, of Valley City, has finished painting the Congregational church. It is a very creditable job.

John N. Jorgensen's dog, Flora, caught eight ducks, Monday. This fact ought to put to blush the efforts of some of our sportsmen.

Smart & Clark are finishing up the interior of their Burrell avenue office in a tasty manner.

Ezra DeWitt, of Scranton, Pa., was looking over Griggs county real estate, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Safford, of Willow, were registered at the Palace, Monday.

J. B. Folsom, of Fargo, was in town, Tuesday.

Captain Pattison, the Dazey hotel man, spent a few hours in Cooperstown, Tuesday.

Herman Retzlaff, the butcher, carved the thumb of his left hand, Saturday, with a cleaver.

Joseph Allen has a very fine garden—in fact he has the finest garden in town; about one-quarter of an acre, surrounded by fine, growing trees, and enclosed with a picket fence.

The new warehouse, near the depot, has been labeled: "Northern Dakota elevator."

C. A. Hunter has purchased an elegant pair of bronchos from P. H. Smith. Look out for 'em!

Johnnie Buckley has just purchased a handsome gold watch. The N. P. will be run on time now.

Our Nimrods are catching young ducks in plenty. They cannot fly yet; but they look very pretty on toast.

C. M. MacLaren and the COURIER editor, drove to Valley City, Tuesday, returning Wednesday.

Glass & MacLaren are selling railroad land in the indemnity limits, as though nothing had occurred.

Rev. Purinton preached at the Baptist hall Sunday evening. Dr. Newell and Iver Jacobson were in attendance. Politics are getting livelier.

Contractor Muir exhibited to us, Sunday, a magnificent sample of wheat from his farm west of town. James is a good farmer.

Peter Matheson and wife have gone to Minneapolis, where Pete will receive medical treatment in the hospital. His many friends wish to hear of his improvement in health.

Among the candidates for the office of register of deeds, who are known to be in the field, are the present incumbent, Herbert P. Smart, and Andrew Johnson. Many others are talked of, but their candidacy is problematical.

C. C. Buck has returned from his visit, East, and—without Mrs. B. Mr. Buck states that the people of Dakota are in clover, compared to the Digger Indians of Ohio and Indiana. That's right—its regular.

Mrs. Bradley, the woman who was whipped by her husband last Saturday, is still dangerously ill, and requires nearly constant attendance of the physicians, and serious results are feared. —*Tower City Herald.*

Miss Lizzie Yates, a very prominent young lady of Sully county, was today thrown from her horse, and in falling became entangled in the rope. She was dragged two miles, her head mashed into a jelly, her arms pulled out, bones broken, and mangled beyond recognition.

P. H. Smith, of Broadlawn farm, formerly of Fargo, has been in town for a week selling wild horses. The idle populace has been highly entertained by the catching and haltering of the beasts. John H. McDermott bought a fine pair of clay-banks, with white points, which match perfectly, and will make the finest driving team about.

A. L. Bowden captured a powerful gray, as a mate for the big Clyde.

South of the COURIER office lies a few miles of Cooper Bros' summer-fallow; and on Monday numerous little cyclones—homoeopathic cyclones, according to Dr. Newell—could be seen passing over it. The dust whirled like the heaviest smoke, until the funnel shape cloud was 150 feet high, when finally it left the earth, and went over to fertilize Steele county.

Charley Buck is sick.

Henry Retzlaff is under the weather.

Tom Craver, it is rumored, will start a restaurant.

New potatoes and green peas, from the Zimmerman farm, Sunday.

Dr. Kerr, assisted by Dr. Newell, performed an operation on a lady, for caries of the bone of the ankle joint, Sunday.

Prairie chickens the size of a dove, and plenty of them.

Nate Sifton caught a young sand hill crane, Sunday.

Simington & Miller have erected a commodious stable back of Ford & Lucken's lot.

Andrew Johnson insured two parties in the Farmers Mutual, Monday, bad crops to the contrary, notwithstanding.

It is rumored that Lawrence Bros. furnish The Farmers Alliance with first class twine at 124 cents.

There is one consolation this year. If our wheat crop is poor our county is better off in stock than ever. Cows, hogs, and horses are not bad crops, after all.

Somebody chopped one of Halver P. Hammer's pigs in half, with an axe, Sunday. The man probably thought the pig had escaped from his pen, and he axed him.

Ice cream under canvas, Saturday, July 24, served by ladies of the Baptist sewing circle.

The Farmers Alliance of Cooperstown, will meet in the court house at 4 o'clock Saturday, July 31.

James Christie has erected a commodious ware house for Lawrence Bros., back of the Concrete store.

Peter Morrison has his brood mares here. They are the best lot for the farmer ever brought to this country.

Chris Ostlund is still very sick with typho-malarial fever. He is in a critical condition.

Wheat is looking much better than a week ago, and the farmers are correspondingly cheerful.

The ladies of the Methodist church met at Mr. Westburg's last Wednesday, to arrange for a fair, for the benefit of the M. E. church.

George Goldthrite rushed into town, Wednesday morning, and hustled Dr. Kerr out to the farm. It is a boy—weight 12 lbs.

Edwin Hansen was fined \$5 and costs, before Justice Melgard, Monday, for beating Ed. Michaelis' child. District Attorney for prosecution: C. M. MacLaren for the defense. The defendant, has appealed. The case aroused as much public interest as a dog fight.

Paul Flick and B. C. Bound were in town, Wednesday, purchasing harvest supplies. They say, that in spite of the general dry weather, their yield of wheat this year would be as great as last year. Crops in the neighborhood of Willow are fine.

Dr. Newell was called up at 2 a. m. Thursday morning, by the serious illness of Mrs. Merrill, Mrs. Newell, and Mr. Cooper, occasioned by eating canned corned beef at G. W. Barnard's the day before. We understand some of Mr. Barnard's people were also sick.

Frank Ressler was feeling a little blue the other evening. He had been digging a well, and his sombrero was spotted with clay. When his attention was called to it, he remarked solemnly: "This country is nothing but blue clay and hard times." He expects twenty bushels to the acre, just the same.

Bowden & Buck have moved their old stable to Burrell avenue, to be fitted up into a pea-nut stand. Some branch street will so on have all the good buildings. How is Ninth Avenue South for a starter?

Grasses in Dakota.

M. Wadsworth, of the Bad Lands Cattle company, has experimented with several different kinds of grasses this year. Alfalfa and millet did fair to do the best, but our recent dry spell killed nearly all of the latter. It started well, and with all the way from twelve to twenty stalks to the seed, but, as stated was badly injured by the drouth. The alfalfa, on the other hand, has done splendidly from the start. It started out well, and has kept green and growing through dry weather that even dried the native grasses. Of course the experiment is not yet conclusive, but it goes a long way to prove all that the advocates of alfalfa have claimed for it. In at least ten cases throughout Dakota, alfalfa has been a great success. In not one case coming to our knowledge has it proved a failure. This season will finally decide the matter, as all over Dakota alfalfa is now growing, and we certainly expect that it will prove to be all that is claimed for it; the forage plant par excellent.—*Medora Cowboy.*

Whidden Bros. have just opened a fine line of harvest gloves.

COURT NOTES.

Monday, the appeal from the order of the Board of Commissioners of Barnes county, refunding certain moneys paid out for tax titles, came up. The Judge took the case under advisement, in the meanwhile issuing a restraining order against like proceedings, in the future. Mr. Remington, in a reply to a remark of Mr. Scott, said that "where a man was interested to the extent of three or four thousand dollars, it required less law to convince him of the validity of the issuance of the orders than it did to convince the tax payers who might be called on to pay these warrants illegally issued." This sounds considerably like a stump speech to catch the tax payer, on the eve of election.

In the Pease case the old board of commissioners, C. A. Benson, James Daily, A. Booth, and the old county clerk, J. C. Evans, and Auditor John Holmes, were called to establish existence of the bonds sued upon, and their due execution. The loss of the account book, with the evidence that he ever collected any money, any how, was established beyond the shadow—that is—satisfactorily—so as to admit of secondary evidence—by the testimony of the present treasurer, C. A. Benson, and his deputies and ex-deputies.

D. McDonald and Henry Irgens, have occupied most of the time since Monday in showing the contents of the missing book. According to the testimony of McDonald, who succeeded Pease as treasurer, there was \$402.49 in the treasury when he took possession, and he at that time examined the accounts of A. M. Pease, and compared them with the accounts of the missing book. That book showed \$21,570.75 due the county from the defaulting treasurer. The amount of money that should have been in the office May 20, 1884, was, altogether, \$26,029.34. Mr. Irgen's testimony was corroborative of that of Mr. McDonald.

The Valley City Times gives the following as the bondsmen in the bond case:

- Bond No. 1—A. M. Pease, Herbert Root, N. L. Lenham, A. Gallinger, Chas. Booth, J. Parkhouse, Albert B. Ziegler, Wm. Halladay.
- Bond No. 2—A. M. Pease, George L. Lenham, E. M. Kiser, R. S. Pease, Veron J. Y. Shaw, D. F. Siegfried.
- Bond No. 3—A. M. Pease, R. A. Pease, A. D. Maris, F. B. Pease, P. F. Sherwood, J. W. Shannon, Wm. Halladay, Chas. Booth, C. H. Bauder, C. C. Bauder.

We thought Uncle John was on one of those bonds once. Probably he has scratched his name off.

Valley City Times: In the motion for dismissal of appeal in the Plano Manufacturing Co. vs. Ezra McCrea, the judge said that the Cooperstown Courthouse had taken occasion to refer to this case before it was acted upon by the court, and criticisms by the press, on legal questions, sometimes were prejudicial to the interests of justice. He was free to say there was no greater admirer of the press than the judge of this court, no one had a higher respect for newspapers and no one recognized their power and usefulness in a greater degree when properly directed, but when they descended to personal criticisms none felt any less regard or concern for what they said, and the court would state that it does not require the advice of newspapers to direct its deliberations. Well, we won't vomit up that old shibboleth about "freedom of speech," "bulwark of society," etc., but will quietly remark that the cause referred to could not have been prejudiced, except by influencing the court, itself; which, it is not necessary to say, was not attempted. The Courthouse, however, publishes nothing but good law—as law.

The jury in the bond case has only two members from Griggs county; the balance are mostly from Steele.

The Steele county jurors are in hard luck—six or seven of their names came out first on the "draw," by clerk of court McConnell.

Judge Francis is a little erratic; but erratic is better than erroneous. He evidently intends to expedite business, and see that substantial justice is done litigants, in spite of the bar.

In the Goldthrite and McCrea appeal cases, on motion to dismiss for the dilatoriness of the justice in sending up the papers, the judge, after argument by C. M. MacLaren concluded that it was an important point to decide, and reserved his decision until he could examine into the matter.

The Judge adjourned court an hour earlier than usual, Tuesday, out of respect for the memory of the dog, Carlo, who went by the poison route. Carlo is the same dog mentioned by the *Argus* as sitting up in court by the side of his honor, like an associate justice. Some were disposed to take the judge's remarks as serious, as he so stated, and ordered his remarks taken down by the clerk and stenographer.

Commissioners' Proceedings.

(Continued.)

The board organized for the transaction of general business.

Comr. Cooper presiding.

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

- M. L. Michaels, sheriff's fees in case of O. W. Garrison, insane, \$ 11 70
- M. L. Michaels, sheriff's fees in case of A. Thorsgard, insane, 10 00
- Iver Jacobson, fees as commissioner of insanity, cases of Garrison and Thorsgard, 8 00
- T. F. Kerr, fees as commissioner insane, case O. W. Garrison 11 00
- Geo. B. Clark, fees commissioner of insanity case O. W. Garrison, 13 48
- Geo. B. Clark, fees commissioner of insanity, case A. Thorsgard 6 00
- T. F. Kerr, second quarter's salary as supt. of schools, 87 50
- H. P. Smart, second quarter's salary as county clerk, 125 00
- C. A. Hunter, use of team for commissioners, 3 00
- Iver Jacobson, second quarter's salary as district attorney, 125 00
- John Syverson & Co., clothing for prisoner, 7 37
- Geo. D. Barnard & Co., chattel record, 15 00
- Clark & Smart, fire proof safe, with burglar chest for treasurer 225 00
- Ole Halverson, services as commissioner, 15 20
- M. L. Michaels, salary as jailor to July 9, board of prisoner Miller, and telegrams in case of O. W. Garrison, 57 51
- M. L. Michaels, posting election notices in township No. 13, 10 40
- John Hogenson, services as commissioner, 46 00
- J. W. Fiero, making assessment for 1886, 621 50
- J. W. Fiero, extra work on assessment roll of 1885, 9 00
- L. Lewis, road work, dist. No. 5 1 50
- Rolley Johnson, road work dist. No. 3, 1 50
- N. E. Nelson, hauling bridge lumber from Cooperstown to Mardell, 15 00
- Ole Halverson, hauling bridge lumber from Cooperstown to Mardell, 6 60
- Gull River Lumber Co., lumber for bridges, 368 87
- Gull River Lumber Co., coal, 25 53
- Election expenses for township No. 13, Esten Johnson, 1 day as judge, and making return, 3 00
- Hans Hohl, one day as judge, 2 00
- Hans O. Voll, one day as judge, 2 00
- Rufus Pinkerton, one day as clerk, 2 00
- C. Johnson, one day as clerk, 2 00
- On motion ordered that the report of P. A. Melgard, justice of the peace in case Territory of Dakota vs. James Keenan, for selling liquor without a license, be approved, and the following fees allowed:
- P. A. Melgard, justice fees, \$ 11 85
- M. L. Michaels, sheriff fees, 5 85
- P. N. Brown, witness fees, 1 10
- John McDonald, witness fees, 1 10
- Wm. Saunders, witness fees, 1 10
- Harry Blow, witness fees, 1 10
- Harry Wasser, witness fees, 1 10
- Hans Jensen, witness fees, 1 10
- Thos. Craver, witness fees, 1 10
- Mart Wasser, witness fees, 1 10
- Rollef Berg, witness fees, 1 10
- John Aberg, witness fees, 1 10
- James C. Yancey, witness fees, 1 10
- John T. Regnery, witness fees, 1 10
- Rollin C. Cooper, witness fees, 1 10
- On motion ordered that the report of P. A. Melgard, justice of the peace, in the case of Territory of Dakota vs. Wm. Miller, for petit larceny, be approved and the following items of fees be allowed, viz:
- P. A. Melgard, justice fees, \$ 8 70
- M. L. Michaels, sheriff fees, 6 95
- On motion ordered that the report of Andrew Johnson, justice of the peace, in case of Territory of Dakota vs. William Miller, be approved, and the following items of fees allowed:
- Andrew Johnson, justice fees, \$ 1 55
- M. L. Michaels, sheriff fees, 2 50
- Martin Wasser, witness fees, 1 00
- Geo. Klinger, witness fees, 1 00
- Wm. C. Jimson, witness fees, 1 00
- L. Ruggles, witness fees, 1 00
- Rollef Bers, witness fees, 1 00
- Thos. Craver, witness fees, 1 00
- Nate Sifton, 1 00
- On motion ordered that the following abatements be made, viz:
- E1 sec. 19-147-58, erroneously assessed for year 1884, \$31 10
- W1 sec. 1-144-58, erroneously assessed for year 1883, 31 81
- N1 nw1 sec. 1-144-58, erroneously assessed for year 1884, 8 42
- On motion ordered that the following refunding orders be issued, viz:
- K. Thompson, tax interest and penalty erroneously assessed against ej. sec. 19-147-58, for 1884 39 74
- Vernon Van Vleet, upon a valuation of \$245 for personal property erroneously assessed for 1885 5 40
- C. A. Lia, road poll tax for 1883-4-5 overage, 4 59
- Hans P. Pramhus, road poll tax

for 1883, overage, 1 50
C. H. Frost, road poll tax for 1885 overage, 1 50
On motion ordered that Thos. Dahl be appointed road supervisor of district No. 14.

Notice of resignation of P. A. Melgard as justice of the peace, was presented.

Upon motion the same was not accepted. The following road petition was presented, viz: for a public road commencing at the quarter stake on the section line between secs. 17 and 20, twp. 145, r. 58, and running due north to the quarter stake between secs. 17 and 9, thence to the quarter stake between secs. 8 and 5 or as near the quarter line as possible. Signed by S. J. Ouren, Andrew Vatne, Tormes Vatne, and others.

Upon motion ordered that the road asked for in the above petition be ordered open upon the quarter section line.

The treasurer's statement for the year ending June 30, 1886, was presented, compared with the clerk's books, found to be correct, and was ordered filed with the county clerk.

On motion adjourned until August 9, 1886, at 2 p. m.

ROLLIN C. COOPER, Chairman.
H. P. SMART, Clerk.

Dazey.

Wheat is coming in slow, at 62cts. H. G. Livermore, son-in-law of S. J. Russell, arrived on Thursday, for a short visit.

S. J. Russell made a flying trip to Sanborn, Tuesday.

Nelson is not above repairing buggies. He says he lost money by selling out his store.

Mr. Stebbins is superintending the hauling in of his wheat to the Sawyer elevator.

C. H. Bauder, of Sanborn, made Dazey a call, Saturday.

What is the trouble with the parties who were going to erect a fine boarding house and livery stable, on the corner Come to the front.

Our village blacksmith, W. J., is seen standing in his door. He says the outlook is discouraging.

G. W. Wing, of Oriska, is in Dazey, looking over the Haines property, bought of Nelson Bros.

E. W. Siegfried, Barnes County Bank, was seen in Dazey on Wednesday. He looks troubled about something. What is it, Ed.

Little & Clendening have finished fitting up the inside of their large store. It adds greatly to the appearance. They will move in Friday.

There is a party here in Dazey who had the cheek to go to Albert Clendening's dwelling house, and demand a sewing machine, left there on trial by Lawrence Bros. The women folks gave it up, as they thought his story was all right. It was carried up stairs, in Nelson's building. Who could it be? Perhaps some of your readers could guess. Al has given him so long a time to return it, and save trouble. DAD.

Willow Cuttings.

Weather hot and dry. Our wheat will yield forty bushels per acre.

West Sparling lost a valuable young horse while on a trip to Lakota, recently.

Mrs. Gid Shelden has been quite sick, but is improving at present.

Hit 'em again, Job, they deserve it, and more.

The COURIER and *Farm, Stock and Home* for \$2 a year. Say, you Griggs County farmers, where can you get a better two dollars' worth? Subscribe.

No discount on this weather for haying.

Joel Jameson seems to be having a holiday and enjoying it too. Everybody busy.

Items as dry as the weather. Good day. CHAS. X.

Ottawa.

Ottawa P. O. has been moved from O. O. Groff's to I. E. Mills.

Mr. John K. Olson was taking in the scenery on the river, Sunday.

I. E. Mills started harvesting last Monday. This is the first we have heard of.

Ed. Erickson and wife were out this way last Sunday. Ed looks as happy as a clam.

The Norwegians held church in the school house on Sunday, which was well attended.

Mr. Elef Olson has purchased a span of bronchos in Cooperstown, and is now engaged in breaking them.

Crops on Willow Dale farm look well. Mr. Goldthrite is a number one farmer, and understands his business.

Parties passing through this section report crops a total failure in the vicinity of Larimore, and farmers are at work plowing it under.

Mr. Peter Matheson and wife of Romness, started last Monday for Minneapolis, where Mr. Matheson intends receiving medical treatment. Mr. Matheson has been sick for a long time and we hope to see him hale and hearty when he returns. QUILLBURY.