

AROUND TOWN.

What 62 cents. Mr Hiram Williams, is garnd-dad again, via. F. D. Mrs. Dr. Newell, will spend the next two monts in Wisconsin. WANTED.—A good cook, for the Palace Hotel—must be a competent person, to whom good wags will be paid. Address: John Pashley, Cooperstown, D. T. W. H. James left this morning for Mayville and Grand Forks by team, while Mrs. J. and Master Clyde left for the latter city by rail. G. W. Myers, J. P. Allen, St. Paul; E. M. VanCleave, Minneapolis, and James Hopkins, were among the guests at the Palace, this week.

Charley Hunter is back from Michigan, full of enterprise, and prepared to attend to all business in his line. It is pretty certain that a change has come over the young man's dream, and we shall soon hear of a neat little cottage in the course of erection on the boulevard. Well, he can afford it.

"Snow Bound at Eagle's" is commenced in this week's COURIER. It will be followed by "An Heires of Red Dog." It is well enough to state that the deficiencies of "The Story of a Mine," are made up by these capital novels, which are entirely new. The historic robbing of the Petaluma stage by an unfortunate gentleman is related in the opening chapter of "Snow Bound."

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

Treasurer Thompson, is now ready to receive your money. Wm. Howden, was in town collecting horse bills, Thursday. Mr. H. was one of the best horses in the county.

Mr. Johu Syverson, has purchased T. C. White's residence. Mr. White has gone to Kansas to live—wife and family will join him in about a month.

Some miserable sneak-thief entered the room of the laundress at the Palace, Wednesday, and stole \$15. of her hard earned wages.

Monday Jan. 3, Treasurer Thompson, Register Berg, Commissioners Hemmingson, Conant and Moseley, Coroner Newell, Judge Nelson, and Dist. Atty. Jacobson, qualified, and the new board went into session.

Treasurer Enger, received of the '86 tax, \$4,199.00, against \$473.88 at the same time last year.

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

A. V. Johnson, of Romness, was in the city Saturday. He says he cannot run a North Dakota farm, without the COURIER—and so he renewed his subscription.

Landlord Pashley, has been inconvenienced this week, by the loss of some of his cranky girls, who quit him without notice. Country hotel girls are apt to think that it shows style and blood, to throw themselves out of good situations in midwinter.

John Evers, called in Monday, and renewed his subscription.

Prof. Hodge, opened his school Tuesday morning in the Cooper building, formerly occupied by the Congregational church. Mr. Hodge will be assisted by Miss Bertie Langford, during the rest of the term.

Mr. Frank Ressler, has made his annual trip to Casselton, and this time he comes back happy. No more hard times, and blue clay, for Frank. He has a nice little wife, and Jay Gould and the Vanderbilts, can do the squealing about hard times. He was married on Christmas day, to Miss. Theresa Febezer, at Casselton, by Judge Wm. G. Lawrence.

Mr. Wilber Wood and Miss Nellie VanDusen, of Hope, have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joe. Jameson, for the past week.

James Rankin, has leased the billiard parlor of the Palace hotel, and has opened it up for the amusement of the young people of Cooperstown.

Mr. John Pashley, opened up the new year with a brand new register, direct from the Argus. The following names appear upon the first page of the register: W. H. Frazee, Nate Sifton, Rob't. Moore, W. H. Andrews, J. Muir, Geo. E. Ellis, P. E. Nelson, B. A. Clansen, R. A. Hornby, Geo. B. Clark, Peter Jorgensen, J. A. McCulloch, W. W. Sheane, A. C. Wanderlich, of Cooperstown; W. H. James, wife and child, Sandwich, Ills.; E. E. Merrill, Huron, Dak.; G. H. Peterson, Madison, Wis. H. F. Smith, Tdwer City.

The county officers retiring this week, are Ole Halvorson, who has made a good commissioner, Geo. B. Clark, who has faithfully attended to the probate office, H. P. Smart, a very efficient register, Anton Enger, a wide awake, and conscientious treasurer, Andrew Johnson and Harry Clark, who have never had much official opportunity to show their judicial abilities, and desired less, and the old constables, Messrs. Atchison, Pinkerton, Johnson and Michaels.

The following is the pedigree of Mr. John McDermott's trotting mare, Lady Emma. She was sired by Tony—he by Toot Dillon—he by Membrino Pilot—Tony's dam was Lucy Cassell—and she by Lexington—her dam a thoroughbred Toot Dillon. Lady Emma's dam, was Mandai; she was sired by Tom Hal, the noted pacer—her dam was trotting stock. Tony won the silver cup at Denver, for four year old, in 2:24, in 1878. Lady Emma shows great speed, and is a powerful beast, high lired, and very handsome.

Meetings are held every evening this week at 7:30 o'clock, in the Congregational and Baptist churches, alternately. The ladies also hold meetings, every afternoon at 3 o'clock, at private residences.

Geo. W. Barnard's prize mule, Balaam, (the same mule that ate up the lantern, last winter) kicked Anton Enger's dog, Bismarck, Tuesday—and expired Wednesday, in terrible convulsions. Whether it was remorse working on the animal's conscience, for kicking such a fine dog, or broken glass working on his liver, the reporter is "skered to say." But one thing is certain, the mule has adjourned, sine die—that is, he died without making any signs.

Mr. Pashley, has had several stoves put up in the Palace hotel, and made other improvements, which indicate his intention to provide well for the comfort of his guests.

E. E. Merritt, of the Dakota Publishing company, of Huron Dak., and also representing the Dakota Gazetteer and Business directory, was in Cooperstown Monday, canvassing for the book, which will be presented to the business houses of Dakota, about the first of May next. Mr. Merritt, spoke well of the business enterprise of our citizens.

Fred. Thompson, has been confined to his bed part of the week, with a severe cold, but is now better.

We learn from Mrs. J. N. Brown, that Captain and Mrs. Robinson, and the young ladies, are pleasantly situated in St. Paul, but are longing for another breath of the glorious Dakota air.

Mrs. J. N. Brown and Miss Bell Blom have returned to Northfield, after a pleasant holiday visit.

At Steele Thursday, the motive for change of venue, in the care of the Capital Bar of St. Paul vs. Greenwood School Township, was brought up before Judge Francis, by Atty. White. F. H. Adams, appearing for the school township. The Judge finally concluded to postpone a hearing in the case, until the motion could be argued in Barnes county.

Not many days since, a couple of Griggs county farmers, indulged in a bottle of alleged whiskey, which they took home with them, for the holidays. When they reached the farm, the liquor was frozen solid. It must have been a cold day, or mighty thin whiskey.

John Pashley, is thinking of remodeling the office at the Palace. Any change, will be an improvement upon the present dismal room.

Miss Bertie Langford, has been hired to teach the primary department of the Cooperstown school.

Halvor P. Hammer, has sold out his meat market to Knud Thompson. Mr. Thompson, will resell to a proper party, and the opening is a good one. Mr. Hammer, in the trade, obtained some fine stock for his stable.

Mrs. A. B. Richardson, is dead in Michigan; she left for her old home, with Mr. R. about six week ago.

The Short Crops of 1886.

Tuesday evening, Sheriff Michaels on behalf of Wyman, Mullin & Co., (\$3,000) Beapre, Keogh & Co., (\$4,500), Fargo & Co., (\$500.), Lawrence Bros., (\$1,500), Third Nat. Bank of St. Paul, (\$3,000), levied execution upon Whidden Bro's. extensive stock of general merchandise. The claims aggregate about \$13,000. Jan. 1st, 1886, the assets of the firm, over and above all liabilities, were \$36,000; at the present time, about \$45,000. With such an amount of assets it was confidently expected by the firm, that the crops of 1886, would square their indebtedness, and put them on a solid footing. The crops (for a wonder in Dakota) failed on the high prairie, by drought, so that collections to a humane man like Mr. Whidden were out of the question. On the other hand, when asked

to confess judgement in favor of these creditors, he very unwisely consented, thinking that the judgement would never be pressed. A good crop in 1887, would certainly enable the firm to square up, and it is to be hoped that their creditors will not wolf the fine stock of general merchandise, and place it out of the power of the firm to square up. The Russell Milling Co., of Valley City, has a claim of (\$1,800); and this will afford Uncle John a chance to show his kindness of heart.

Annual Meeting of the Farmers Mutual. Meeting called to order by President Wm. McCulloch at half past one o'clock p. m.

Statement given by the secretary as follows:

Number of members in good standing, 131.

Amount of risks against fire, \$25,008.00.

Total amount of risks taken last year against hail and fire, \$87,500.00.

Total amount of premium notes taken for hail insurance, \$4,859.33.

Total amount assessed against hail notes, \$337.95.

Membership fees, \$131.00.

Total amount collected, \$468.95.

Total amount of orders issued, \$381.85.

Balance on hand, \$87.10.

A vote of thanks was extended to the secretary for his faithful and diligent work in behalf of the company during the past year.

Moved and carried that the secretary receive, besides the one dollar as policy fees, a half dollar for each new member.

Moved and carried that the treasurer receive two per cent on all money collected.

Moved and carried that all notes shall bear 12 per cent interest if not paid at maturity; that all policies shall expire on the 20th day of December, in each year; that no teams used by adjusters shall be paid for; the expense account shall be limited to two cents per acre.

Wm. McCulloch, S. G. Langford, Mark Sutherland, F. Greenland, D. Sinclair, Andrew Johnson, John Hoganson, F. D. Fenner and C. H. Johnson were elected directors.

An order for \$18 was ordered drawn on the treasurer for office rent. The directors meet next Saturday (to-morrow), at 1 p. m., to elect officers, and transact other business.

New Years Festivities.

The calling was quite general; and if the ladies enjoyed it as much as did the callers, the new year was happily commenced.

The basket picnic, of the Good Templars on New Years eve, was well attended, and the hall filled with fair women and brave men. A choice programme had been arranged for the entertainment. Mrs. J. N. Brown, Miss Thirza Gimblett and Mr. Fred. King opened with a trio, which was finely rendered, and well received. Mrs. J. N. Brown and Miss Bertie Haskell, favored the audience with pleasing recitations; Messrs Gimblett, Lloyd, Nelson and Pickett, spoke entertainingly on the subject of temperance. During the evening Mrs. C. M. MacLaren sang a soprano solo very finely, which was heartily applauded. The duet, "Roses Sweet," between Miss Gimblett and Mrs. MacLaren, is a beautiful thing and was duly appreciated. Rev. O. D. Purinton closed the literary part of the entertainment with a few appropriate remarks.

The picnic part of the affair was participated in by all. Our devil says he ate three suppers that night, and, without making any comparisons. The spread was bounteous, and recherche.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Lawrence illuminated their large house New Years eve, and devoted it to the entertainment of the young people in behalf of Messrs Frank Cowen and Geo. Ellis. An elegant supper was laid, good music furnished, and high jinks reigned till 4 a. m.

New Years night, the J. N. Brown mansion was invaded by six sleigh loads of merry people—about fifty in all, under the leadership of Mrs. B. B. Brown. Mr. and Mrs. J. N. entertained their guests as they well knew how, and the party broke up at midnight.

At Mardell the festivities were postponed until this evening, when a multitude of young people will congregate at the old Park Hotel.

Notes Due.

We have left for collection with Clark & Smart. All parties owing us are requested to come forth and settle same without delay, and save cost.

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Cooper Bros. are prepared to grind feed of all kinds at their elevator, in any amount, at reasonable rates.

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

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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. DRAZ, Assignee. St. Paul, May 10, 1886.

Notice. Dr. Knapp, veterinary surgeon, can be found at Helena, at all times. A specialty of floating horses teeth. Twenty years experience in all branches.

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Neighboring Towns. Daze. Mrs. W. L. Pattison, left on Monday's train, for a few weeks visit with friends in Missouri. Mr. P. accompanied her as far as Sanborn.

Lewis Nelson, has arrived with two car loads of horses, and one of lumber. It looks like business.

Nels Larson, could not enjoy himself at the tree, on account of his children being sick.

Miss Sarah Passey, arrived in Daze last in time to attend the tree. She will remain the rest of the winter.

W. J. Wheeler, returned from Cooperstown, and reports a bad night for his exhibition.

A. C. Ensign, is shipping his pork to St. Paul.

The Xmas tree, was a grand affair. It was jammed full of presents, and beautiful ones at that. The programme was handsomely arranged, and carried out by Mrs. C. F. Weiland. After the tree was over, all departed to the Patison hotel where a merry dance was had.

The Christmas tree was grand—and a full house was had.

We can't eat oysters at sixty cents per quart—a bushel of wheat at a meal.

Our plum pudding party came off New Years, and a pleasant time was experienced by all.

Mr. Allekson, spent Xmas day with Mr. Parks.

Martin Ueland, has a young colt that he values at \$150.

Six shots at a jack rabbit before I got him. This makes the third.

Miss Elena Itagan, came home to spend Christmas, and Mr. Itagan received a fine tea cup, as a present.

What has become of our canvassor—S. J. Pound—we don't see much of him, nowadays.

Romness. The regular meeting of the Sheyeme Valley temperance society, met at the school house last Sunday, and a good number was in attendance.

Nels E. Nelson, has been spending the holidays with Mr. Vestern.

The Christmas tree at Quale's school house, was very enjoyable for the children, and the committee on arrangements deserves credit for their good management.

The Ladies Aid society, met at the residence of Mrs. Skramstad, last Wednesday.

The fishing season has commenced for sure. Shanties can be seen all along the river.

REV. J. HYATT SMITH. Death of the Independent Ex-Congressman and Preacher.

Pneumonia is very fatal every winter of late years, but this season it has begun its ravages unusually early. In three days' time it frequently ends the lives of its victims. It has already taken off some of the best and strongest citizens in every community. Rev. J. Hyatt Smith, of Brooklyn, was one of them.

Rev. J. Hyatt Smith was one of the first labor candidates who got into congress. That made him known the country over. He was born at Saratoga, N. Y., in 1824. His aunt, his father's sister, was the schoolmistress who taught Henry Ward Beecher to read, in Litchfield, Mass. His father was also a teacher, and a good one. J. Hyatt began to earn his own living at the age of 10. He became errand boy for a doctor in Albany. He there met the late Anson Burlingame, also a boy, and the two became great friends. One day a queer freak seized them. They carried a Bible into the woods, and there both swore on the book that they would one day be members of congress. Both fulfilled the vow.



Afterward Smith learned the drug business and went to Detroit. While there he determined to be a preacher and joined the Baptist denomination. From the first his ministrations were popular and profitable. His first church was in Poughkeepsie, N. Y. Thence he went to Cleveland, taking charge of the Second Congregational church. He quickly raised its membership from 12 to 332. Since 1867 he has been in Brooklyn, and at the time of his death was pastor of the East Congregational church. Some time ago his congregation withdrew from the Baptist association because it refused to allow him to baptize by sprinkling, which right he insisted on. In 1870 he preached a sermon against the contract system of prison labor, and was afterward elected to congress on the strength of it. He was a forcible writer, an earnest and eloquent preacher, and believed in open communion.

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NOTICE.—U. S. Land Office, Fargo, D. T., Dec. 15, 1886. Complaint having been entered at this office by Edward A. Thorsgaard against John L. Benson for abandoning his homestead entry No. 12645, dated April 24, 1883, upon the northwest 1/4 of sec. 22, township 145 N., range 61 W., in 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. GEAREY, Receiver. A. B. GUTHRIE, Plaintiff's Atty., Fargo, Dak.

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