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The Farmers Leader

BY ARTHUR LINN.

The prospectus of the North American Review for 1895, will be found in this issue of the LEADER. The Review is the Literary Giant of American magazines and the searcher after the best thoughts of eminent writers will find the Review the chief reflector. It is the recognized mouthpiece of the representative men and women of the age.

This year of our Lord, 1894, witnessed one of the greatest acts of inhuman cruelty recorded during the century. Over 10,000 Armenian Christians in the eastern part of the Turkish Empire were shot down like wild beasts because of their preference for christian religion, and the great European powers wonder at the report, and nothing will be done to the brutal Turks. Think of this under 1900 years of Christ's reign upon earth.

The Rev. Wilbur, in a recent number of the News, is reported as saying that he did not get enough out of the populists to pay his way out of the county. Mr. Wilbur has no one to blame but himself for this. He was not engaged to do any work in Lincoln county by the committee, because he is regarded as altogether too wild in his language and not such an educator as a genuine reform movement needs. Mr. Wilbur's meetings in this county, wherever he spoke, were held on his own responsibility and for gain. "He was stumping on his own hook," and the central committee had no knowledge of his whereabouts until a few days before election when he left for Sioux Falls.

The Wilson-Moulton trial, or the State vs. Wilson, has demonstrated that States Attorney Rudolph is a fighter, and although he failed to convict Wilson a second time, the failure comes not from a lack of determination to do his duty. The surroundings at the Falls was against him, or would be against any man for that matter who sought to prosecute a man the second time after he had received considerable punishment, under the first conviction. Judge Palmer admitted in his address that the prosecution had proved everything alleged. No lawyer in the country could have secured a conviction with the jury which the state had to accept. Mr. Rudolph is entitled to merited praise for the able and consistent work done in behalf of the state.

It would seem from developments that those who desire to commit crime, or may be charged with offenses against the law, have learned that it is pretty safe to commit an offense at Sioux Falls, or go there to escape the clutches of the law. Fisher got away from the law's embrace at Sioux Falls, and the Rev. Wilson went there to secure the same end, and he secured it. The Sioux Falls juries are great admirers of the principles of freedom, it matters not how much need there might be for a little justice thrown in. The jury piled up before States Attorney Rudolph in the Wilson case meant acquittal or a disagreement, before the case was tried, and the state was powerless to prevent it. Wilson's imprisonment and the punishment he had already received, went a good way towards securing sympathy from the jury, and finally acquittal. One old soldier on the jury, after voting for acquittal, refused to shake the proffered hand of the defendant, a fact that goes to prove what his opinion of the man was, though he voted to free him. One jury in Lincoln county voted the man guilty, another jury in Sioux Falls said he was not guilty, or if guilty, had been punished enough. Judge Palmer and Judge Gifford had every advantage over the state in the trial, yet with all this the jury stood 6 to 6 on the first ballot. The attorneys for the defense made a powerful effort to save their client from the open doors of the pen, and it is safe to say that Judge Gifford and Judge Palmer did heroic work, and it is also admitted that States Attorney Rudolph presented the case to the jury so clear and so strong that he received compliments from all sides including the court and the opposition attorneys. Now that the case is settled so far as the main charge goes, the public can continue to try it just as long as there is any doubt or difference of opinion.

The readers of the LEADER will note a new advertisement of the Chicago Times in this issue, which can be read with profit by those seeking a thoroughly independent metropolitan daily. The Chicago Times under the new management stands close to the people and may be safely regarded as a champion of the people's rights as against grinding monopoly.

The Sioux Falls papers seem disposed to accord the greater share of victory in the Wilson-Moulton trial to the towering genius of Judge Palmer. The LEADER has no desire to withhold from Judge Palmer one particle of the honor earned by that brilliant gentleman in the case, for it is admitted that Judge Palmer is an able advocate, but justice to Judge Gifford demands from us a duty to award honor to whom honor is due, which the Sioux Falls papers seem disposed to overlook because Judge Gifford happens to reside in Canton. Those who are familiar with the facts and the foundation plans of this hard fought battle, must accord to Judge Gifford the largest share of the praise due to final victory. From the beginning Judge Gifford has had the case in charge. After the first trial at Canton, and a battle royal it was, contended inch by inch by the prosecution and the defense, and Wilson was sent to the pen, Judge Gifford determined to secure a new trial for his client, and he prepared the evidence and the brief and carried the case to the supreme court, where Judge Palmer appeared and argued the case on the facts presented by Judge Gifford. A new trial was granted and Wilson was released on bail, and the result of the trial last week at Sioux Falls was in the largest degree due to Judge Gifford's solid determination to clear his client, and he did it with the assistance of Judge Palmer. This awarding honor and praise to Judge Gifford, justly earned by him, is demanded on the part of the LEADER, who loves fair play, because of the overweighing desire of the Sioux Falls press to claim every able lawyer in the circuit. The LEADER asks nothing but justice towards the bar of Canton. Canton has not as many lawyers as Sioux Falls, but it has lawyers who are second to none in the state, when it comes to genuine legal ability and sterling qualities of manhood. Take Judge Shannon Aikens & Brown, Judge Kennedy, States Attorney Rudolph, and Judge Gifford, and where will you find their superiors in the entire state. Then there is Judge Steiner, present county Judge, who is not in active practice because of his office, and he is recognized as possessing one of the best legal minds in the state. The bar of Canton stands preeminent for ability and integrity.

Wedding Presents.

In the notice of the marriage of George Brynjulson in last week's paper, no list of presents was published as the list had not been handed in. This week we publish the list in full which indicates that George and his bride had many friends. Here is the list:

The following named persons gave \$5.00 each: Charles Christopher, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Strand, Steensland Bros., Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Noid, John Christopher, Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Strand; Hans Peterson gave \$4.00; the following named gave \$3.00 each: Mr. and Mrs. E. Fossum, Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Helgeson, Neri Thorstenson, P. Fossum, Thoriel Thorstenson; the following named gave \$2.00 each: Nils H. Nilson, Keler Reterson, Andrew Fossum, Ed. Christensen, Bert Thompson, Oscar Thorland, Thorsten Holter, Ole Thorstenson, Sam Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Anderson, Henry Arneson, Osmund Hustel, Mr. and Mrs. Anders Pederson, Mr. and Mrs. H. Brynjulson, Olaf Lorensen, Mr. and Mrs. P. Brynjulson, Mrs. M. Hanson, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. John Walquist, Christ Sandvig, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Hanson; the following gave \$1.00 each: Victor Walquist, Hans Hanson, Mr. and Mrs. Nils Strand, Charl Ovre, Otto Brigel, Miss Clara Anderson, Hans Ovre, Gena Sorenson; the following gave 50 cents each: Clara Ovre, Stephen Ovre, Miss Bell Larson, rocking chair toy; Miss Marie Larson, Mins Miss Gaud H. Moon, pair towels; Mrs. Larson, table cloth; M. Syverad and wife, M. O. Mekkelson and wife, Miss Annie Iverson and Geo. Thnglum, silver tea set; Marlin, Annie and Elise Haller, silver syrup pitcher; T. Jones and wife, and Miss Auste Berg, silver tea pot; Miss Emilie Syverad, silver card receiver; J. E. Holter and wife, water set; Lauris and Boie Olsen, plush album; Henry and Clara Hanson, plush album; Miss Hetsey Thorstenson, table cloth; Hetsey Thorson, pair towels; Christ, Strand and wife, bed spread; Jno Jackson, table spread and pair towels; Miss Caroline Enstad, table cloth.

Southern Home Seekers.

If you think of going South to Tennessee or other southern states in quest of homes, you had better see CHAS. E. GOKTZ, Canton.

Additional Local.

Charles Hanson and James Miller have moved away from Lincoln county.

There is to be a big camp fire next Tuesday evening. There will be lots of fun and plenty to eat.

John Munger called last Saturday and left a big silver dollar for the LEADER which goes to Madison to his father.

Rev. V. B. Conklin will preach in the Baptist church next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. All are cordially invited.

Wilson and Mrs. Ostrander were visitors Tuesday. Wilson says he has no love for liars, not even a political galoot who fails to tell the truth. Mr. Ostrander is one of the squarest men in this county, and a populist from principle, and an old veteran at that.

About 16 members of the Canton Grieg society accompanied by Prof. Indseth of Hudson, left Wednesday morning for Hills, Minnesota, where they were to give a grand concert in the evening. John Sandven furnished transportation. A number of friends accompanied the Griegs.

A. H. Ekle of Norway, was a welcome visitor last Friday. Mr. Ekle is a close reader of the LEADER and a reformer from principle.

Dr. Noid has about completed all necessary decorations and improvements in his palace drug store. His beautiful prescription case is now complete on the inside. A piece of matting runs the full length of the floor which is a decided improvement over the oiled floor so far as noise goes. Dr. Noid is now prepared for business and he is worthy of his full share.

The body of the Rev. Crogness who died recently in Iowa, was received at the Beloit depot Wednesday from the train and taken to the cemetery and buried alongside of his wife who was placed there several years ago. Rev. Crogness was among those who celebrated Norwegian Independence day at O. E. Herge's last May. He was a learned and able christian advocate and earned a high position among defenders of christianity.

H. E. Thormodsgaard of Norway township, son of E. O. Thormodsgaard, was a welcome visitor last Friday. He gave a graphic account of the Beresford fire, and described the heroic struggle of over two hundred persons carrying water to keep the tank supplied out of which the engines pumped. His father has a fine half section farm and about 200 pigs on hand. Some 20 acres of Mr. Thormodsgaard's corn went 50 bushels to the acre this year.

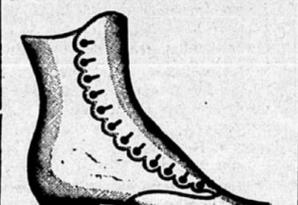
Iver Nelson of Eden township, the newly elected county commissioner for the first district, was among our visitors Monday. Mr. Nelson is well known in Canton by all the old timers, though for several years he has not been a frequent visitor here. He owns a fine farm three miles west of Hudson, and is one of the most industrious young men in the county. Mr. Nelson will make a good commissioner, because he is fair, straightforward and prompt in business affairs. Mr. Carlson, the retiring commissioner, and at present chairman of the board, is recognized as a careful, reliable and thorough business man, pleasant and agreeable as an officer. Mr. Carlson has made many friends during his three years service on the board, and his colleagues have always found him prompt in the discharge of duty.

In speaking of old fashioned blizzards the other day, E. W. Norton and A. J. Westbury compared notes in this office. Friend Norton spoke of one howler in particular which opened up on January 7th, 1873. He said that Jim Shanley, N. C. Nash and himself were down getting timber near old Billy Newton's when the storm began. Ed struck for cover first and was soon followed by the others. Their principle occupation for three days and nights was keeping up a big fire.

A. J. Westbury then spoke of his first experience with a blizzard. It occurred while he was on a visit to Wilson Ostrander in 1873. He had attended a grand dance given by Tom Leavitt near Worthing, and Gard Leavitt was also entertaining a dancing party the same evening. Mr. Westbury had got back to Mr. Ostrander's and some time before daylight he heard a roar and howling wind and he got up and looked out, but there was nothing to see but the blizzard. It was his first experience with those old time prairie howlers, and he remembers it. Three days and nights the storm raged.

Many modest citizens attended the minstrel show Monday night, and many modest citizens are wondering why they went and why they stayed through the conglomeration of coarse jest and vulgar fun. The house was packed, we learn, and wherefore do we moralize on the sins that surround us.

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Subjects that concern the interests of AMERICAN WOMEN Receive constant and special attention. Among topics recently discussed are: "Women suffrage in practice;" "The renascence of women;" "Women in politics;" "The new aspect of the woman question;" "The modern girl;" by the author of "The Heavenly Twins;" "The future of marriage;" "Evils of early marriages;" "The servant girl of the future;" "The financial dependence of women;" "Trades-unions for women;" "The lack of good servants;" "American life and physical deterioration;" "God and bad mothers;" "The tyranny of the kitchen;" "The amateur nurse;" "Mrs. Twain's defense of Harriet Shelley," etc., etc.

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