

### Specimen Blue Laws.

A General History of Connecticut was issued in England in 1781. The author was compelled to flee from Connecticut on account of his opposition to the Blue Laws. He sent a number of copies of it to Connecticut, but its truthfulness was so unpalatable to the Connecticuters they collected the copies and had them burned by the public hangman. But truth has an ugly habit of rising again even when burned to ashes. In March last a copy of the original work was sold at auction for one hundred and fifteen dollars. The work is now reprinted by the Appletons, with notes and additions substantiating the author's statement. The following are some Blue laws pilloried in the book:

"No food or lodging shall be afforded to a Quaker, Adamite or other Heretic."

"If any person turns Quaker, he shall be banished, and not suffered to return upon pain of death."

"No priest shall abide in the dominion; he shall be banished and suffer death on his return. Priests may be seized by anyone without a warrant."

"No one shall read common-prayer, keep Christmas or Saints-days, make minced pies, dance, play cards or play on any instrument of music except the drum, trumpet and Jewsharp."

"No one shall run on the Sabbath day, or walk in his garden or elsewhere except reverently to and from meeting."

"No one shall travel, cook victuals, make beds, sweep house, cut hair or shave on the Sabbath-day."

"No woman shall kiss her child on the Sabbath or fasting-day."

"No man shall court a maid in person or by letter, without first obtaining consent of her parents: £5 penalty for the first offence; £10 for the second; and, for the third, imprisonment during the pleasure of the court."—Peters' History of Connecticut.

### Shocking if True.

In the Rush City Post, of August 10th, appears the following article under the heading of "A Horrible Murder." We hope the two medical gentlemen are misrepresented, and that they can clear themselves; but if the facts are as the Post's correspondent represents them to be, then, in the name of outraged humanity let the Isanti county authorities investigate the matter at once. This affair demands a thorough and impartial investigation; we await the action of the Isanti county authorities before commenting further.

Here is the article:

"STARK, Aug. 2.

"Saturday, July 28th, having occasion to go over into Isanti county, that part generally known as the Dall settlement, we learned from several parties that a young married lady, on the eve of confinement had been relentlessly butchered. I went directly to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Smith, and Henry Johnson, husband of the deceased, and learned from them the particulars of the sad affair, which are as follows: Saturday evening, July 21st, Mrs. Annie Johnson was taken sick, when Dr. Lee, of Cambridge, was immediately sent for and arrived at 11 o'clock p. m., the same evening. The work of nature not being instantaneous, the Rev. Doctor proceeds to force the matter in which he succeeded so far as to tear both arms from the yet unborn child. The heart-rending shrieks and prayers for mercy and life from the suffering woman were unheeded, and when her husband came weeping to the bedside, he was told by Lee that he knew nothing about such business, and driven from the room. Lee not having succeeded in his hellish work by Sunday afternoon, sent for Dr. DeCousen, of Cambridge, who, under the direction of Lee, administered chloroform, and then the knife was taken to finish the work, opening Mrs. Johnson on the left side of the abdomen, severing veins, and causing the blood to spatter the walls of the room several feet distant. The suffering woman lingered till early Monday morning, and then and not till then, was her husband allowed to see or speak to her, was not allowed to hear one parting word from the lips of her loved one well. But when they had accomplished their inhuman work they invited him in and delivered up to him the mangled corpse of his wife and yet unborn infant. Thus in the short space of two days a happy family is broken up by a pretentious, inhuman and unmerciful fiend. Shall our county be disgraced and dishonored by letting such a deliberate murderer go free."

"The lady was twenty-five years of age, and had one child before."

### "There's music in the air."

There's nothing like it—being on good terms or in love with the—

Mr. S. M. Byers has again gone below after more new goods.

Mrs. Seers, sister to Mrs. H. B. Cowles, left for her home in Rock Island, last week.

The wholesale slaughter of prairie chickens commenced on Wednesday morning at daylight.

Our "pard" and Mell Applegate will soon be back with the boys again; then we hope base ball will loom up.

Lumber—Mr. R. D. Byers has 26,000 feet of well-seasoned pine lumber which he offers for sale.

Some evil-disposed person poisoned Mr. Sam Ross's dog "Carlo," on Saturday night.

Mr. Isaac Gillespie objects to having a road run through his farm, because he thinks such a road besides being detrimental to his interests is unnecessary.

The Messrs. Ross Bros. finished building a new granary for Mr. Asa Love, of Baldwin, on Saturday. Building new granaries is a sure sign of increasing prosperity.

In the Davis estate matter, before the Probate Court, on Tuesday, a ten days' adjournment was asked for by the attorney for the estate, owing to the absence of Col. Kerr. The adjournment was granted.

Mr. P. H. Towsley, of the Commercial House, Minneapolis, was at the American House Monday night, and went back again Tuesday morning.

Chickens come home to roost—and if our information is correct, a certain young gentleman will roost in the "jug" shortly. Take our advice and "git."

Mr. M. V. B. Cater says his oats will weigh 47 lbs to the bushel this year—that is about 10 lbs more than the average in years past.

Mr. Williams, special agent of the Post Office department, was in Princeton on Monday evening, on official business connected with the department.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Cowles returned on Wednesday from below on Wednesday; they have been visiting at Minneapolis, St. Paul, Lake Minnetonka and vicinity for a week past.

A broad smile illuminates the countenance of Mr. W. A. Trask now-a-days; he feels good about the addition of a baby boy to his family, last Saturday night.

One of Mr. Tom Gillespie's little twin babies died last Saturday. The funeral took place on Sunday; services were held in the Methodist Church, where quite a large crowd were congregated; the remains were deposited in the West Branch cemetery.

Mr. Story, a young lawyer of the firm of Taylor & Storey, St. Cloud, has been in town investigating tax title pine lands for the past few days. He left for St. Cloud this morning. Mr. Story is a clever and sociable young gentleman.

Mr. N. G. Orton, of Greenbush, informs us that wheat on the West Branch will average 35 bushels to the acre; the oats are simply immense, in some fields the straw will average 8 feet high and well-headed in proportion.

Mr. F. Woodbury has re-opened his shop, and is now prepared to attend promptly to all work entrusted to his charge. Mr. W. intends to sell out his shop at Benson and remain here permanently; he has great faith in the future of Princeton. See card in another column.

It is neither nice nor proper to see an old hoary-headed man, with one foot already in the grave, go around intermeddling in other folk's business, talking scandal and gossiping about his neighbors. If the individual referred to attended to his own affairs and not take so much interest in other peoples' he will have all he can attend to.

The threshing machines were thick around here Monday; three of them within a few rods of each other; Foster Bros. & Libby's Minnesota Chief was at Will Townsend's; Ford & Goulding's was at Frank Campbell's, threshing for Jonas Hill; and J. P. Cater's was at J. L. Cater's. William Cravens kept the "Chief" busy on Wednesday and Thursday threshing his grain. The yield in all cases, more than fulfils the most sanguine expectations.

Hans Lung arrived home from the Big Horn, on Saturday. Hans went out with the government fort, building expedition to the Yellowstone, but he did not like the country nor the work he was compelled to do. It took the expedition ten weeks to get from St. Paul to their destination.

The labor of Mannie Cowles in battenning Whitney's high board fence has come to naught, as Ben has ruthlessly sawed down said fence to the height of four feet. The boys expect high old times now.

A party named McAllister, who hails from St. Paul, has been "pot-hunting" in this vicinity since the morning of the 15th, with indifferent success. He has been closely followed by a detail of the Princeton Game Club who have endeavored to make it warm for the old fellow.

Jack Stanley is in trouble again; on Monday, he came to County Attorney Ress and wanted a warrant issued for Frank Adams, whom he accused of "way-laying him, and threatening to take his life, etc." Mr. Ross told Jack to go to Justice Keith; Stanley related his grievances to that dignitary, but it was no use, Mr. Keith failed to see any good reason why he should issue a warrant, thereby putting the county to a useless expense, for he conjectured that there was not much foundation for the charges. Stanley was bound to have Adams arrested anyway, so he went before Justice Cline—a newly-fledged J. P.—and told his story; Cline issued a warrant, and Sheriff Dickson arrested Adams and brought him before the honorable Justice on Tuesday. Mr. Newel Ross acted as counsel for Adams, and advised him to swear the case away from Cline, which defendant did. Cline made out the papers for the of venue, but neglected to turn the prisoner over to the Sheriff. Justice Scott Justice had got his stack of law books all ready—but they say some of them were hotel day books—and made every preparation to try the case, but Adams, acting upon the advice of his counsel, "lit out," and then there was nobody to try. Cline feels pretty cheap over the manner in which the prisoner gave "leg bail." In the first place, so far as we can learn, there were no grounds for issuing the warrant. Its all very well, but these farce trials cost the county something, when a paper is put in the hands of the Sheriff by a Justice of the Peace it is the duty of that officer to see that such paper is duly served, and he should have his pay for so doing, but a Justice should exercise some discretion and not make needless costs for the county.

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### Summons.

State of Minnesota, County of Mille Lacs, ss. The State of Minnesota to J. B. Gibbs, defendant. You are hereby summoned and required to be and appear before the undersigned, one of the Justices of the Peace in and for said County, on the first day of September, A. D. 1877, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day, at my office in the Village of Princeton in said County, to answer to Andrew J. Cater in a civil action; should you fail to appear at the time and place aforesaid, judgment will be rendered against you upon the evidence adduced by said Andrew J. Cater for such sum as he shall show himself entitled to. Given under my hand, this 8th day of August A. D. 1877. CHARLES KEITH, Justice of the Peace.

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