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AROUND TOWN.

Wheat 59 cents.

Bert Bloom attended devotional exercises in town Sunday.

The COURIER has turned out some neat note heads and envelopes for the reading room.

The Sanborn Enterprise of last week was much improved, speaking from a typographical standpoint.

Why would it not be a good plan to get up some sort of an entertainment for the furtherance of the reading room movement.

What is the question for debate by the Cooperstown Literary Club next week, is the question asked us. Give it up, someone else tell.

Mar. Wassar lost the ends of his first and second fingers, on the left hand hand while coupling cars, at Sanborn last week, and will be laid up for a week or two in consequence.

W. H. James, representing the Sandwich Manufacturing company, came up from Grand Forks Saturday evening, to look after the interest of his company, returning on Wednesday morning's stage.

A feller ran into the office Tuesday afternoon about 6 o'clock (quitting time) and rudely exclaimed that it was a legal holiday. Too much business had driven the fact from our minds. Bring in your orders for job work.

George Condy came very near furnishing us an opportunity to write up his obituary a few days ago. He came within a hair-breadth of getting kicked to death by a horse. The coroner mourns the loss of a fee.

One of our citizens recently received a line from Joseph Buchheit, who is now sojourning in Pennsylvania, stating that he would soon be back to beautiful Dakota, in the near future, and that he will not come alone, etc.

It is said that in Cooperstown there are no saloons, but the discovery of a large bottle, behind a druggists' counter with the following label, "Hood's Sarsaparilla is peculiar," explains itself.—Jamestown Alert.

Ting-ahng-aling!

The Bismarck Tribune says: Under the able treatment of Representative Adams the Elliott railroad bill has resuscitated and will pass the house. Mr. Adams deserves credit for his able doctoring and the house is to be congratulated upon the result.

The question for debate by the G. T. Lodge one week from Monday will be Resolved, "That the Knights of Labor are of no benefit to the working man." It is a good subject and one that will cover a great of ground if argued properly.

A representative of the COURIER was given a ride, this week, behind Dick Hill's fine cream roadster, and was driven out to the Breed farm, at a 2:40 gallop. Mr. Charley Hill has rented the above farm of 500 acres, for two years, and in connection with his own claim adjoining, intends to seed the coming season between 500 and 600 acres. Mr. H., besides being the owner of a dozen head of fine work horses, has quite a large herd of cattle.

We were painfully shocked this week when it came to our ears that two of our exemplary young men—Sunday school scholars—and brought up by christian parents in the straight and narrow path—had desecrated the Sabbath by taking their little hand sleds and being themselves to an adjacent bluff employed themselves all afternoon in coasting. An older friend—more like a brother—went out and reasoned with them and tried to persuade them to return to the fold (after they refused to let him have a ride down the hill) but all to no purpose, they still continued to let their feet slip from the solid rock and helping hand into the yielding sands of destruction. We respect their relatives too highly to mention names, but earnestly plead with them to turn from their erring ways into the paths of righteousness and peace. Of course, the above is only a report, but if "Tis true, 'tis a pity, and pity 'tis, 'tis true."

Tuesday was a legal holiday.

The aurora borealis or northern lights were beautifully visible in the northern skies on Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Purinton entertained a few friends at tea, on Washington's birthday.

Manley Davis, of Sanborn, paid the hub a hasty visit last Saturday. He brought up some passengers.

Nellie Brown and Frank Retzlaff celebrated their birthdays this week by giving parties to the juveniles.

A mirage was discernible on Thursday morning, and farm houses could be seen for miles around. It was a model winter's morning.

On account of Washington's birthday being a legal holiday, the Cooperstown schools were closed on that day, much to the satisfaction of the juveniles.

Frank Cowen rushed the season a little too previous Saturday by taking a bicycle ride over the snow drifts. Bring out your fans and mosquito nets.

Dr. Newell says that he has not rented his residence, now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Zimmerman, to Mr. Robinson, or any other tenant, as yet, and that our informant was—mistaken.

Nate Sifton has opened up a new billiard hall in the old saloon building formerly occupied by Jackson Bros. Billiards, pool, cigars, and—soft drinks, are the principle features of the—literary club.

The interest in temperance work does not seem to flag a particle, five more being added to the roll of the G. T. Lodge Monday night. Several more propositions for membership have also been received.

The Cooperstown Literary Club has already gained quite a membership (?) but like all new ventures of like character it is destined to take a somewhat sudden tumble ere it reaches the point for which it aspired.

President Langford has called a meeting of the Farmers' Alliance, at the court house in Cooperstown March 5th, at 1 o'clock p. m. As business of much importance is to be transacted it is to be hoped that all interested will be present.

The COURIER force this week gazed on the first and probably the only crop of No. 1 hard sown this year. It was five inches high, but was grown—indoors at the residence of Rev. O. D. Purinton, and was sown two weeks ago.

At the last moment and as we were going to press, a report reached us that one of our prominent young ladies, while wrestling with a piece of gum, had dislocated her jaw. We have not been able as yet to confirm the rumor. There is a good moral for the girls in this item—Quit chewing gum.

Sheriff Michaels went down to St. Paul Friday last and was away several days. The object of his visit was to see the ice palace and enjoy the sensation of a toboggan slide. We hope the enterprising Mike didn't give his heart into the keeping of a dusky Sioux squaw, a number of whom are exhibiting in the capital city.

Cooperstown is full chock full of Yankee enterprise. Clausen has a car load of base ball implements on the road, and says if the boys have ambition enough to form a nine and promise to buy the necessary articles from him he will donate a bat and ball. Boys, don't let this generous offer get away. He sells arnica.

Another of those very interesting and enjoyable socials was held at the Baptist hall last Friday evening, which proved to be more successful than the former one—a larger crowd being present and the weather being more favorable. The programme opened up by a cornet duet by Messrs. Melgard and Enger, which was so well executed that an encore was given them by their respondents. A solo by Miss Gimblett assisted by a chorus of voices next fell a victim for public favor and received loud encomiums of praise. A duet by Mrs. Chas. Cooper and Mr. Tupper Whidden "Oh! Sohn, vashin't dot fine," followed, and sent the audience into convulsions of laughter, and again proved to be the favorite selection of the evening which was lustily encored. Mr. W. H. Whidden stepped before the footlights and gave a select reading. A quartette of male voices rendered a piece which proved to be quite a treat. We hope to hear from them again. Mrs. Carleton's recitation was nicely given and much enjoyed. The programme was concluded with a solo from Miss Nellie Newberry, which was executed in a style that showed careful training and an unhidden genius yet to be developed. Refreshments were then passed around by the ladies and the exercises closed by passing around the hat—which was largely enjoyed and liberally responded to.

Mr. B. B. Brown has been kept up nights lately, tending a sick horse.

Moore & Sansburn report business picking up, which is a good indication of the approach of spring.

Knud Thompson has nearly one hundred tons of ice already in his large ice house, and is still hauling.

Attorney Jacobsen has added a fine collection of books from his library for the use of the reading room.

Editor Adams is not expected home until the final adjournment of the legislature, about the middle of March.

Paul Adams was exercising himself and developing his muscle, Wednesday, by turning the crank of our press.

We are requested by the chairman of the Free Reading Room committee, to put that ever valuable and useful institution, on their subscription book, and they shall receive their reward.

The subject of Mr. Frost's sermons next Sunday are: In the morning—The Devil and his Conqueror; in the evening—The great invitation. All are cordially invited to these services.

The roads leading out of Cooperstown are now in the best condition they have been this winter. Farmers should take advantage of this fact by doing their spring trade while the roads last.

"There's no country like Dakota," so says Sam Sansburn, on returning from Ontario, Canada, last week. Sam says all the time he was away he saw no two days alike—rain—hall—snow—thunder and lightning—freeze, etc.

The ladies of the Baptist Sewing circle seem determined that the people of Cooperstown shall not suffer for lack of entertainments. They have announced another social for next Friday evening. This time the young men are to carry out the programme to an extent, i. e. to serve refreshments (not to cook them), as well as assist in the musical and literary part of the entertainment. Extensive preparations are also being made by the same society, for a grand old oyster supper, etc., to be given on the evening of March 25, at the court house, which will undoubtedly be the last one of the season.

The debate which followed the meeting of the Good Templars' lodge last Monday night, afforded much amusement to the members of the lodge, and was quite interesting. The question for discussion was Resolved, "That the works of art are more beautiful than the works of nature." Mr. Lloyd in the negative, while Percy R. Trubshaw took the affirmative side. The latter opened the debate with quite a strong argument in favor of art, and was followed by Mr. Lloyd, on the opposite. After other members had had their say (mostly in favor of nature), the judges were asked for their decision, and rendered a verdict in favor of the affirmative for presenting the most meritorious argument. The decision of the judges was also endorsed by a vote of the lodge.

By special request we publish the following article handed in by a subscriber, in retaliation of the "Saloon-keeper's Prayer," which appeared in our cotemporary, last week:

"Friends and Neighbors: Having just opened a commodious shop for the sale of liquid fire, I embrace this opportunity to inform you that I have commenced the business of making drunkards, paupers and beggars for the sober, industrious and respectable portion of the community to support. I shall deal in family spirits, which will incite men to deeds of riot, robbery and blood, and by so doing diminish the comfort, augment the expenses, and endanger the welfare of the community. I will undertake, at short notice, for a small sum, and with great expectation, to prepare men for the asylum, poor farm, prisons and gallows. I will furnish an article which will increase fatal accidents, multiply the number of distressing diseases, and render those which are harmless incurable. I will deal in goods which will deprive some of life, many of reason, most of property, and all of peace, which will cause fathers to become fiends, and wives widows, children orphans, and all mendicants. I will cause many of the rising generation to grow up in ignorance, and prove a burden and nuisance to the nation. I will cause mothers to forget their offspring, and cruelty take the place of love. I will sometimes even corrupt the ministers of religion; obstruct the progress of the gospel; defile the purity of the church, and cause temporal, spiritual and eternal death; and if any should be so impertinent as to ask why I have the audacity to bring such accumulated misery upon the people, my honest reply is, "Money!" The spirit trade is lucrative, and some professing Christians give it their cheerful countenance. I have a license and if I do not bring these evils upon you somebody else will. I have purchased the right to demolish the character, destroy the health, shorten the lives, and ruin the souls of those who choose to honor me with their custom."

"The Heiress of Red Dog" commences in this week's COURIER.

We understand that a social hop took place a few miles north last evening.

H. B. Sington returned yesterday from Fargo. He didn't walk this time.

Schoolgirl slang—Let me take your gum at recess. Second girl—Gum yum gum yum.

Editor Dunn, of the New Rockford Transcript, last week issued an eight-page boom addition. It is replete with interesting matter concerning Eddy county, and a credit to the town as well as its publisher.

It was with very long faces that our citizens listened to the story from the railroad boys last week to the fact that the Cooperstown branch was to be shut off from the outside world for at least a month, and that that was their last trip: the report was confirmed when Engineer John Buckley paid his hotel bill and started out for Sanborn with his paper collar box under his arm and Billy the Kid following with his grip, however, it proved to be a hoax, for a telegram from Sanborn stated that a train had started up Wednesday and on Thursday morning we were gratified to see the snow plow rushing into town followed a short distance behind by the regular passenger. We understand that it is the intention of the company to try and keep it open, and we certainly see no reason why they should not, as it is one of the best paying branches under its control.

The Free Reading Room was opened to the public Monday, and everybody visiting it seemed happily surprised at the success of the committee in charge of the movement. Some of our exchanges, together with the COURIER, are among the useful periodicals that tend to make up quite an interesting library for the perusal of the public. The opening of this room is a commendable action on the part of our citizens, and the committee in charge of the institution have certainly earned a long credit mark to be placed opposite their names for the faithful and excellent manner in which they have discharged their several duties. They have worked earnestly and indefatigably, and all good citizens will echo the sentiments of the COURIER when it says that they deserve a vote of thanks from the whole community. Its library resources are being strengthened day by day, and all kinds of reading matter is now on hand at the room to suit the taste of all patrons. The committee, in selecting as librarian Mrs. J. L. Haskell, showed excellent taste and judgment. The lady is well known and presides with courtesy and dignity. Everything is kept neat and clean; the room comfortably warm, and she is there at all times to attend to the reasonable wants of visitors as long as the rules of the room are observed, and as long as this is done we predict many pleasant, profitable evenings may be passed away by those who find time to drop in. All are invited.

Land Decisions.

Homestead—Final Proof.—Final proof must be submitted on the day fixed in the notice. The testimony of a witness not named in the notice would not of itself invalidate the final proof.—Sec'y to Com'r, Jan. 8, 1887, case Frances M. Cull.

Timber Culture Entry.—Pending decision on an application to amend an entry the claimant should comply with the law.—Sec'y to Com'r, Jan. 8, 1887, case Wess vs. Milward.

Pre-Emption—Residence.—Cultivation and improvement cannot be accepted as the equivalent of residence. Evidence is not admissible as to acts performed on the land after the initiation of the contest.—Sec'y to Com'r, Jan. 11, 1887, case Knox vs. Bassett.

Homestead.—To secure the right initiated by a soldier's declaratory statement, entry settlement and improvement must follow within six months.—Sec'y to Com'r, case of Snyder vs. Ellison.

Preference Right of Entry.—A preference right of entry cannot be secured through a contest initiated for the purpose of selling the right of contest rather than securing the cancellation of the entry.—Sec'y to Com'r, Oct. 9, 1886, case Nelson vs. Shaw.

Final Proof.—Final proof must be taken on the day named in the notice, and the testimony of the claimant and his witnesses taken before the same officer.—Sec'y to Com'r, Jan. 14, 1887, case Geo. Rose.

Practice.—Testimony when taken before a commissioner should be sealed up and transmitted to the local office by mail or express. Testimony thus taken but delivered to the local office through an attorney for one of the parties, who had the same in his possession for some time, will not be considered.—Sec'y to Com'r, Jan. 14, 1887, case McKinney vs. Dooley.

Anonymous.

The following has been sent in for publication by an anonymous writer and should therefore be passed over without notice, but the correctness of grammar and spelling, together with the ludicrous joke contained therein, we deviate from our usual rules and print it as handed to us:

A certain young gentleman in this town called upon a young in this vicinity. When their conversation had nicely begun she exclaimed, "I have a bookkeeping book," and which she said she would shew him, she knowing that he was a bookkeeper, and so got the book and handed it to him. When he had looked at it a while he said, "Miss T., I don't see anything in here that treats on bookkeeping!" She looking surprised and took the book and found it to treat on marriages. It surprised the young gentleman to, for as they both supposed a new object had come to light and as their were others present of course it was a good item for the COURIER.

Communication.

"Spend less than you earn and you will be rich."

"Eat less than you can digest and you will be well."

"Attempt less than you can accomplish and you will be strong."

Court little, love much; and you will be happy."

To the above maxims let us add:

"Read thoughtfully and you will be wise." This last injunction we specially design to urge upon patrons of the Free Reading Room. The saying: "A man is known by the company he keeps," hold equally true in the companionship of books. One may spend hours in this room rummaging through papers and books selecting a joke here and a story there, and after all, go away "nothing bettered but rather worse."

Now this effort of our citizens is designed for the betterment of all who give their patronage, and it is hoped that readers will embrace the opportunity thus afforded to really improve their minds. Choose some article or book that will be helpful to you, my friend. Sit down with that and read thoughtfully—read with a purpose—a purpose to fix in your mind some thought that shall react upon your character or upon your work. Improve the change here afforded you of forming correct habits in reading. If you find that your tastes naturally lead you to read trash and nonsense, re-solve now to cultivate a taste for something better. Great as one whose constant associates are gamblers and pleasure seekers must be judged by his company, so one who is always observed to be reading silly stories and picture papers must be classed with the worthless and weak-minded.

One leisure hour each day may be so spent in profitable reading as to become an important factor in building up a useful and happy life.

AN OBSERVER.

Hannaford.

Number one hard ice—cents.

This winter many complaints are made of the scarcity of hay and feed among farmers.

Our farmers are busy hauling their summer wood from the Shevency. They report plenty of snow for good sleighing.

Mrs. James Bathwell, of Jessie, is visiting her friends at Bald Hill.

A sleighing party drove to Mr. R. Martin's on Wednesday evening and enjoyed themselves by dancing for a few hours.

Mrs. Dan Sinclair and Mrs. James Bathwell slid through Hannaford Monday on the Mary-Ann toboggan.

Gus Hemmersfead made a flying trip to Dazey Sunday on his snowshoes. He would have returned sooner had the shoes not sit him down a few times to rest.

Charles Carlson, who is running the steam pump at Bald Hill, intends going to British Columbia in the spring.

Rubbie Martin says his colt feels as young as it did twenty years ago.

Dr. T. F. Kerr reports Thos. Jones' feet doing nicely.

Mrs. Kittleson, who has been spending the winter in Minnesota, returned Sunday by the stage from Sanborn.

Messrs. J. G. Mills, Dan Sinclair and Donald Campbell went to Lake Jessie for hay Monday.

R. C. Brophy received a car load of wood by the last train.

Miss L. B. Church, who has been visiting at this place for the last few days, left for her home at Lake Jessie, Thursday.

Miss Annie Rothart has been employed as nurse by Mrs. S. B. Merriam.

UNCLE JASPER