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AROUND TOWN.

The Cooperstown train leaves for Sanborn at 8:30 a. m.; arrives 11:10 a. m., connecting with the Jamestown Accommodation, west. Train leaves Sanborn for Cooperstown 4:30 p. m. Pacific Express leaves Sanborn for Bismarck 7:02 a. m. Express trains leave Sanborn for Fargo 10:10 p. m., and 4:25 p. m. Fargo Accommodation leaves Sanborn 8:30 a. m.

Wheat 61 cents. Geo. W. Greenlee will visit Cooperstown in June. C. T. Whidden is fencing in his lots on the boulevard.

Beecher Cox spent Sunday with his Griggs county friends. Messrs Gillespie and Blow are out on the Manitoba extension.

Ben McCormick writes friends that he is tired of Ohio, and will return to Dakota.

Miss Frankie Barnard commenced a term of school in the Southern district, Monday.

Mrs. A. Thomas presented her husband with a fine boy, Friday. Mother and child are doing well.

Moffat, the Deering collector, was in town Tuesday, making arrangements for the sale of the machine at this point.

Geo. A. Luce, of Hope, was over, Tuesday, to exercise the bay team, and look over the field for machine business.

J. M. Burrell came up to look over his elevator Saturday evening, and returned to Sanborn with Mrs. B., Monday.

Register Evans of Valley City drove up with F. H. Adams, from Dazey, Sunday, and returned Tuesday, driving Jo B.

E. C. Ward has his soda fountain running in full blast. Ward says he intends to keep 'er up in metropolitan style.

At Sterling, on the Northern Pacific, Sunday, the passenger train was derailed, and one life was lost while many were injured.

Dissolve two drachms of sulphate of strychnine in one half ounce of citric acid and a gallon of water. Soak when in this solution for twenty-four hours, and then scatter near the ropher holes, on the side of the road and elsewhere.

It is alleged that the churches are at loggerheads, and at war, over the liquor business. It would be a sad commentary on Christianity if the statement was true—but it is we think—not true. Men may differ without being at war.

In reply to a correspondent who is about to come to Dakota, we must inform him that the weather is all right—and plenty of it, except that it is extremely dry—in fact we heard it stated yesterday that there was not a drop to drink in Cooperstown.

Our alleged contemporary says that we were absent at the Newell examination. Yes, but we acknowledged the invitation through the COURIER; and if the subpoena of the prosecution had not been so fatally defective and incompetent we would have been on hand.

Judge MacLaren, wife and baby arrived from the south, Monday night. Mac reports a pleasant winter. During the winter he visited different portions of the southern country, and found Berming ham, Ala., the liveliest point south of St. Louis. It has now a population of 60,000.

R. C. Brophy was on the street with his fine colt and new carriage, Tuesday. By the way, it is rumored that Messrs Brophy and Michaels will open a machinery depot in a few days. They are both good salesmen of wide acquaintance, and will undoubtedly do well if they go into the business.

Rev. C. L. Westberg has gone to Ashland, Wis. Rev. J. Abrahamson takes his place. Mrs. Westberg will visit her parents in Mayville, for several weeks, and then join her husband at Ashland. Mr. Westberg has been an active and conscientious minister, and his retirement from this field is regretted by a large circle of friends.

C. H. Frost came to town Sunday to go to St. Louis on a visit. When the fire occurred the trip was postponed. The property destroyed is valued by him at about \$300, and was insured in the farmers' mutual for \$250. It is the first loss of the company. One binder, a seeder, sulky plow, hay rake, cultivator and hay rack were destroyed.

N. J. Olson, J. M. Burrell and C. A. Van Wormer, of Sanborn; J. C. Evans, of Valley City, and F. H. Adams, of Cooperstown, went fishing at Lake Ensign, Saturday, in company with Capt. Pattison, Al. and Bob Clendinning, and Mr. Barrett, of Dazey. But few fish rewarded the sportsmen, as thousands were frozen in the ice, and are now rotting on the shore.

It was only last week that Deacon Frost very indelicately claimed ignorance of the fact that \$2.50 would not pay a \$4.00 COURIER bill. This was a great error, as the Deacon knew very well that he was in debt to the COURIER office, and that sending him a bill would be an idle ceremony. Well, Sunday night his machinery shed was struck by lightning and burned down with all on board. Reader, take warning. Keep your subscription paid up, and don't "sass" the editor. The Deacon seems to claim it is only necessary to send him a bill to secure settlement. We did not think there was so much money in the county.

M. L. Williams came up from Fargo Tuesday evening.

James McCulloch visited the terminal town, Wednesday.

Assessor Fiero will shortly commence to make the people lie.

Rev. E. P. Hall, of Larimore, drove over from that place, Monday.

Rumor has it that Mr. John O. Ole is about to join the Benedictines.

Forty-four scholars are in attendance at the Cooperstown school.

Alfred Gale's—and Alfred this time—has been at the mill.

Miss Dazey is going to Dazey to do millinery business, Monday.

J. A. Brown is seen on the street occasionally, with his fine trotting stallions.

Miss Andrew Johnson will go to Minneapolis on a visit to her parents, shortly.

Grund Thompson: Two hundred bushels of wheat ought to buy a harvester and binder.

James Douglass, of Hope, was transacting business in Cooperstown, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mrs. Ed. Selwood is dangerously ill of congestion of the brain. She was unconscious Saturday. Dr. Kerr is in attendance.

It is rumored among the R. R. boys that Smith, (Smith is Conductor Leavitt's boss brakeman.) is soon to be given a train on the main line.

Rev. Fernberg, who officiated in the Congregational church last summer, will be married to Miss Emily Libby at Boston, on the 11th day of June.

A. L. Bowden and Peter Morrison are back from Washington territory and Montana. Bowden sold his big stallion, and Peter disposed of his stock.

Judge Malchow Davidson says he likes to keep square with his county paper, and, although he is one of the original subscribers to the COURIER, he is square to October 1, '97. Come all and do likewise.

Beecher Cox, Esq., of Sanborn, has been purchasing furniture of John Syverson & Co., and it is reported that he will soon lead to the altar one of Griggs county's fairest and most accomplished daughters.

Old Granger, from Willow, in making his way to town one day this week, among other obstructions, encountered on the road this sign, across where the road had been:

5 HOR FINE FOR KRO3
3 ROD TO COOP28

A. L. Bowden's team was so tickled to see him on his arrival, Saturday evening, that they ran away, dumping him into the mud and in less than three seconds, whirled George Ellis out, head over heels, and finally wrecked the rig at the Palace. They brought up at Hammer's as chipper as if nothing unusual had occurred.

Immediately after the Independent came out last week, informing the public that Cooperstown had plenty of farm machinery agents, and that it was a very reliable and new sheet, the COURIER was informed of the advent of an entirely new machine firm who evidently disagreed with the reliable paper. Comment is unnecessary. This is one of the best points for a good machine depot in the territory.

John O. Ole stole a march on the old bachelors, Thursday morning. At his residence on Rollin avenue, at 11 o'clock, he was married in the presence of Treasurer Thompson, John Syverson, Mrs. Hagge and the minister, to Miss Thora Strande. Rev. O. D. Purinton officiated. The young couple drove north in the afternoon for a week's visit among friends and relatives. They will, on their return, settle down to housekeeping.

Jack and Bill went up the hill, To get some barley water; They drank it down, then painted the town, The constable following after,

Bill he got and Jack did trot, When he was fined for the caper, Jack got away, but the very next day It all came out in the paper.—Ex.

Monday night R. C. Brophy and G. N. Stork, after having been working the poor hard working farmers all day, concluded that they needed a little brain food, and went to Jameson's, and each bought a nice fat salmon—No. 1 hard and well cleaned. With their usual sociability they dropped into Clark & Smart's store for a little chat. While conversing upon the wrongs of the poor hard working elevator man, Brophy deftly cut off the tail of Stork's salmon and attached it to a stick of wood and wrapped it up in the original package with the tail hanging out. Stork trotted home with his prize, grinning with the thought of the joy of Mrs. S., and unwrapped it to show it to her, when the horrible truth became apparent. Back he went. Mr. Brophy had stepped out to attend a bible class rehearsal, and the genial George found both fish behind the counter, winked at the boys, and carried them home. After the rehearsal Brophy came after his fish, and turned pale when the perdition of Stork was related to him. On returning home he roused the sheriff (who boards with him), from his slumbers, and in the dead of night, armed with some blank subpoenas, they went to the Stork mansion, where the following conversation occurred:

"Who's there?" "Michaels." "What you want anyhow this time o'night?" "Open up; I have got some business with you."

"Well, you needn't wake the neighbors, I'm a comin'."

"What did you do with that fish?" "What fish?" "The fish you stole out of Clark & Smart's."

"You got home and tell Brophy that you don't know."

"Well, I have got a warrant for you. You better put on your pants; you would look better."

"Well, I'll be goll darned! Did Brophy get a warrant out for me—honest?" "Here is the warrant all regular."

"Well, I'll be goll darned. You take this old mackerel back to Brophy with my compliments, and tell him I'll get even with him if it takes all summer."

"What about the costs and mileage? I guess you better go along with me and fix it up."

Here, Stork caught sight of Brophy snickering behind Michaels, and after much hilarity they settled the matter.

(Additional local in Supplement and on 6th page)

PUBLIC OPINION.

H. P. Hammer thinks it would be better for the town if we had license.

H. G. Pickett is in favor of "no license."

John Pates: "Might as well keep the whisky business where it is now. I shall not vote for license."

R. M. Cowen favors high license.

S. B. Langford says: "I am a prohibitionist."

M. L. Michaels will not object to a high license.

J. C. Nancy thinks "high license" is about the ticket."

R. C. Brophy thinks that so long as the "no license" does not prohibit, high license should be licensed, and that the best way to effectually prohibit high license is to license it.

George Condy don't care a blank which way she goes.

A. L. Dowden is an anti-license man.

Prof. Hodge says he is in favor of no license and no sale of liquor contrary to law. He has no objection to any man having his private jug if he pays for it, and does not interfere with his neighbors. He does not drink himself.

NEIGHBORING TOWNS.

Roaness.

It is rumored among the young boys that a gopher bounty law was passed last winter, and consequently the gophers must suffer.

J. H. Thomas has been engaged to teach the summer term of school at the new school house. He entered upon his duties Monday.

It is reported that the Knights of Bacchus held their regular meeting at the residence of C. Gillesrum, last Saturday night.

O. K. Quamme preached to a large congregation at the school house, Sunday.

A boat bridge has been constructed at the Hogenson crossing.

Rev. O. D. Purinton and Mr. Whidden passed through here Wednesday.

Sheriff Michaels and Attorney Ole came down to the river one day last week, to have a good old fashioned wash off, and a number of fish are dying off daily, in consequence.

Gallatin.

Alex, the carpenter, well known in Cooperstown, has returned from the Manitoba extension in the Mouse river country, where he had been in quest of work. Alex reports more men on the extension than were in the Black Hill when the gold fever struck that place; that men can't even get work for their board. He further says that hundreds of labor seekers are unable to obtain lodging and are compelled to camp out in the open air, without even a blanket to shelter them. Al. Pinkerton being one of the number. The whole town (Mine), was nothing but one mass of tented saloons. Charley Hunter has gone to the Missouri river with his entire outfit.

I had what might have proved a serious accident befall me, while coming from Gallatin the other day. My "jump go-cart" seat dropped down on one side and threw me over the wheel on to the ground. I never thought that the earth turns on its axis till I struck the ground, and when I got up it was still turning, and the mules started for home at full speed, as if an African lion had suddenly sprang out of the jungle. The mules centered a tree with the tongue and came to a sudden halt, and were lookin' back, "a chewin' their quids, as if nothing had happened, as I came up. Some think these carts with Arbuckle's box attached, are a good thing for farmers; this makes the second time that I have been tumbled out. Owners of these carts should get their lives insured in the Farmers' Mutual Insurance company of Griggs county.

The two young chaps who looked at my timber last winter better call around.

A Poland China sow and a small boar are getting to be a nuisance about here.

Simon Ouren thinks his turn will soon come for a box elder wooden wedding—Simon is pound master.

Thomas Tronson's father is dead. Ninety-five degrees in the shade April 30th. Good crossing at my place on the river.

Willow.

"What shall the harvest be?" I mean of No. 1 hard. Well we will call it an average of 25 bushels per acre, and let it go at that for the present.

Our town officers are ready for business, having taken the prescribed oath, to support the constitution of the United States—and the act organizing the Territory of Dakota, etc.

Assessor E. S. Hamilton will soon be around sising up our estate—real and personal.

We are of the opinion that there is a tip top opening in Griggs county for a flouring mill or two, a paper mill and from one to a half dozen cheese factories and creameries. Any or all of them will pay, well.

The old pioneer, Ben F. Kuhns, says that he feels as though he still belonged in Griggs county, even if he does have to pay taxes and sell his gopher tails at the county seat of Neilsen.

The Willow Sunday school will meet every Sunday at 2 p. m. during the summer, at the Clark school house on Sec. 16. The first meeting was well attended.

Mrs. Thos. Carning returns to Iowa soon.

Mrs. M. D. Pickard is back from Kelso.

Mrs. O. L. Reed has been quite ill for several days but under Dr. Kerr's care, is rapidly improving, and it is to be hoped that she will soon be convalescent.

The Sioux Falls Insurance company is gaining a rather uneasy reputation in these parts. I apprehend they will write very few policies for people of Willow, in the future.

Seeding is nearly done around here. We have not, in our five years in Griggs county, seen as much seeding done during the month of April, as was seeded that month, this year.

All is quiet on the Willow. A calm off precedes a storm. In time of peace, prepare for war. Did you hear anything drop, eh? Good day.

PALACE HOTEL, COOPERSTOWN, D. T.

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