

NORTHWEST ITEMS.

Interesting News Compiled from Many Sources.

ILLINOIS.

Dr. J. Y. Winn, a prominent physician, died at his home in Williamsville the other day, of apoplexy.

At Charny, Coles County, the other day Mrs. Lewis Musbrick gave her sick daughter strychnine instead of quinine with fatal results.

At Hagerstown, Fayette County, the other night Sid McAdams and Pete Davis, farmers, quarreled, and McAdams struck Davis on the head with a brick, crushing the skull.

At Orion, Henry County, the other afternoon a carriage containing Mr. and Mrs. Shuet's three children was wrecked by a train, and one girl, Ida, was killed instantly and the two brothers were fatally injured. The horses were killed.

R. W. Ashbrook and wife, of Mattoon, celebrated their golden wedding a few days ago.

Near Sidell, Coles County, horses were recently dying by the score from a disease similar to cancer. Nothing had been found that would relieve the beast dying or cure the disease.

James Ray, a druggist, jumped from a fifth-story window of the Grace Hotel in Chicago a few mornings ago and was almost instantly killed.

B. F. Henry is the oldest teacher in De Witt County. For twenty-three years he has taught school, during which time he has had under his charge 1,986 children, and thinks this winter's school will complete the 2,000.

The Chicago Times says that since the hanging of the Anarchists \$800,000 has been refused for a piece of inside real estate which could have been bought before the execution for \$500,000.

Inspector Bonfield recently distributed \$300 among the families of the officers killed at the Haymarket riot in Chicago. The donor would not divulge his identity.

Mr. and Mrs. James Crowell celebrated the sixtieth anniversary of their wedding at Salem, a few days ago.

There are now 543 inmates at the Illinois Soldiers' and Sailors' Home at Quincy, and the buildings are so uncomfortably crowded that the trustees have announced that no more veterans can be received until the new cottages are completed.

Thomas Stewart, a respectable colored farmer of Normal, was murdered the other night on a lonely road.

W. T. Cunningham, of Fairmount, has been appointed master in chancery for Vermillion County. He has received more official appointments than any other man in his county, having held some office or other ever since 1855.

Harvey Johnson, a rich farmer of Palmyra, aged sixty-five years, was found dead in a field near his house a few days ago. It was supposed he fell from his horse.

A fire in the Saratoga Hotel in Chicago a few nights ago caused a loss of \$20,000. A panic ensued among the guests, but no lives were lost and no one was injured.

The Illinois grand encampment of Odd-Fellows, in session at Cairo recently, elected D. L. Murdoch, of F. Kirby, Grand Patriarch; Lieutenant-Governor J. C. Smith, Grand Scribe, and John T. Foss, of Chicago, Grand Treasurer. A gain of 500 members is reported during the past year; total membership, 32,000.

IOWA.

The sheriff of Taylor County recently arrested in Nebraska City, Neb., M. B. Foster, charged with having murdered and drowned Emmett Reed.

General Weaver, having addressed a letter to President Cleveland upon the matter of the eviction of settlers from their homes in O'Brien County, is in receipt of a note from the President saying that he did not see any legal way that the General Government could take cognizance of the matter, as the Government has lost title to the lands in question.

The other afternoon the four-hundred-foot draw span of the Santa Fe bridge across the Mississippi at Fort Madison was swung for the first time.

Mrs. Schnee, wife of the hotel-keeper at Hampton who so mysteriously disappeared recently, attempted to commit suicide at her home the other day by taking poison. Mr. Schnee has been found at Grinnell in a demoralized condition.

The fourteenth annual meeting of the Iowa State Improved Stock Breeding Association will commence in the opera-house in Newton December 7, closing on the 9th. The State Short Horn Cattle, Draft Horse and Holsteiner Cattle associations will hold their annual meetings at the same place on the 6th and 7th of December.

Fifty business men at Waterloo have formed an association for the advancement of their mutual interests and the welfare of the town.

On account of the incendiary fires at Dubuque the Standard Lumber Company at that place has shut down for the season.

Nearly every city in the State reports a large list of marriage licenses.

The registration law applies to fifty-four cities in the State.

At Des Moines the other day the Des Moines & Osceola railroad was sold by order of court, M. B. V. Ederly, of Springfield, purchasing it for \$305,000.

The trustees of the new insane asylum at Clarinda inform the Governor that the building is nearly completed.

The State authorities are being urged to make a new geological survey. The last one took place twenty years ago.

Diphtheria was recently reported in many towns east of Sioux City, and a number of deaths had occurred.

The second report of the State Oil Inspector has been given to the public. The showing made by the office is good. Since the law went into effect there has not been a single loss of life from explosion of oil.

Dr. W. S. Burnard, professor of natural science in Drake University, died at Des Moines a few days ago.

Forty of the brakemen on the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad struck a few days ago at Mason City upon being ordered to go out on double-headers.

John Williams and Preston Rush fought over a game of cards at Keokuk early the other morning, and the latter was stabbed to the heart.

A gas-pipe bomb was exploded the other night in the main shop of the Iowa iron

works at Dubuque. No person was injured and the building was but slightly damaged.

The United States Supreme Court's recent decision in the "drive-well case," appealed from Iowa, declaring that the claims of the alleged patentee are not well-founded, is a victory for thousands of Iowa farmers and other people who have for years been annoyed and blackmailed. The Supreme Court's decision is final.

The Board of Trustees of the State Agricultural College at Ames have elected as professor of agriculture Prof. Loren P. Smith, of New York.

WISCONSIN.

Seven thousand feet of lumber, thirty cords of wood, three cars and other property were destroyed by fire recently at Stephens' Lime-Kilns near Madison.

The body of Eric Tosterton, a farmer who disappeared from his home near Eau Claire, was found by a hunting party hanging from the limb of a tree a few days ago.

Jacob Steinman, an old soldier, aged sixty-eight years, suicided recently by drowning in the Rock river near Watertown.

The State Board of Pharmacy at its recent meeting in Appleton organized a mutual fire insurance company for the purpose of insuring drug stores only.

Between fifteen and twenty per cent of the tobacco grown this season in the vicinity of Janesville was damaged by frosts.

The Governor has appointed A. D. Thorp sheriff of Door County, vice Thomas Scott, who died recently.

The farm residence of Frank Sanda, in Union, Eau Claire County, with most of the contents, was destroyed by fire the other night. Loss, \$5,500; insurance, \$3,000.

A five-year-old daughter of George Jirle, of Clay Banks, died recently of inflammation caused by a beechnut lodging in her throat.

Centerville wants a harbor and the people have subscribed \$1,000 to start with and will appeal to Congress for an appropriation.

The twenty Madison University students arrested for having a son of Prof. Rosenstengel were each fined six dollars the other day.

At Viroqua a few days ago a juvenile temple of the I. O. G. T. was organized with ninety-seven charter members, and a lodge of Good Templars with thirty-three members was instituted.

Mrs. Mahan, living near Prairie du Chien, was twenty years ago thrown from a wagon by a runaway and injured about the arm and shoulder. The other day she fell and injured the arm again. A doctor made an examination and found that the member was dislocated twenty years ago, and that a false socket had formed below the natural one. No attempt was made to re-set the arm, as the woman is now over sixty years of age.

A large deposit of lead has been discovered near the northern boundary of Sawyer County.

An Antigo prisoner has whittled out seven thousand toothpicks with a jack-knife since his arrest.

A large colony of Janesville people left a few days ago to settle in California.

Madison recently paid a bill of \$125 for household goods burned in 1882, after small-pox infection, by order of the authorities.

It is said the railroad companies whose lines center at Ashland have decided to build a union depot at that point to cost \$100,000.

A resolution of sympathy for the executed Anarchists was introduced at the convention of the Union Labor party of Wisconsin at Fond du Lac the other day, but it was promptly tabled.

MICHIGAN.

Sands & Maxwell, of Prentiss Bay, have sold to Wolf Bros., of Evert, their entire plant, consisting of saw and shingle mills, 18,000,000 feet of standing pine, 8,000,000 feet of lumber, 8,000,000 shingles, 1,000,000 feet of log in boom, and other stock. The consideration was \$121,000.

The other night a flouring and saw mill at Mayville, owned by A. L. Bryant, was burned. Loss, \$10,000; no insurance.

A Finnish school has been opened at Ishpeming. Rev. O. K. A. Jurva, pastor of the Finnish Lutheran church, is in charge of the school.

The Young Men's Christian Association at Coldwater is so prosperous that they have begun to publish a monthly paper.

A young son of Jere Penoyer, of Rockland, was killed by the kick of a horse a few days ago.

Judge Bunce, of Port Huron, celebrated his one hundredth birthday a few days ago.

McHose & Talbot's flouring mills at Vassar were destroyed by fire the other night. The flames spread to a cooper shop and dwelling, and both were consumed. Loss, \$82,000; insurance, \$22,500.

C. H. Fargo & Co., of Chicago, have accepted a proposition and will move their shoe-factory plant to Jackson.

Estella, Gratiot County, has had its name changed by the supervisors to Sumner.

The Michigan Engineering Society meets at Kalamazoo January 17, 1888, to hold its ninth annual convention. Papers on important topics will be read, and a fine programme is being made up.

A pair of Mormon missionaries have evacuated the vicinity of Woodland in pursuance to a strongly worded request signed by the citizens.

Recent gales washed ashore over sixty thousand feet of pine lumber at Foster's point, near Harrisville.

Houghton farmers are having considerable trouble with wolves. The beasts make nightly raids on sheep flocks and chicken coops.

Berman & Co.'s carriage factory at Muskegon was burned the other night. Loss, \$3,000; partly insured.

While hunting north of Bay City a few days ago Chester Clark, a wealthy stock raiser of Madison, Wis., was accidentally shot and instantly killed by his brother Walter, of Bay City.

The Attorney-General has decided that the marriage law in the State requires that residents should secure a license before they can be married, but that the license is not necessary for non-residents who come into the State to be married.

The general store of Colwell, McGregor & Co., at Harrisville, was destroyed by fire the other morning. Loss, \$25,000; insurance \$15,000.

Charles J. Pfaff, a well-known business man of Grand Haven, while talking with friends recently drew a revolver and fired three shots into his body. He was dead before he fell.

Grant Challenger, the murderer of John Clay, Jr., near Grand Lodge, has been sentenced to twelve years at hard labor in State prison.

MINNESOTA.

Judge I. W. Collins, of St. Cloud, has been appointed to fill the vacancy on the Supreme bench of Minnesota caused by the death of Judge Berry.

Fred Bickell, the bank robber, arrived in Duluth the other night in charge of William A. Pinkerton, and was lodged in jail. All the money stolen (\$24,500) was recovered except \$305.

The gospel army, which has been stationed at Red Wing since last August, has been obliged to disband. Financial embarrassment was the cause.

John H. Webber, a young man in the employ of the Northern Pacific Express Company in St. Paul, disappeared a few days ago, taking with him \$5,000 left for shipment to Western points.

A dozen tenants of a building in Minneapolis sustained losses by fire aggregating \$30,000 a few evenings ago.

The fifth district convention of postmasters decided to request Congressman Nelson to aid in securing an increase in salaries and allowances of third and fourth class postmasters.

The order confirming the sale of all effects of the Northwestern Manufacturing & Car Company at Stillwater has been signed by Judge McCluer. The property is valued at \$6,000,000.

By an order issued by the Board of Railroad and Warehouse Commissioners the passenger-rate on all roads in the State is placed at three cents a mile. This order, however, affects but two roads, the Manitoba and Northern Pacific, the other roads having been charging that rate since June, 1886.

M. J. Parks, whose daughter eloped with her uncle, George Benick, returned to his home in Perham the other morning, having captured both runaways at Litchfield. They were not married, but were living together.

It is reported that two children while returning from school near High Prairie, Rice County, the other day were attacked by wolves, and before assistance could reach them they were devoured. A few days before a man was pursued and attacked by wolves in the same vicinity, and it was only after a long fight that he escaped with his life.

John Hopkins, an eighteen-year-old son of Charles Hopkins, of St. Peter, was found in Belgrade the other night shot through the heart. He had been hunting, and the shooting was accidental.

Ole J. Verness is the first prisoner ever received at the penitentiary from Norman County. He is sentenced to two and a half years for bigamy.

A fire which started in the barn of the Northwestern Hotel at St. Peter the other night destroyed thirty buildings, including two hotels, the First National Bank, several stores, restaurants, millinery stores, saloons, the American Express office and several barns. Loss, \$100,000.

The grand jury at Fergus Falls recently returned four indictments against Pattee & Rea, of Pelican Rapids, and four against W. C. Crandall, of the same place, for selling liquor without a license. Both are druggists, and the town voted no license last spring.

DAKOTA.

Persons south of Mandan recently reported the narrow escape of the Government buildings at Fort Yates from prairie fire. Several bodies of Indians on the Sioux reservation which had been buried on raised platforms, as is the custom of the tribe, were burned. The Riverside Ranch Company lost three hundred tons of hay, and a good many settlers lost all their hay and other property.

One hundred women voted at Sioux Falls at the recent election.

A call has been issued for a convention to be held at Aberdeen December 15 for the purpose of petitioning Congress to authorize the holding of a convention to frame a constitution for a State embracing the whole Territory.

Sitting Bull and a number of his people, who had been on a visit to Cheyenne agency, were in Pierre a few days ago. Sitting Bull said he was sorry that the Crow outbreak had occurred, and that he was tired of war and would advise his younger people to remain upon the agency.

Banker E. E. Eddy, of Fargo, has been appointed Deputy Territorial Treasurer with reference to the seizure of the Northern Pacific engines for unpaid taxes.

The site has been purchased for a new Catholic church at Rapid City.

The announcement of the marriage of Chief Justice Bartlett Tripp, of Yankton, and Mrs. Jennie Washburn, at St. Paul the other day, created quite a sensation, as their most intimate friends knew nothing of their engagement.

Chicago parties are to erect an opera-house at Fargo.

Mayor M. H. Rowley is reported to have been appointed register of the land office at Mitchell. He is president of the Security Bank and one of the oldest residents of the city.

In Emmons County Thomas Parks raised this year two hundred bushels of potatoes on half an acre of ground.

Within the past month or two a number of samples of ore have been brought in from the southern mining districts of the hills which are claimed to be tellurium. Prof. Hill, the noted proprietor of the Argo (Col.) reduction works, has examined samples of ore from a mine a short distance from Custer, and unhesitatingly declares them a combination of tellurium, gold and silver.

The extension of the railroad from Rapid City to Sturgis City is now in operation. The mule team and stage coach are now no longer a feature of Rapid City life.

The new memorial hall of Phil Kedney Post, G. A. R., at Yankton, was dedicated the other evening.

The vote of Fargo at the last election, the largest town in North Dakota, was 1,283. The vote of Sioux Falls, the largest town in Southern Dakota, was 1,198.

Judge Edgerton, of Mitchell, has been invited to represent Dakota on the committee which goes to Washington in December to secure the Republican National convention for Minneapolis.

PERSONAL AND LITERARY.

—It is said that Colonel Cody's share of the profits of the American Exposition in London consisted of £70,000 and a position in "society."

—John B. Stetson, the Philadelphia hatter, employs 800 men, women and children, and has a Sunday-school of 1,600 scholars in connection with his factory. The chapel where the school meets cost \$40,000.

—Among the recent graduates of the Women's Medical College in New York City is Kin Yamei, a Chinese girl, who had taken the highest position in the class. She is an accomplished scholar, able to converse and write accurately in five languages.—*Public Opinion.*

—Mrs. Robert T. Lincoln keeps a scrap-book for little Abe Lincoln, in which she preserves all the newspaper paragraphs of her illustrious father-in-law. It is her intention to make an historian of her little son and have Abraham Lincoln the subject of his first work.

—James Russell Lowell has purchased for a summer residence an abandoned little red house on a decayed farm at Ashfield, Mass., where he has a magnificent view of that mountainous country. He has no near neighbors, but in a distant part of the town are George William Curtis and Prof. Charles Eliot Norton, the author of the last life of Thomas Carlyle—two congenial friends.

—The death of Elihu B. Washburne removes one of the most conspicuous links that bound the present with the memorable achievements of field and forum of a quarter of a century ago. He was a man of special mark even among the distinguished men who participated in the political struggles which culminated in our civil war and in the equally momentous struggles which attended and followed the war.—*Philadelphia Times.*

—It is rather early in the day to make predictions, but some of our old novel readers feel confident that the popularity of the Russian story writers is only a passing fancy in this country. The next generation may be as indifferent to the writings of Tolstoi and his fellow-countrymen as the people of the present day are to the masterpieces of Bremer and Muhlbach. Literature has its fashions, and there is no telling what will be in vogue the day after to-morrow.—*Atlanta Constitution.*

—Joe Andrews, the San Francisco diamond collector, wears a \$15,000 cluster of diamonds on his necktie, surrounding a \$15,000 opal. He wears a \$15,000 single diamond on his finger, and in his pocket he carries the finest opal in the world, for which he has refused \$15,000. Those who know him never charge him with vulgarity in the display of his jewels. He is the only man in California who, when in official position, was known to return an unused appropriation to the treasury, amounting, when he was commissioner at New Orleans, to \$10,000.

HUMOROUS.

—Browne says that he would enjoy playing solitaire more if he could tell whether it was he or the other fellow that got beat.—*Washington Critic.*

—Wanted—Situation, to wind up an eight-day clock; can use either right or left hand. Address "Tired," this office.—*Toledo Commercial.*

—"Shall I have your hand?" said Edward to Angeline, as a dance was about to begin. "Yes, with all my heart," answered Angeline.—*N. Y. Ledger.*

—"Wait a minute," said a metaphysical professor to his son, "I want to explain to you just what mind is." "Oh, it's no matter!" responded the son, as he went out of the door.—*N. Y. Ledger.*

—"John," said Miss Oldgirl, scribbling artlessly, "see, if you were to strike out one letter from your affairs, they would become 'our' affairs." But John wouldn't let 'er.—*Boston Commonwealth.*

—"Don't worry, John," said the wife of a writer of current humor, while he was wrestling with the stove-pipe, "you can go down to the office and write all about it and make people laugh, you know."—*Merchant Traveler.*

—A newly-married lady, who was telling another how nicely her husband could write, exclaimed: "Oh, you should see some of his love-letters!" "Yes, I know," was the freezing reply. "I've got ever so many of them in my desk."—*N. Y. Ledger.*

—Bridget—"Will yez have your dinner now, sorr, or wait for the missus?" Head of the House—"Where is your mistress, Bridget?" Bridget—"There's an auction beynt the corner, sorr, an' she said she'd stop there far a minnit." Head of the House—"Have dinner now, Bridget."—*N. Y. Sun.*

—(K)nightly Encouragement.—It poured for weeks together, 'Twas the dolefullest of weather, Yet in her eyes there beamed a happy light; And I pondered well the reason Of her smiles in such a season. Till she said: "I see a rain-beau every night!"—*Harper's Bazar.*

SCHOOL AND CHURCH.

—The person who holds spite must believe in a queer God.

—The present membership of the Universalist denomination in the United States is only thirty-six thousand two hundred and ninety-seven.

—There are in China eight hundred and eighty missionaries, of whom four hundred and fifty-eight are women and four hundred and thirty-one men.

—A teacher having asked his class to write an essay on "The Results of Laziness," a certain bright youth handed in as his composition a blank sheet of paper.—*Actualities.*

—The teaching of cooking has been introduced in Public School 15, New York. After the dishes cooked shall have passed examination they will be sent to the Newsboys' Home.

—A lady has left £50 apiece to six curates of the Church of England who have four children and whose incomes do not exceed £100 a year. The executors have been given twelve months to choose the legatees.

—In the recently published education report of the English Government it is recommended that in planning school-houses the arrangement should be such as to admit the light over the left shoulders of the scholars.

—Consul-General Cardwell, of Cairo, Egypt, in a report to the Department of State, calls special attention to the successful labors of American missionaries in the valley of the Nile. Nearly 6,000 native pupils are in attendance at the schools that have been established.

—There is such a thing as talking away all sense of feeling, and the talker, amid his expressions of abject sorrow for past sins, is in truth gratifying his vanity by making himself the hero of his foul story. The outstandingly wicked man, when reclaimed by God's mercy, ought to walk softly and speak mildly.—*Bishop Fallows.*

—One of our exchanges says that when Mr. Moody was in London a number of young men were commissioned to follow up the converts to see that they remained true to their professions. They did so. Two of the committee were at the Bible-school and said they got the names of forty-five thousand converts made in London.—*Indianapolis Journal.*

—At a meeting in Philadelphia of the missionary council of the Protestant Episcopal Church reports showed receipts as follows: Legacies, \$29,170.42; other sources, \$285,794.96; special, \$69,778.19; enrollment fund, \$17,696.95; total, \$402,440.52, a decrease of \$17,328.45. The contributing congregations numbered 2,200, against 2,376 last year.—*Public Opinion.*

PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

Their Number in the United States Said to Be 648.

The principal public librarians of the United States assembled recently to confer and compare notes with each other. Many valuable and instructive papers were read, and public attention was called to the condition of our free libraries by the reports which were made. It is interesting to know that, every year, new free public libraries are being established in different places through the country. It is only a little more than thirty years since the idea of having such libraries, to which all the people might, without paying any thing, have free access, took practical form.

The first free public library in the United States was that at Boston, which is now one of the largest and most valuable collection of books and periodicals in the land. The example thus set by Boston has been followed by many cities and towns, especially in New England. Some of the towns have erected expensive and handsome buildings for their libraries, as if proud of them. The total number of public libraries in the United States is said to be six hundred and forty-eight.

These libraries have been established in two ways. They are supported either from generous endowments made for the purpose by rich and public-spirited private citizens, or they are carried on by sums voted yearly in their behalf by the city or town governments. Sometimes they derive their support from both sources. To most of the public libraries, too, reading-rooms are attached, to which free access is given, where young and old may sit and peruse the periodicals and magazines. The benefit conferred upon a community by a free public library can scarcely be overestimated.

"Reading," says Lord Bacon, "maketh a full man." The libraries, as a means of general education, are scarcely less important than the schools. The books on their shelves are generally carefully selected, so that the young who resort to them do not often fall into the danger of reading injurious literature; yet they afford a great variety, both for instruction and for amusement. It is to be hoped that public libraries will rapidly increase throughout the country, and that in time no American city or town will be without one.—*Youth's Companion.*