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AROUND TOWN.

Wheat 50 cents.
Lewis Brown is confined to his bed by sickness.
Oil up your seeders, for verily spring is at hand.
Why not keep the reading room open Sunday is asked us? Echo answers, why not?
March came in like a lamb, but we will wait until the first of April before we say how it went out.
Rev. O. D. Purinton has been suffering with a severe cold the past few days, which has kept him indoors and hindered him from making his usual visits.
A. E. Clendenning, of Dazey, was among the interested bidders at the auction sale Monday, bidding within \$50 of Mr. Clark, when the goods were declared sold.
Misses Edith Brown and Bertie Haskell are visiting friends in Hope for a few days. The young ladies will be the guests of Mrs. R. D. Stewart during their brief sojourn in that city.
Strayed—a full grown overshoe, spit up the back and kicked out at the toes. When last seen it was headed for Alaska in the blizzard of last Friday. Finder can keep the same and use it for a summer kitchen.
All those who have not paid their subscription to the reading room can do so with the assurance that the committee will not get mad at such a proceeding. It takes money to run any institution successfully.
It is the prosperous farmers and wealthy store clerks that ride in cutters these beautiful springlike days, while the poor printers—look out of the window as they glide past.
The Carrington News is wailing and wondering why the Jamestown Northern is not opened up like the rest of the branches. It might as well be closed as to be opened up like our Cooperstown branch and have no trains run up it.
At a meeting of the board of county commissioners held at the court house last Friday, that body transacted all business that came before them and then adjourned until April 4. A full report of the proceedings may be found elsewhere in this issue.
Frank Betzlaff and Nellie Brown entertained a crowd of young folks at their individual homes Thursday and Friday of last week to celebrate their respective birthdays. Piles of fun, substantiated by a liberal supply of eatables, made the kids wish they could go to a birthday party every day.
At a call for special business to the Congregational Sunday school last Sabbath, Mr. John Glass tendered his resignation as superintendent which was accepted. Mrs. Frost was unanimously elected to fill the vacancy. The COURIER, in behalf of the school, was requested to extend a vote of thanks to Mr. Glass.
The COURIER dog Major, is getting to be a notorious fighter judging from the way he mauled Sport, who is supposed to hold the belt against anything in town. Sport is now under the skillful treatment of a veterinary surgeon, and Harry says he is fiked Wasser than ever he was before. P. S. The compositor got rattled in setting this up, it should be vice versa.
All those who have attended the last two socials given by the Baptist denomination no doubt will say that they were very enjoyable affairs, and therefore we would remind our readers that another one takes place this evening at their hall to which all are cordially invited. A nice programme has been prepared to entertain those who find time to drop in and spend a social evening.
A very pleasant social dance was held at the Palace hotel last Monday evening. At the first look out it seemed as though it would fall through—it was gotten up so hurriedly—but at a late hour a goodly number had gathered together and had a real, jolly good time. First-class music was produced by Messrs. Hodge and Nelson, which so satisfied the lovers of Terpsichore that they kept going until about 3:30 next morning. Mrs. Lloyd provided the lunch, and it was pronounced to be A. No. 1 in every respect.

H. G. Tiffany was in town Monday.
E. W. Blackwell will Sunday in Sanborn.
Bring out your paces while the sleighing lasts.
Andrew Johnson was exercising his handsome trotter Monday.
The chinook winds of the past few days have lessened the snow piles considerably.
A. E. Clendenning, the Dazey merchant, visited Cooperstown Sunday, returning home Monday.
Uncle Iram Williams was in town Tuesday, looking hale and hearty over the prospects of an early spring.
Cash Yancey has traded his residence to H. P. Hammer for the house and lot formerly owned by Fred Thompson.
The kids broke one of the windows of the COURIER office while snowballing Monday. They had better look out.
Found—a lady's breast pin. The owner may have the same by calling at this office, proving property, and paying for this notice.
The Knights of Bacchus held open air concert on Tuesday morning. There was a sound of revelry by morn, so to speak.
The farmers in this vicinity, nearly all prophesy an early spring, and a good crop for the coming season; hail being the only cause for fear.
Five more new candidates were initiated and enrolled on the constitution of the G. T. lodge last Monday. The lodge now numbers over seventy members.
A number of the young men folks have taken advantage of the fine weather this week by talking their "young girl" folks out for a sleigh ride.
Alvah Bigsby, a cousin of Caterer Ward, reached here on Saturday's stage, from Nova Scotia. Mr. Bigsby intends remaining in Cooperstown the coming summer.
At the sale of Whidden Bros.' stock of goods Monday, Clark & Smart bid in the entire stock at a consideration of \$5,700. This is considered a good bargain for the purchasers.
The many friends of George Condy will be glad to hear of his success in securing a half interest in the Hammer lively business. The firm will be known as Hammer & Condy. Success to them.
Hizzoner, Judge Melgard is now the happiest man in Griggs county. The cause of his happiness is the arrival in his household, of a little stranger—a boy—mother and child doing well, and father buying the cigars.
A wolf in sheep's clothing, who styled himself an artist, not only roped in the sterner sex but in the Americanized version of the English language and Billy the Dude, the "bloody bugger" stuck the poor females also.
Harry Simington has threatened to shave off his handsome auburn moustache, and consequently their is great consternation among his young lady acquaintances. For the sake of peace in the camp, please don't.
Notwithstanding the severity of the storm Saturday last, J. Christerson driver of the Sanborn mail, and Joe McCulloch, who plys between here and Harrisburg, traveled their respective routes, and came in on time. Its a cold day when they get left.
The Good Templars on Monday night next will discuss the question Resolved, "That that Knights of Labor are of no benefit to the working men." James Glass will affirm for all he is worth, and Miss Christine Bauer will deny till you can't rest.
R. C. Brophy was a passenger on Saturday's stage, from Hannaford. He came to spend Sunday with his family, and attend church. Mr. Brophy intends moving to Hannaford, soon, with his family, where they will be convenient to Mr. B.'s extensive interests.
A train was started up the branch on Wednesday from Sanborn to open up the road and succeeded in getting about a mile out of town when the engine broke down and they had to go back to Jamestown for repairs. It is thought they will be started out again and will probably get through another half mile or so.
John Ole was wishing that he had been created with a pair of eyes in the back of his head while shoveling snow from off the roof of his office Monday, as he was made the target of several flouts in human form who were seeing how near they could come to the innocent John, without hitting him—with snowballs.
James Christie, a well known young man of Cooperstown, who went east to spend the winter, started on his return home Wednesday night, accompanied by his span, new bride which he took unto himself on Tuesday evening. Jim has the congratulations of the COURIER and his friends, who wish him lots of joy and domestic happiness. Give us yours.

Who got painted?
Dick Hall drove over to Hope Tuesday.
Read Syverson & Co's, new "rd" in another column.
Old papers for sale at this office at fifty cents a hundred.
We "snub" the anonymous etymologist crank, this week.
Rumor has it that Charley Miller is going to get m—home again this week.
Don't forget the social entertainment at the Baptist hall this (Friday) evening.
Geo. N. Stork has just received a car load of oats, which he offers for sale at Carzill Bros.' elevator.
As we go to press we learn from Agent Cowen that the train is on its way once more, to Cooperstown.
Sheriff Michaels scooted across the prairies on a business visit to Valley City Tuesday returning yesterday.
Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Whidden entertained a few friends at their residence, last Friday evening—it was a surprise.
Next Sunday evening, at the Baptist hall, Rev. O. D. Purinton will preach his first anniversary sermon in Cooperstown.
Syverson & Co. have been busy the past week taking an invoice of their stock of goods, preparatory to ordering new goods for the spring trade.
Hans Olson Lien, of Helena, was in town Tuesday, and renewed his subscription to this paper together with the Northwestern Farmer.
A. L. Bowden informs us that he is soon to come out with as fine a driving team as any in the county (Michaels' not accepted.) We guess not.
A missionary, Rev. A. Olson, will hold service in the Congregational church next Sunday afternoon at 3:30, in the Scandinavian language. All are invited.
Farmer Reed, of Willow, lost his residence, together with its entire contents of household goods, Tuesday afternoon. We are unable to learn whether it was insured or not.
"A thing of beauty is a joy forever," mournfully said Bob Hornby after the relentless razor had done its work on his upper lip. The rustic lassies never speak as they pass him by.
One of Joe McCulloch's horses was taken sick while making his last trip with the Harrisburg mail. Joe was compelled to leave the sick animal at Jessie, and hire another horse to finish his trip.
Miss Elorene Frazier, a niece of Dr. McGuire, and well known to many citizens of Cooperstown, was married on Feb. 17, at Conneautville, Pa., to Mr. James Hunter, of Des Moines, Ia. Congratulations are in order.
At a business meeting of the members of the Baptist church last Wednesday evening, it was unanimously decided to retain Rev. O. D. Purinton as pastor of the church, he having just ended his first pastoral year in Cooperstown.
The teams that left here Monday morning for Sanborn, after freight, returned Tuesday evening with several hundred pounds of merchandise for Syverson & Co., W. O. Jameson and Nate Sifton. Harry Wassar reports poor roads all along the route, from the effects of Monday and Tuesday's thaw, there being a number of bare spots, over which it was difficult to haul a load.
An individual with a large dark beard, and registering at the Palace hotel as Dr. — somebody, (his name not being eligible on the register), painted the town, Wednesday, to the tune of \$25. The alleged doctor, painter and general swindler, hailed from California, and was representing himself as an artist, going from house to house, offering to teach the art of painting, charging only a dollar for his information, and selling a "stickum" for another \$. The victims soon tumbled, but too late, the bird had flown.
H. G. Pickett, secretary of The Free Reading Room, has written to the editors of various papers throughout the country, requesting them to send their respective publications to the reading room, received the following from Major Edwards, of the Fargo Argus, who will tip the scales at 345 pounds, avordupois, and has a heart in him—according to his size:
FARGO, DAK., Feb. 23, 1887.
H. G. Pickett, Esq., Secretary Free Reading Room, Cooperstown, Eakota.
Dear Sir: Returning from Bismarck this morning, I find your valued favor awaiting reply. Whether it should "bring in new readers," or not, such a request from you is deserving of consideration, and directions have been given to forward the daily to the address of The Free Reading Room, at Cooperstown, and I trust the same will come duly and promptly and regularly to hand. With the compliments of the season, I beg to remain,
Yours very truly,
A. W. EDWARDS.

Read Clark & Smart's announcement on the third page.
Additional legislative doings will be found in the supplement.
Fifteen hundred people were swallowed up by an earthquake last week in Italy.
A. A. Clausen is laying for that "valer dog" that made itself so conspicuous in his store, Tuesday.
Contractor Muir has struck a flow of pure "aqua pura" at a depth of 22 feet. Jim says it's the best in town.
A. L. Bowden left this morning for a business trip to Washington territory. He will be absent about three weeks.
Another social hop is on the tapis to take place next Friday. Handbills and further particulars will appear later.
Contractor Muir has prepared an eight foot sign board, which was artistically painted by M. E. Walks, and donated by those gentlemen to the reading room.
An eighteen months' old child of P. Morrison was badly scalded, Wednesday, by falling into a kettle of hot water. Dr. Kerr was called, and at last accounts the little one was doing well under the circumstances.
Dr. Newell is gaining quite a reputation as a veterinary surgeon. Under his skillful treatment B. B. Brown's horse, which was indispensed, has become convalescent, and thus another obituary announcement is lost.
The friends of Miss Maria Rankin will be glad to learn that she has been again engaged to teach school in the Greenlee district. Miss Rankin is a teacher of much experience and well qualified to fill the position.
George Siegner, the efficient book-keeper for Lawrence Bros., celebrated his thirtieth birthday last evening by inviting his bachelor friends to the Union House where he entertained them in royal style. The boys had a jolly time, and say that George makes a first-class host.
The bill introduced by Representative Adams, of Griggs county assessing punitive damages in case of lives lost and remains disfigured in railroad accidents is attracting much attention. Among the comments is the following from the Chicago News:
There can be little doubt that Dakota is fairly entitled to be admitted as a state, for her legislature has just grappled with a serious question in a manner that any state might do well to treat in the same way. It is true that the public has become a little tired of reading accounts of the manner in which railroad passengers are roasted after being thrown from the track, hurled down embankments, and generally shaken up. These cheerful reports have become monotonous. The Dakota legislature has a measure before it that, if it become a law, will do much to suggest to railroad managers that it would be well to provide some cheaper mode of death for their passengers than roasting. But if the railroads of Dakota, in their conservatism, persist in the old and common methods practiced on John Knox and other martyrs, it is proposed to make them pay for it, on the grounds that, while corporations have no souls, they have pocket books of which they are exceedingly tender. The bill provides that in case of railroad accidents, where people are killed, the fact of the burning of the bodies shall be presumptive proof of wilful neglect on the part of the railroad company and entitle the representative of the deceased to punitive damages. This bill has been favorably considered by the Dakota legislature and will probably pass. This is a movement in the right direction, and is far better than efforts to compel railroads to adopt devices of any character. A few suits in which a person shall receive punitive damages for the torturing and burning of a relative will infuse more good, solid reform into a railroad company than anything else could do. Let the Dakota measure be generally adopted and our cars in winter would be like the breath of Arabia and not a spark of fire nearer than the locomotive.

NEIGHBORING TOWN.
Romness.
J. H. Thomas has been engaged to teach school in Steele county, and will enter upon his duties next Monday.
A boy came to the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Christopherson last Saturday night at 10 o'clock. His name and nationality is unknown, but Martin says that he thinks he will stay and vote against license when the local option law is presented to the people.
Hans Skramstad shot a large spotted owl Saturday.
The members of the Sheyenne Valley Temperance Society will meet at Quale's schoolhouse the first Sunday in March, at 5 p. m.
Farmers, why not let us that are in need of feed and seed club together and send away for our oats in carload lots save fifteen to twenty dollars on each 100 bushels. Remember the freight rate on feed from St. Paul is only 10c per 100 pounds.
Mrs. Johnson (up the river) which was reported very sick, is recovering.
Your correspondent is again informed of the arrival of another stranger bright and early Wednesday morning. It is a boy at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hoggeson. Welcome, boys, we have room for ye if you are good citizens.
Gallatin.
Simon Ouren says he can go over any snowdrift with old Norsk snowshoes on his horses feet.
The ice is moving to town quite lively and still there is some left.
The roads never were better than now at the present time for years.
Hay and straw are very scarce in these parts, and 50 cents has been offered for old straw.
Some of the neighbors have bought a lot of oats at 32 cents per bushel.
Arne Luckason has got Mr. Mathew Davidson employed as a teacher for a short time this winter.
There are arctic lice in these parts and they will spot a man when the thermometer is 40 below zero.
Hay is selling from four to five dollars per ton about here.
They have stopped the Riverside schoolhouse movers. The bears made a move on the corners and the puts are after the calls. We wonder who will make the next corner on the schoolhouse.
The nimrods haven given up jack rabbit hunting and are looking for bears to come out.
Who tried to take my roller? They only took the seat. It must have been Ward's ice pullers. J. P.
Hannaford
No. 1 hard 50 cents.
J. G. Mills is busy hauling seed from Jessie. He says W. T. McCulloch has the best Saskatchewan Fife of any one the county.
Tom Robinson is putting up ice for the Hannaford townsite company.
Hannaford is in need of a good blacksmith.
The thaw Monday left Bald Hill destitute of snow.
E. W. Siegfried, a prominent citizen of Sanborn was in Hannaford Tuesday, returning Wednesday. Ed. got the dead "sinch" on our boys during his short time among them.
A number of young people of Bald Hill are making arrangements to join the party at James Bothwell's Wednesday evening.
T. F. Robinson has been on his farm for the past few weeks cutting his summer's wood and laying in a supply of feed for his stock. S. B. Merriman and Edwin seeing in last week's COURIER that there was a club room in Cooperstown, started for town thinking to share in the fun and get some "Hood's Sarsaparilla," but being refused came back here with Deputy Sheriff Jackson, and collecting a number of their friends together, thought they would "try" Tom Robinson. UNCLE JASPER.
Returns Thanks.
EDITOR COURIER.
Dear Sir: Will you kindly through the columns of your paper thank the ladies who so kindly assisted to help myself and baby in providing things we so sorely needed.
Very Respectfully Yours,
MRS. EDWIN BRADLEY.
NOTICE OF FINAL PROCESS.—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., Feb. 23d, 1887.
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 Ladbury, H. B. No. 6260, for the southeast quarter of Sec. 6, township 143, N. R. 96, W. 2 and names the following as his witnesses, viz: Thomas Curtis, Edward Keyes, Charles E. Duggett and Charles Curtis, all of P. O. Astabula, Barnes county, D. T.
The testimony of claimant and witnesses to be taken before judge of district court, or in his absence before Alex. McCollen, clerk of the district court at Valley City, Barnes county, D. T., on Thursday the 14th day of April, A. D. 1887, at his office.
MICHAEL F. BATTLE, Register.
E. Winterer att'y.