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AROUND TOWN.

Wheat 62 cents.
 Wm. Simons attended devine service Sunday.

Cash Yancy has gone to Fairfield, Ia., on a visit to his old home.

E. W. Siegfried, of Sanborn, paid Cooperstown a business visit on Saturday.

W. R. Whidden and H. P. Smart returned on Monday from a business trip to Fargo.

Dick Hall contemplates erecting a skating rink in Cooperstown soon, for the amusement of the young people.

John Syverson & Co. have just received a large stock of new goods, and is preparing for a regular spring boom.

Services were conducted in the Scandinavian tongue by Rev. Mr. Olson, on Sunday afternoon, at the Congregational church.

The advance guard of gentle spring—the knights of the grip—represented several prominent St. Paul business houses in town Monday.

George Ellis is getting to be too prudish and stiff-necked—he has a pet boil. Piccadilly collars are a thing of the past with George.

Last Saturday's Argus says, in its personal column, Attorney Smart, of Cooperstown, is in the city. Why don't you hang out your shingle, H. P.?

Charley Miller returned on Saturday's train from an extended visit and business trip to Fargo and other points in eastern Dakota and Minnesota.

Misses Bertie Haskell and Edith Brown returned from their visit to Hope Monday. The young ladies report a pleasant time during their stay in Hope—at the skating rink.

Al. Wanderlich returned Saturday from a several week's visit to his old home in Red Wing, Minnesota, and is now at his desk in the office of the J. J. Howe Lumber company.

Abe Lent, of Hannaford, section foreman of the Cooperstown branch, came up Sunday from Dazey with his assistant. Abe reports the track between here and Sanborn in good condition.

Farmers in this and surrounding counties who are members of the Farmers' Mutual Protective Association can have this year's applications filled out in proper order at the office of Simington & Miller. See their add on third page.

Judge of Probate Peter Nelson sports a brand new suit of clothes. The judge must be figuring on the passage of that salary bill which is now before the legislature. He is also a patron of the Louisiana state lottery.

The entertainment at the Baptist hall Friday evening proved a grand success, as the socials given under the auspices of the Ladies Aid society of that church always terminates. The young dudes detailed as waiters did their duty well—for greenhorns.

Mrs. R. M. Cowen, the estimable wife of our station agent, left for a three week's visit to her old home at Ft. Atkinson, Wis., leaving the genial Bob to keep bachelor's hall, but Bob would not have it that way—he made a bee—for the Palace.

Joseph Allen has purchased a whole block from J. M. Buarell, just east of the resident portion of the city, on Burrell avenue, and will break up the same and put it into a garden. Mr. Allen will be able to supply the market with vegetables, etc, next summer.

Mrs. Fitch, mother of Mrs. Maynard O'lane, arrived in Cooperstown Monday, and will make an extended visit here. Mrs. Fitch is not very favorably imprinted with our blizzard country, but we hope she will be converted as the fine spring weather dawns upon her.

In the debate at the Good Templars' Lodge last Monday night, the subject under discussion being, Resolved, "That the movement of the Knights of Labor are not for the interest of the laboring man," Miss Christine Bauer, carried off the laurels, she presenting a very able argument in favor of the Knights. Mr. James Glass argued on the affirmative side of the question.

The snow is disappearing slowly but surely.

Geo. Condy returned from a trip to Lee Saturday evening.

With the return of the regular train, business seems to be picking up.

Communion services were held at the Congregational church last Sunday.

The train is once more running regularly, on schedule time—dot vas goot.

Our general merchants are laying in large supplies of new goods for the spring trade.

Hereafter the reading room will be kept open Sunday afternoons, from two until six.

Mrs. Dr. Kerr is reported quite ill, but it is hoped by her many friends that she will soon be out again.

Tuesday was a gala day for the girls. Those who did not smoke were treated to peanuts and candy.

P. R. Trubshaw took a run down to Sanborn Saturday to see his—friends (?) returning on Monday's train.

This is good weather for blacksmiths, so says Bob Moore, who is kept busy shoeing horses, mules, etc.

Ford & Lucken are receiving a large supply of farm machinery which they will sell to farmers for spring work.

Quite a number of young people drove out to James Bothwell's to a dance, and quite an enjoyable time was reported.

Richard Hall returned from Hope Monday, and reports poor sleighing between that point and Cooperstown.

Editor Adams is expected home next week to remain, having finished serving his constituents in the legislature, for this term.

Henry Davis went to Sanborn yesterday and will be gone some time. Another door knob will wear mourning until he returns.

Read, mark, learn and inwardly digest the contents of Simington & Miller's new "ad" on third page, you may save money in perusing it.

To those interested. Pull down your blinds when arranging your toilet. There may be newspaper men around when you least expect it.

George Newberry has accepted a position as clerk for Messrs. Clark & Smart the bonanza merchants. We congratulate George on his success and the firm on their wise choice.

Married—At the residence of Mr. Claus Jackson, in Cooperstown, March 9th, 1887, by Rev. O. D. Purinton, Miss Martha E. Monson to Mr. Karnes O. Heggs, both of Cooperstown.

James Christie and his blushing bride arrived in Cooperstown Wednesday night and were met by quite a delegation of friends who nearly paralyzed Jim's right arm in their eagerness to extend congratulations. We welcome Mr. and Mrs. Christie home.

The Farmers' Alliance of Cooperstown met at the court house on Saturday, March 5, pursuant to a call by the president, and elected officers for the ensuing six months and transacted other business of importance and adjourned until March 19th, when a full attendance is desirable.

Farmers of Griggs and surrounding counties, before you insure your crops it will pay you to call at the office of Simington & Miller and examine the low prices and sound protection of the Farmers' Mutual Protective Association. Please notice what they say on third page.

There was great rejoicing in the Grape household Wednesday afternoon, caused by the arrival in the midst thereof of a brau new girl baby—mother and child doing well, and father strutting around with a box of cigars under his arm, as proud as a cat with two tails, a gentleman was heard to remark.

We accidentally heard that a select party of the elite of Cooperstown went out to the Sheyenne Wednesday night to indulge in the exercise of tobogganing. We have heard of no accidents and also none of the particulars of the affair, so we will just wind up the item with the old "chestnut" that they probably had a good time.

At a meeting of the Farmers' Mutual Insurance company of Griggs county held at the court house last Saturday, the following members were present: Wm. McCulloch, president; Andrew Johnson, secretary; F. D. Fenner, Mark Sutherland, J. Hogensen and S. B. Langford. Read the notice of the company elsewhere.

It is our duty to refute the base rumor that has been floating around to the effect that Joe McCulloch, the genial stage driver, had eloped on Monday with one of Cooperstown's fair damsels, and was last seen heading in the direction of the late Riel rebellion. Joe returned on Tuesday all alone and is now hunting—with a stick of cordwood—for the fellow who started the story. The cigars were set up to us to say nothing about it and therefore we are in honor bound to keep "mum." It was a false report.

Social tonight.

It's a salubrious day.

Martin Dodd is again firing on this branch.

Al. Reichard won a gold watch at a raffle, Saturday.

Mrs. B. C. Brophy visited Mr. B., at Hannaford yesterday.

Attend the social at Mrs. A. N. Adams' this evening.

Norman Brown sprained his right leg while coasting, Wednesday.

John O. Oie reports collections comparatively good.

The reading room sign has been placed in position.

It is said that Charley Miller will ship in a car load of horses for spring work.

Rev. C. L. Westberg will preach at Bue, Nelson county, next Sunday morning.

Several families will move out onto their farms in a few days to remain all summer.

Frank Ostrander, Minneapolis; Jas. R. Wray, Aberdeen, came up on yesterday's train.

Laben Craudall, of Sanborn, is now braking on Conductor Leavitt's train, which runs up this branch.

Iver Jacobson left on yesterday morning's train for Minneapolis, expecting to return next Mouday or Tuesday.

Walt Upton is around again after his recent illness. This kind of weather will cure any disease, melancholia included.

J. P. Hardy, representing the well known firm of Nugent & Brown, of Fargo, was in town this week in the interest of that firm.

Unless another severe snow storm visits this section the prospects are that good sleighing is over. Buggy riding is the next thing in order.

John Fluhr, Cooperstown's steer carver went to Jamestown Saturday, returning Wednesday. He expects to move his family to this place.

The Independent has changed hands and is now owned by Messrs. Jacobson & Berg. J. H. Vallandigham will act as editor and business manager.

The Baptist society are making great preparations for their entertainment to take place on the 25th of this month. Local talent will shine forth brighter than ever on this occasion.

The Northwest Magazine for March lays on our editorial desk, and is a very interesting number. It contains a general write-up of Duluth giving some fine illustrations of its rapid growth.

Some idiotic crank was amusing himself about midnight last night by firing a revolver in the street, much to the annoyance of the peaceable citizens who were trying to obtain a little sleep.

Tuesday Clark & Smart opened up the store recently purchased by them and formerly owned by Whidden Bros., with Fred Thompson at the head as salesman. The firm now offers goods as cheap as the cheapest.

Harry Pickett met with quite a painful accident last Wednesday while riding his horse to water, by the animal falling upon his right foot and fracturing it. Drs. Newell and Kerr attended to the injured member and it is hoped that Harry will soon be out again.

A "donkey social" will be held at the residence of Mrs. A. N. Adams this evening under the auspices of the Congregational society. It will be a very interesting affair and all are cordially invited. This kind of a social is somewhat of a novelty, and behooves all donkeys to turn out.

District Attorney Iver Jacobson has received the following bill, introduced by Representative Adams, and which passed both Houses "a whooping":

An act to divide the fifth subdivision of the sixth judicial district into two subdivisions and to provide for terms of court therein.

Be it enacted by the legislative assembly of the territory of Dakota:

Section 1. That the county of Barnes shall constitute the fifth subdivision of the sixth judicial subdivision district, and that a term of court shall be held therein at Valley City on the last Tuesday in June in each year.

Section 2. That the counties of Griggs and Steele shall constitute the eighth subdivision of the sixth judicial district, and that a term of court shall be held therein, at Cooperstown, in the county of Griggs, on the second Tuesday in June of each year or at such other time as the court may designate.

Section 3. The sixth section of chapter 81 of the session laws of 1885, of the territory of Dakota is hereby repealed.

Section 4. This act shall take effect from and after its passage and approval.

Approved February 15th, 1887.

Accompanying the above is the affidavit of Secretary McCormack, to which is attached the seal of the territory of Dakota.

Communicated.

As a rule, editors of newspapers are not deficient in their bump of self-esteem, I query however whether they themselves have sufficiently measured the gift of their power. There are depths in the ocean which no plummet has pierced; there is likewise an authority in an editor's "we" which has not been gauged. The lodgment of this unmeasured power in the point of an editor's pen explains the solicitude with which a community view the attitude of its editors toward the vital questions of the day. Entrenched behind their press their pen is a cannon; their every word shot and shell; whether it shall be used in the service of God or the devil is a matter of great concern. It cannot conserve the interest of both God and the devil. An editor cannot favor both virtue and vice; education and illiteracy; aristocracy and democracy; temperance and intemperance. His paper must stand for something, otherwise it has no right to be, and in saying this I affirm what every editor will freely admit.

Now in Griggs county we are favored with two weekly newspapers—two mighty engines of power either for good or for evil. They are expected not only to reflect the shades of thought and feeling in our county,—mere echoes or telephones speaking out through type only what has been spoken in their ear. They are expected to have some conviction of their own and to speak it out for the good of their subscribers. This prerogative, so far as we have observed, the editors of these two weeklies, recognize and use. In whatever other respects they may have failed in their duties as editors the charge of cowardice cannot be laid upon them. Let me illustrate this last assertion by a fact of recent date. Under the caption "He Outprayed His Issue," the editor of the Independent in his issue of Feb. 17th printed a blasphemous prayer of a notable rumseller, (what possible motive he had in doing it, in whose interest it was done we leave our readers to judge).

As an off-set to this blasphemy a "subscriber" to the COURIER requested the editor of this valuable paper to insert a description of the character of the rumseller as depicted in an advertisement cut from the Christian Union. This advertisement was originally the painted signboard which James N. Lawrence, a liquor dealer of Boise City, Idaho, had hung over his saloon, in that city. The heading of it read:

THE NAKED TRUTH SALOON

Advertisement of an Honest Rum Seller as it Should be.

Then follows the description of the work he proposes to do. The COURIER omitted to state the fact that this character of the rumseller was drawn by this saloon keeper. Thinking the description to be evolved from the bowels of some spider temperance man, and being scrupulously vigilant lest the reputation of the rumsellers of Griggs county should fail to receive "Christian" charity, the editor of the Independent forthwith avails himself of his "independent" prerogative, and crouching behind his "we," turns the full force of his powerful battery upon the poor "Subscriber" who has the "uncharitableness" to request the insertion of that description in the COURIER. He accuses him of painting a man as a devil, as devoid of the qualities which make a good citizen, as one whose mission is to entail misery on the human race. Now, under such a cannonade as this what could this poor "Subscriber" do had the description of the the rumseller been drawn out of his displaced heart rather than from the heart of the rumseller himself.

I'm sure this speedy attempt to rescue the character from the odium given to it by one of the rumsellers himself, will not fail to win for this editor and his paper the fullest appreciation of this greatly injured class of merchants.

"SUBSCRIBER."

It was rumored about the capitol yesterday that the governor had made up his mind to veto every bill establishing a new territorial institution, or enlarging an existing one beyond the necessity of the time. If the rumor is true, his excellency will hurt the feelings of some of his friends whose "wood chunks" are the very kind of animal the governor threatens.—Bismarck Tribune.

Fred Adams' halocaust or punitive damages bill, was indefinitely postponed yesterday for the second time, but in the evening made its second appearance as fresh as ever, Tom Elliott introducing it this time. Fred insists that the bill is a good one, and that is why the railroad companies want to kill it. If persistence is a virtue, Fred is entitled to a reward. It is very doubtful, however, if a bill of that character can be passed at this late stage.—Fargo Republican.

THREE OF A KIND.

WABASHA, March 8.—There are three applicants from this county for the receivership of the United States land office at Fargo, Dakota. Hon. Lyman M. Gregg of this city, Hon. Henry Dickman of Zumbrota and Henry R. Geary of Highland, the latter being a brother of Col. E. C. Geary, the present incumbent of the office.

BREEDS KICKING.

DEVILS LAKE, Dak., March 5.—Serious trouble a brewing between the Chippewa Indians and half-breeds near Turtle mountain, many of whom have been naturalized and hold government land. A few having been default for taxes to Boulette county, the sheriff yesterday seized and locked up six head of their stock, which he proposed to sell according to law. The breeds at once organized 500 strong, sending 200 armed men into the village of St. John to recover the stock and 300 to hide in the timber. The whites made no resistance. The sheriff went to Fort Totten today and asks for a detachment of military to restore order. Maj. Bacon, commandant at Fort Totten, awaits orders from Gen. Ruger.

BEECHER DEAD.

NEW YORK, March 8.—Henry Ward Beecher died at 9:30 a. m. He began to sink slowly after midnight and watchers at the bedside soon saw the end was near. Mr. Beecher passed quietly away while asleep. He never recovered consciousness after paralysis stupified his mind. He passed away gradually and almost imperceptibly, drawing his last breath without apparent suffering, or return to consciousness in any degree. Mrs. Beecher bore up wonderfully and with marvelous courage. No craps was hung on the door, Mr. Beecher having always objected to use of this and the gloom associated with it in the presence of death. Instead a magnificent wreath of flowers hung from the left side of the doorway at the top of the stoop composed of white and red roses and lilies of the valley, tied up with white satin. The funeral will take place at Greenwood on Thursday next. It is the wish of the family that the funeral will be as quiet as possible.

All Farmers Should Attend.

Pursuant to a request of the directors of the Farmers' Mutual Insurance Company of Griggs County, we, the undersigned, shall hold meetings in the following places, to-wit:

In the schoolhouse, on Sec. 26, Tp. 14S, 58, on Tuesday, March 15, at 2 p. m.

In the schoolhouse by Isaac Mills, at Ottawa, on Wednesday, March 16, at 2 p. m.

In the schoolhouse on Sec. 14, Tp. 14T, R. 58, on Friday, March 18, at 2 p. m.

In the Clark schoolhouse, at Willow, on Saturday, March 19, at 2 p. m.

In the Baker schoolhouse, south of town, on Monday, March 21, at 2 p. m.

In the house of E. D. Bloom, at Helema, on Wednesday, March 23, at 2 p. m.

These meetings will be held for the purpose of explaining to the farmers the great benefit derived from home insurance and expose the fraud often perpetrated on farmers by stock companies.

All are cordially invited to attend. Applications for fire insurance taken at the meetings.

If the weather is stormy the meetings will be postponed.

WM. T. McCULLOCH, Pres.
 ANDREW JOHNSON, Sec.

Romness.

The members of the Ladies Aid Society elected Miss Martha Johnson secretary at their last meeting.

The Sheyenne Valley Temperance Society has ordered one hundred blue ribbon badges, and five dozen of medals for to show their loyalty to the cause.

At a business meeting of the members of the Norwegian Lutheran church held at the schoolhouse Thursday last week it was decided to take part and help to increase the fund of their denomination (known as the Augsburg professor fund) from \$40,000 to \$75,000.

Peter Idswog has rented the farm of Mrs. Mathison and will raise No. 1 hard.

The COURIER is doing well while the editor is making laws. A full page of local reading matter every week is the remark that has been made by several of our best citizens recently.

Martinius Skramstad has captured a beautiful silver grey fox. He has been looking up the St. Paul quotations for such fur and thinks it is worth \$50.

The motto of Paul J. Nelson, Peter Idswog and Mrs. Mathison will now be: "Beautiful water my beverage shall be." They were initiated and enrolled on the constitution of the temperance society last Sunday.

Rev. O. K. Quamme will hold services at the schoolhouse a week from next Sunday.

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