

AROUND TOWN.

Wheat 58 cents. Merry Christmas! A Merry Christmas—If wheat was \$1.60.

For Christmas goods, consult our advertising columns.

These are the shortest, and dullest days of the season.

Mrs. E. M. Ayrea presented Mr. Ayrea, with a fine Dakota girl, Tuesday. Mother and child, are doing nicely.

Charles Plunkett, R. C. Cooper's efficient bookkeeper, who has been laid up with the fever, is again out.

I. E. Mills, blew down from Ottawa, Tuesday.

WANTED.—A good cook, and two girls for the Palace hotel. Apply to John Pashley.

Call at the new millinery and dress making shop at J. N. Jorgensen's residence.

WANTED.—Two experienced wood choppers. Will pay \$1. per cord, and men board themselves; or will board at \$4. per week. Apply at COURIER office.

P. J. Nelson, of Ronness, was in town, Wednesday, and made the COURIER office a pleasant call.

Wm. Healy, of Willow, called on the COURIER office, Saturday, and renewed his subscription.

The Hope Pioneer, is respectfully informed, that the S. C. & T. M. R. R. to Cooperstown, has not been abandoned—the trains have not missed a day this winter, and unless blockade interposes, will not. Jim Hill doesn't run this road.

Wanted.—A girl for general housework. Must be a good cook. Mrs. J. A. Lawrence.

WANTED.—A good cook, for the Palace Hotel—must be a competent person, to whom good wages will be paid. Address, John Pashley, Cooperstown, D. T.

The Northern Pacific, has issued a new schedule, for a part of their road which took effect last Sunday. On the Cooperstown branch, the train leaves here at 11:30 a. m., instead of 8:30, as heretofore, and arrives at Sanborn, at 2:10 p. m., returning leave Sanborn at 4:30, and arriving at Cooperstown, as usual, at 7:45 p. m.

Commissioner John Hogenson, called upon the COURIER, Wednesday. His subscription is paid a year in advance.

Elsewhere will be found a full report of our school. Each scholar's grade and standing, is given, as furnished by Prof. C. W. Hodge.

The Good Templar's Lodge will give a basket social, at the Baptist hall, Dec. 31st. Everybody attend. Ladies will please bring baskets for two. Tickets for gentlemen, thirty-five cents.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Larson, and Miss Anna Stinsen, departed for Sheldon Dak., on yesterday morning's train, where they will make their future home. They will be greatly missed by their many friends, in Cooperstown and vicinity. Mr. Larson, has been connected with Whidden Bros., for the past year.

Grand closing out sale of goods, at Whidden's, previous to taking stock in January. Call early in the morning, and avoid the afternoon rush.

X-mas goods, in great varieties, at Whidden Bros.

Owing to the inclemency of the weather, Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler's magic exhibition, and lecture, announced in last week's COURIER, for Wednesday night, was postponed until a future date. It is hoped they will meet with better success next time.

S. J. Lande, was down from Lee, Wednesday.

Gen. Pass. Agent Fee, has sent out circulars to the agents of the Northern Pacific, announcing the reduction of railway fare on their line, to four cents per mile, in Minnesota and Dakota, and to five cents, in Montana, Idaho, Washington Territory and Oregon.

Mrs. Lenham has been quite ill, for the past few days, but it is hoped by her many friends, that she will soon be convalescent.

James Glass, closed his school last Friday, for a two weeks' vacation.

Mr. Harry J. Pashley, will be married to Miss Mary E. Lewis, of Hawley Minn., to-morrow. The young couple have the best wishes of a host of friends.

Mr. Joel Jameson, will be married to Miss Sadie VanDusen, of Steele county, Christmas eve. Merry Christmas!

Supt. Graham, has presented station agent Cowen, with a big stove.

The Good Templar's Lodge continues to grow. Three more victims were led to the altar, at their last meeting, and two more names received for membership.

Ye Editor, went to Sauborn, Wednesday.

SANBORN HOTEL.—Joseph Dam Prop. Endeavor to make his guests comfortable, and accommodate no more than can be well provided for. Everything first class. Call and see me.

The case of the Territory, against Wm. Miller and Gordon Lair, charged with stealing H. P. Hammer's horses, was again called before Justice Melgard, Tuesday, Geo. Seiler, of Casselton, (chief of police) had been brought up as witness. The case was, however, continued until January 22d. A change of venue, has been demanded, and it is thought that Judge Davidson, will be the magistrate, if he lives. The Judge is young; but the case is slow. In the mean time, the prisoners get their grub at the bastille.

Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Brown, entertained a small party, Monday eve, as a farewell send off for Mr. Ben. McCormick, who has gone to Cincinnati, for the winter.

John Aaberg, went to Minneapolis Wednesday, where he has obtained employment.

O. F. Ford, of Lee, called on the COURIER Tuesday, and renewed his subscription.

The Horton picture of Cooperstown, is necessarily omitted this week, for lack of room, and because Andrew Johnson saw the electrotype, and said it looked like an "explosion."

The Return Trip.



Geo. W. Greenlee, Joseph Buchheit, James Christie, Chas. Hunter, Wm. McIntyre and Ben. McCormick, all departed for their respective eastern homes Monday and Tuesday. They will gradually separate, after leaving St. Paul, and travel to different points of the compass. If reports be true, each has a particular lodestone, at the end of his journey. All will return at an early day.

Bert Bloom, of Helena, has been in town on business for the past few days.

J. H. Law, St. Paul; H. J. Christianson, Fargo; J. Leanhard, Chicago; and G. F. Thayer, Aneta, were among the arrivals in Cooperstown during the past week.

Rev. G. B. Frost preached two sermons at the Congregational church last Sunday morning and evening. His evening subject being, "Is it wrong to dance?"

Notwithstanding the inclement weather, quite a number of our music loving people gathered at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. MacLaren, to participate in the choir rehearsal, Saturday evening. Refreshments were served by the fair hostess during the evening.

Wednesday was quite a busy day for our merchants, a number of farmers with their families coming in to purchase holiday goods, etc.

Dr. Collins' proposed wheat bill is received too late this week for comment. Review next week.

We give our subscribers four additional pages of cut-and-dried Christmas greeting, this week. The supplement is from H. P. Hall's publishing house, and is a very creditable production.

The COURIER acknowledges an invitation to the G. A. R. party, at Valley City, New Year's eve.

The editor drove Joe B. from Sauborn to Dazey Thursday—20° below zero.

A territorial convention of county mutual insurance companies, will be held in Spink county, January 12th. Griggs county has two delegates, to be elected Jan. 10th, 1887.

Messrs. Simington & Miller, christmas, among friends in Fargo.

Mrs. J. N. Brown and Miss Bell Rice have returned from Fairbault, Minn., for the holidays.

Mr. Herman Reid, wife and children, have gone to Fort Dodge, Ia., for the winter.

The COURIER is again short on "patent insides." Our regular supplementary intestines did not arrive on time.

"An Heppes of Red Dog," is commended in next week's COURIER. Everybody read it. It is equal to "The Bank of California." It will be followed by "Snow Bound at Eagle's." Bert Hart

is the author of both stories, which are far superior to "The Story of a Mine," concluded this week.

A number of Cooperstown ladies will receive calls, New Years. The COURIER will publish the list, Friday, and would like the names sent in as early as possible.

There was a pleasant surprise party, at the house of Mr. John Gibbons, at Odell, Tuesday night.

The Fair.

The Congregational church fair, was the most successful, ever held in the village. Mrs. G. B. Frost and Mrs. C. M. MacLaren, had the Japanese booth together. The Japanese goods, came from Chicago, and everything was sold. Mrs. Dr. Kerr, procured the goods.

Mrs. Maynard Crane and Mrs. Robt. Cowen, presided at the candy table. The candy was "just lovely." This remark, is quoted. Every particle was sold.

Mrs. R. C. Brophy and Mrs. Herbert Smart, presided at another table—fancy goods, and useful articles. As usual, everything was sold.

Mrs. Harry Pickett, Miss Thirza Gimblett and Miss Bertie Langford, had a table similar to that of Mrs. Brophy and Mrs. Smart. As usual, every article was sold.

Mrs. Dr. Newell, had the California goods on exhibition. The COURIER would like to get even with Mrs. Newell, for not reading the paper, by making some ill report—but it cannot be done—the table was the most attractive in the exposition. Everything—too bad—was sold at an enormous figure.

Mrs. Geo. W. Barnard, cooked the stews, and according to all reports, they were a wonderful exception to the general rule at church fairs—plenty of the succulent bivalves, and cooked as Mrs. B. only can cook them. It might be remarked, that Mrs. R. C. Cooper, assisted Mrs. Barnard. Since our friend Cooper was poisoned at a church festival, we have always looked a little odd.

Mrs. MacLaren's stove has not arrived, but has been shipped. When it does arrive, it will be placed in the church. The receipts were \$201., leaving a net profit of about \$150.

School Report.

The following report, furnished by Prof. C. W. Hodge, will be read with interest, by the parents and friends of the pupils:

Total number enrolled during term of three months, ending Dec. 10, '86; average attendance, 38.

Table with columns: NAME, Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, Geography, History, Deportment. Lists names of students and their scores in various subjects.

Ronness.

John M. Dohl, has contracted with Skramstad & Christopherson, to cut 100 cords of wood.

Thos. Hols, lost a mule by old age, one day recently.

Fishing season will soon be on hand, and the boys are already arming themselves with all kind of fish weapons.

Services were held last Sunday, in the school house. Rev. Westberg, pastor.

A committee consisting of S. Gundersen, Mounsen Arneson, Miss Quale, G. M. Arneson and Mrs. C. L. Westberg, are appointed to arrange for a Christmas tree, at Quale's school house.

Carl Elserann, has gone into the clock business. He has just repaired one for Mr. Vestern, in good shape.

Rev. O. K. Quamme, will hold Christmas services at the school house.

Our mail has arrived on time, this week.

The frame of the new school house, is up and most all enclosed.

Notice To Tax-Payers.

By turning to section 53, on page 475, of the revised tax codes of 1883, the tax-payers will find the following important information.

No demand of taxes shall be necessary, but it shall be the duty of every person subject to taxation under this law, to attend at the treasurer's office, at the county seat, and pay his taxes; and if any person neglect so to attend and pay his taxes until after the first day of January next, succeeding the levying of the taxes, the treasurer is directed and required to collect the same by distress and sale.

ANTON ENGER, Treasurer.

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Taken Up.

One red steer, three or four years old, with left horn broken.

THOS. TROULSON, 48-51.

For Sale.

Farm and everything necessary to operate the same, 2 1/2 miles from railroad station. For sale cheap.

Iyer Jacobson.

Notice.

All book accounts, and notes passed due, must be paid at once. Office, at Palace Hotel.

BOWDEN & BUCK.

Notice to School Officers.

EXCHANGE OF BOOKS.

Arrangements having been completed with the publishers, whereupon the Arithmetics now in use in the schools of the county, may be exchanged for new Arithmetics (where the old book is of the same standard as the new,) free until Dec. 1st. After that date all new books must be bought at regular rates. It is very desirable that the new Arithmetic be introduced in all our schools, to maintain the present uniformity. It is hoped that school officers will take pains to inform all patrons of the proposed change.

Theo. F. Kerr, County Supt.

Notice of Dissolution.

Notice is hereby given, that the co-partnership heretofore existing between the undersigned, under the firm name and style of Cooper Brothers, has expired by limitation. Either partner is authorized to settle firm matters, and the farming, stock and elevator business lately carried on by said firm, is continued by Rollin C. Cooper.

Dated, Cooperstown, D. T. Nov. 15th 1886.

ROLLIN C. COOPER, THOMAS J. COOPER.

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Notice.

To whom it may concern: The bank of Cooperstown, Cooperstown, D. T., Stevens & Pickett, proprietors, having made an assignment to me, all parties holding valid claims against above bank, are requested to file such claims in writing with the undersigned, within six months from date. Claims not filed within given limit, will not be considered.

THEO. DIAZ, Assignee. St. Paul, May 10, 1886.

CEO. F. NEWELL, Physician and Surgeon.

I am out of practice, but if you have plenty of money to pay for forty years' professional experience, you can consult me at my drug store for nothing. If you need my services they can be had; but they come high.

Notice.—U. S. Land Office, Fargo, D. T., Dec. 15, 1886. Complaint having been entered at this office by Edward A. Thorngard against John L. Benson for abandoning his homestead entry No. 12422 dated April 24, 1882, upon the northeast 1/4 of sec. 32, township 145 N. range 61 W. of Griggs county, D. T., with a view to the cancellation of said entry, the said parties are hereby summoned to appear at this office on Wednesday the 20th day of January, 1887, at 10 o'clock a. m., to respond, and furnish testimony concerning said alleged abandonment.

E. C. GEARTY, Receiver. A. B. GARDNER, Plaintiff's Attorney, Fargo, Dak.

Notice of Final Proof.—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., Nov. 27th, 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: Edwin Edshure, D. T. No. 9690, for the south-east corner of sec. 6, T. 145 N. R. 28 W., said notice the following as his witnesses, viz: Thomas Carter, Edward Keyes, Charles E. Deaton, Charles Campbell, of D. O. Ashabula, Benson county, D. T. The testimony of claimant and witnesses, to be taken before judge of district court, or in his absence before Alex. McConnell, clerk thereof, at Valley City, Benson county, D. T., on Thursday, the 28th day of February, A. D. 1887, at his office.

MURRAY F. BASSLER, Register. H. Winter, Atty.

FINAL PROOFS,

JOHN O. OIE.

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Seven hundred bushels of Tree Seeds; stock. They are fine, 1885 crop.

Will sell Box-Elder seeds at \$2.40 per bushel, Express Paid, until March 1st—if stock is not exhausted before that date. Small fruit is a success in Dakota.

Last season we sold over \$100 worth of strawberries, raspberries and currants. Address orders, G. W. COWDREY & CO., VALLEY CITY, DAKOTA.

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THE INDEPENDENT, 251 Broadway, New York

Notice to Creditors.

Partnership of Dakota, County of Griggs, ss: Probate Court. In the matter of the estate of Platt S. Buell, deceased.

Notice is hereby given, that the undersigned has been duly appointed executor of the will and testament of Platt S. Buell, deceased, and has been duly qualified as such.

All persons having claims against the estate of said Platt S. Buell, are hereby notified and required to exhibit the same, with proper vouchers therefor, to the undersigned, at the office of the judge of probate, of the county of Griggs, aforesaid, within four months from the first publication of this notice, which is made on the 23rd day of Oct. 1886.

WALLACE P. BUELL, Sole Executor.