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### THE COURIER,

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By FRED K. H. ADAMS.

Iverjoberg is worried about that \$1,000 fee to be paid Messrs. Adams and Remington for defending three school warrant suits, involving about \$12,000, and is desirous of creating the impression that there is something wrong about the late movement to have the schoolhouse cared for. No, there is nothing crooked about it. Jacobson is not an attorney in the case. If he is desirous of opening up a discussion concerning legal matters (including the late term of court) the COURIER can accommodate him.

Judge Deady, or some other Oregon "circus" judge attempts to upset the Inter-State commerce law, and remarks that the long and short haul clause is operative only "under similar circumstances and conditions." "If the road has competition at its termini, and not between intermediate points the circumstances are not the same." The Pioneer Press gushes over this ridiculous specimen of rascally court business. We have too many railroad employees on the bench.

The people die like sheep in Chicago, Cincinnati and Milwaukee with the mercury at 100° above zero in the shade. Here we have a temperature of from 110 to 120° above, and not the slightest inconvenience is experienced.

An item in the last COURIER concerning the county auditorship of Steele county has occasioned some remark. It has been claimed that the appointment of an auditor in small counties is an extravagance. Steele county is, with the exception of Griggs, about the last county to wheel into line, and looks upon the matter differently. The position of auditor is a very responsible one, and a good auditor can save more to a county than the amount of his salary. The statute reads that the auditor shall be paid as follows:

In counties where the amount of taxable property does not exceed the sum of one and one half million dollars they shall be entitled to receive five mills on each dollar of the first one hundred thousand dollars, and one mill on each dollar of all amounts in excess of said last mentioned sum, and less than two hundred thousand dollars, and one-tenth

of one mill on each dollar on all amounts in excess of said last named sum.

At the highest estimate Steele or Griggs counties have each an assessed valuation of \$1,500,000. The salary of auditor under the law cited would amount to \$640. If the statute intends to give auditors \$200 on \$200,000 the salary would be \$320, or \$220 more than is paid the county clerk for acting as auditor.

One or two of our exchanges have thus far this season failed to use "hot, hotter, hottest," in their local columns. This shows lack of wit. The Pioneer Press uses it in its telegraph headings every day as regularly and extravagantly as a Dutchman does sauerkraut.

#### Hints to Sportsmen.

Nimrod probably used strychnine in his business, as well as the bow and arrow. Unless you are hunting for the pot, when your game is noble, this is a very convenient way of shooting. The stately gopher, after being hit in the stomach with a molecule of strychnine, loses all his native ferocity, and can be approached in safety by a little child. Without such a preparatory measure it is doubtful if he would permit you to pull off three cents worth of his tail without his being hurt by it, and without his making some biting remarks.

In hunting lions and tigers, if you are a married man, we recommend that you forego the wild excitement of the chase, and let the hired man get his leg bit off or his eye gouged out. Get a chronic kicker to act in your stead and at the tiger and the kicker both bite the dust you may know that you have had a good day's sport.

Leather Stocking with his rifle was accustomed to shoot without taking aim. It is said that Dr. Carver, Ed. Warner, Buffalo Bill, Capt. Simington and Murray Burrell shoot in this fashion; but if Ed. don't quit it he will hurt some one. The idea is, that, at short range, you aim with both eyes, all your muscles, sinews and tendons and do not give your neryes a chance to wiggle the end of your gun. This using one off eye and giving your nerves a chance prevents you from killing anybody; but on the other hand it will prevent you from ever distinguishing yourself as a marksman—we have tried it. As an example of this theory take Jim Duncan, the famous slayer of the Grizzlies, personally known to the writer. Jim at target shooting can't hit a cow at ten paces. When he gets at close quarters with a bear he forgets to take bad aim, but

holds his gun right on the animal and the animal invariably dies, and yields up to the hunter his gall, worth \$10, for medicinal purposes, his scalp worth \$50 and his hide which generally brings as much from some tourist who wishes to pose as a slayer of big game.

Above all things when out shooting do not lie. Wait until you return home before you commence to lie. Otherwise should you get shot accidentally the public would remark that the old liar got what he deserved. If you should conclude, upon your return, to enlarge the results of your day's sport, be sure that all members of the party tell the same story.

This season it will be well enough for you to let young ducks and chickens alone until September 1st. It is said that the county jail is a little damp, and the sheriff will absolutely refuse to cook the game for the prisoners which they have shot prior to Sept. 1st.

#### Willow.

Better 6 to 10c per pound, poor cheese 20c per pound. Doesn't that look like a strong argument for a cheese factory. It becomes more evident each year that those grangers who put their whole dependence on wheat are bound to get left, and how many of that sort of farmers there was this spring who gave the price of two bushels of wheat for one bushel of potatoes. Does such farming pay? Last year I made more profit from one-half acre of potatoes than from the best ten acres of wheat on my place. Have never had the least trouble in keeping potatoes over winter.

Mrs. Mamie Robinson was visiting her friends Misses Lizzie Clarke and Ada Sheldon, during the fore part of the week.

U. S. Special Examiner Waite, of the pension department, was at Willow this week, looking up testimony in some pension cases.

The Internal Revenue agent dropped in on us last week, but found nothing to kick about.

The lake "Willow" and the approaches thereto, are pretty well protected by barbed wire—fenced in as it were.

The Lawrence outfit—five teams—returning from their Devil's Lake trip, passed through here last Tuesday.

P. M. Clarke has a field of barley that will be ready for the reaper this Friday or Saturday, if the hoppers don't get it harvested before.

Quite a number from Willow attended the picnic at Lake Jessie, Tuesday.

Wonder if there isn't some other 8-imple 8-imple that will feel called upon to write up the better side of Willow's weekly history, for that Prince of Mongrels the Pig Advocate. Little Ucc—seems terribly surprised and worried that his first terrific discharge of double concentrated conceit and ignorance didn't annihilate us. Pity the poor thing. CHRIS X.

#### Romness.

John Johnson, the eldest son of Eten Johnson, slipped off to town last Saturday, and then and

there married the girl he loved. Johnny thought he would marry while he was young.

Hans Hohle and others are talking about organizing a stock company for the purpose of furnishing water for irrigating the valley.

The school district of Romness school township met at the clerk's office Tuesday of last week. Present Hans Hohle and Lars Lynner director. Lars Lynner was elected chairman and John Hogen-son clerk for the ensuing year. Louis Anderson treasury—elected filed his oath and bond which were approved.

Complaints of hard times frequently heard since gopher tails ceased to be legal tender.

Louis Anderson has just hauled in his first load of timothy hay raised in Griggs County.

John Thomas closed the first term of school in Romness school township last Friday.

Rev. O. K. Quamme will preach at the school house in Sec. 14 next Sunday at 10 a. m.

John H. Thomas intends to take a trip to Devils Lake. They may have the honor of shaking hands with Iron Heart and other noted warriors before returning.

#### Pioneer Williams on Grasshoppers.

"Uncle Hill! do you see them yere grasshoppers up forinset the sun! Lord ain't they thick!"

"Sho child! you talk like a tenderfoot. Them's cottonwood seeds a flyin'. Do you think every-thing that flies is grasshoppers. That thing there shootin' its mouth off as it sits on the telegraph pole ain't a hopper; that's a meadow lark. That thing over agin Retzlaff's stable that's crowin'—hills got wings and, you, bein' sort of inexperienced like, might take it for a hopper; but it ain't a hopper; hit's a rooster. There is just as much difference between that rooster and a hoppergrass as there is between them cottonwood seeds and grasshoppers."

#### Andy Replies.

TO THE EDITOR.

I don't desire to take up much space in your paper by answering little Joe's blind pig assertions. An auditing committee has been appointed whose duty it is to furnish a detailed statement of the standing of Greendale township and each taxpayer will then have an opportunity to learn the facts. We had one bid from an attorney not a resident of this place, he valued the clerk's influence at about \$300 and the "fee" would have been high enough to make up for it, and I have reason to believe that a "prominent citizen" was trying to work a scheme.

If I remember right little Joe tried in 1885 to do some effective work towards having the school orders repudiated. I was elected clerk same year by 68 votes to 6 on that issue, not asking for the office either, and now the fool insinuates that it was a great scheme of mine and mine only. The people have not kicked me out yet nor have I yet seen a dollar made out of the great scheme. Each member of the old board had a mind of their own and voted as they thought best on all matters. Taxes or anything else are not different from what they would have been if anybody else had been on the board.

Joe Vallandigham has gail enough to deny that he owes me for rent and buffalo coat. If Joe thinks he ought to have settled with the wild buffalo for the coat, why did he not give his note to the buffalo instead of giving it to me. I have his (Joe's) notes posted on the wall in my office dated Feb. 4, 1887, given as settlement for store account (buffalo coat) and office rent and I don't believe it would be much trouble to have his signature identified. ANDREW JOHNSON.

#### Citizens Meeting.

At a meeting held at the Union house Tuesday afternoon, July 19, to consider the advisability of providing some means by which the schoolhouse in this district could be taken care of during the pendency of the suit regarding the ownership of the same, about twenty-five business men and citizens were present and participated. The meeting was called to order by F. H. Adams and Julius Stevens was then chosen chairman and David Bartlett secretary. The object of the meeting was then stated and a general discussion of the subject brought out the facts that the schoolhouse was fast going to ruin. As no one would claim ownership or control of the building while the law suit was undecided the house was left open to the public and to the depredations of the boys of the town.

It was finally moved and carried that John Sy- verson, Maynard Crane and David Bartlett constitute a committee to take charge of the building, and provide such means for its protection and care as they deemed advisable.

On motion of Mr. Adams the meeting adjourned. DAVID BARTLETT, Secretary. JULIUS STEVENS, Chairman.

The committee to take charge of the lone orphan schoolhouse, claimed by no one, and which is going to ruin, rise up and enquire of John Doe and Richard Roe and all who dwell within the boundaries of the United States (including the Capital Bank of St. Paul and Greendale school township) if they or any of them have any protest to enter against the said committee exercising the functions of guardian of the said building. The meeting was in no sense a school meeting, the members of the committee are not school officers, but the movement is to protect valuable unclaimed property. Anybody dissatisfied with the assumption of authority by this committee will be given a hearing before the entire board at any time.

#### Rather Vague.

Mr. J. Parkhouse has been appointed District Grand Master or installing officer of this district, consisting of the counties of Barnes, Griggs and Steele.—Times Record.

#### After Its All Over.

With an itemized statement of receipts and expenditures which is on file at the COURIER office, Maynard Crane, secretary of the committee of general arrangements for the late celebration, sends the following card:

In behalf of the 87 July 4th celebration committee I wish to thank Messrs. Hodge, Wanderlich and R. E. Nelson who so generously gave their services for the good of the cause at the Saturday evening dance, July 9th. Knud Thompson has a good team, wagon, borrowed harness and man named Ole. To the outfit we are indebted for several days of interesting labor. To mention all other citizens who contributed freely of their time and money toward booming our first celebration—mechanics, laborers, merchants or "professionals" seems unnecessary. With but one solitary exception the town is solidly represented and our committee desires to give thanks therefor. Yours truly, MAYNARD CRANE, Secretary.