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"God save us from our friends."

The prayers of the wicked availeth nothing; but Oh! Lord give us snow.

KATE NOONAN is acquitted. The jury brought in a verdict of "not guilty, on the grounds of insanity."

"The interests of Sherburne and Mille Lacs counties are identical." Very well, it is to the interest of Mille Lacs county to have a railroad connection with Anoka.

The principal of any aid extended to the Princeton & Anoka Railroad will not have to be paid until twenty years hence, by that time this section of country will have quadrupled in wealth and population.

There is a would-be lawyer around buying up soldier's claims for a ridiculously small sum per acre. Gentlemen, hold on to your lands, or do not dispose of them for less than \$3 per acre; you can get \$3 50, so we learn from the clerk of court.

SUNDAY'S Pioneer-Press contained an extra supplement of four pages of solid reading matter. The P.-P. as a newspaper is second to none in the West, and for the people of Minnesota it is the best in the United States.

We have received "The Western Farmer's Almanac" from the publisher, John P. Morton & Co., Louisville; several premiums are offered to country editors for the two best consecutive puffings of the almanac. The editor who could consistently puff the publication might be an honorable but not a very conscientious man.

FARMERS of Mille Lacs county and farmers of Baldwin and Bluehill, you are the ones most interested in a railroad, for most emphatically it will benefit you twice as much as it will the traders of Princeton. Of course, a railroad would benefit Princeton but not near so much as the farmers of the surrounding country.

If a railroad from Princeton to Elk River would have been a good thing for the people of the north eastern portion of Sherburne and Mille Lacs county, will the Elk River Star please inform us what great evil would result to this section by making Anoka the terminus instead of the little one horse dead town of Elk River?

THERE can be no swindle in any way shape or manner in connection with the voting of bonds to help build the railroad, the law is plain and the proposition is according to the strict letter of the law. Remember, that for every bond voted by any town or county, said town or county receives an amount of stock equivalent to the bonds voted. For instance, the town of Baldwin vote \$4,000 in bonds the supervisors of that town shall receive shares of stock in said railroad to the amount of \$4,000.

HON. C. H. CHADBOURNE, of Baldwin, one of the largest land owners and heaviest tax payers in Sherburne county, is a firm believer in the Princeton & Anoka Railroad. Farmers of Bluehill and Baldwin, do you think such a man as Mr. Chadbourne would be in favor of a railroad or in favor of voting bonds if he thought it would be an injury to him? We also have learned that Messrs. Hen. Shaw, Ike Young, E. B. Carpenter, Albert Town send, A. J. Barrett, Asa Love, R. B. McArthur, and John Rodgers, all leading farmers of these towns are of the same opinion as Mr. Chadbourne; but of course, the Hon. H. M. Atkins, is more interested in these towns; than the gentlemen we have mentioned!

The following from the Isanti County Press, is manly and outspoken; the Press does not fly into hysterics because Cambridge is not made an objection point on the proposed railroad, but takes an intelligent philosophical view of the case, and thinks that Spencer Brook is in luck:

"The Anoka and Princeton papers are discussing, both editorially and by correspondents the proposed narrow gauge railroad from Anoka to Princeton. Should it take a nearly straight course, about a section from the south west corner be sliced off, and St. Francis would grow out of her boots in two years becoming the market for two thirds of Isanti county. By striking Spencer Brook, however, as the scheme now proposes, our market would naturally be there and we would want to speculate in their town lots, for it could hardly help being the commercial centre of the county."

The year of 1877 has almost drawn to a close, we are not a Joshua, and cannot stay old Father Time in his course, so with this number—while the year is dying—the UNION enters upon its second volume. We return our sincere thanks to our many kind friends who have enabled us to weather the gale of their substantial sympathy and support. We have improved the UNION some during the past year and shall keep on improving and before half the present volume is completed, if we meet with sufficient encouragement, the UNION will be enlarged to a seven column paper. To the people of Princeton are we deeply indebted, for to them we owe everything; our farmer friends have also done well by us. We shall labor in the future, as in the past, to promote the interests of our section, for this is our home and here we intend to remain. Wishing each and all of our readers a happy New Year we are, &c.

Well 1877. Each and all of our readers a happy new year.

Letter from Spencer Brook, received too late for publication.

Mr. G. Clough, is the happy man; he is the father of a big boy.

Christmas has come and gone and still we are not happy."

The jingle of the sleigh bells would be sweet sounding music to the ear.

Don't forget the Granger's hop on Tuesday night. All are welcome.

Oh for the clear frosty nights when earth will again be mantled in robes of whiteness.

Granger's dance on New Year's evening, in their hall across the river. Tickets only 50 cents.

The Clough Bro's had 500,000 feet of logs banked, last Saturday. They are ahead so far as heard from.

A letter from "One of the Boys," in the woods was received too late for publication. Write us again.

Mr. Alexander Martin, of Cambridge, a former resident of Princeton, lost a three year old child on Wednesday.

Mr. Densmore is to sever his connection with the coffee and spice house of Granger & Hodge, St. Paul, after the 1st of January. Mr. Densmore was popular with the business men of Princeton and sold lots of goods for his house.

Boys, its a nasty habit to squirt tobacco juice on the floor of a hall where ladies are dancing.

Several of the boys came down from the woods to attend the dance on Christmas evening; Ed. Cilley says he had to swim part of the way.

Ye editor desires to express his thanks to the friends who so kindly remembered him on the Christmas tree, Monday night.

Dr. E. C. Gile has done and is doing more to make the railroad project a success than any other man in Princeton; yes—or Anoka either.

Any one wanting saws gumed or filed can get done cheap and expeditiously at my shop, opposite Charley Rines' store. F. WOODBURY.

A. R. Tobey is making pictures cheaper than ever before; two beautiful phototypes for 40 cents; photographs, the very best, \$2 50 per dozen.

What will \$3,000 or \$4,000 amount to in a rich town like Baldwin 20 years from now when the population and wealth will have quadrupled!

Mr. A. J. Barrett of Baldwin sowed an acre of wheat on last Monday. Sowing wheat in Minnesota on the 24th of December. Just make a note of that.

Farmers, supposing your wheat was worth from 10 to 20 cents more in the Princeton market than it is at present: wouldn't you like it? A railroad will make it so.

Several gentlemen were actively interesting themselves on Monday, in behalf of the P. & A. R. R. That's right gentlemen, you are following the UNION's advice to pitch in.

Those of our merchants who had a large stock of fresh meat on hand were compelled to cut it up and salt; H. B. Cowles and C. H. Rines barreled up 6,000 lbs each on Monday.

Several gentlemen have called and made us happy during the past week by calling in and paying their subscriptions. Thanks gents, you are the kind of men a printer likes to see.

And still another marriage, this time it is Mr. Jerry S. Gatchell and Miss Clara Judkins. The happy event occurred at Mr. Boober's house, in Baldwin, on Christmas day, Judge Keith, of Princeton officiating. Success to the young couple and may the future have much happiness in store for them.

The families of Mr. S. M. Byers and Mr. F. M. Campbell had a Christmas tree at the American House on Christmas eve. The tree was ornamented with some beautiful and costly presents, some of them very pretty and unique. A splendid supper, and delightful music by Miss Day, wound up the evening's enjoyments.

The people of Spencer Brook and vicinity had a Christmas tree and a very pleasant time on Christmas eve.

The hall above Mr. Smith's store was crowded. Mrs. Joseph Ross had her organ present and discoursed sweet music which contributed much towards the enjoyments of the occasion. Mr. Ellingwood acted as Santa Claus and he was "rigged up" in great shape. Mrs. Packard of Wynette, Mrs. Gerry Clough, Mr. Kelly, and Mr. W. H. Shaw of Baldwin, assisted Santa Claus in reading the names and distributing the hundreds of presents with which the tree was literally covered. Mrs. Shaw was the happy recipient of a \$40 American sewing machine, a present from her husband. After the presents had all been distributed a nice picnic supper was had when the merry gathering dispersed to their homes, well pleased with the evening's entertainment.

The Masonic dance on Christmas night, was as we predicted, a success; owing to the condition of the roads, all who attended were from Princeton or immediate vicinity, with the exception of four couples from Spencer Brook. The music by Sidwell's Band was very good, although inferior to

that furnished by Farrington's Band. Between forty-five and fifty couples tripped the "light fantastic." All seemed to enjoy themselves immensely and everything passed off nicely. Messrs. H. Campbell, C. H. Rines, D. A. Caley and J. L. Cater acted as floor committee and general managers, and they performed their respective duties well and faithfully. Among the ladies present we noticed Mrs. D. A. Caley, Mrs. N. E. Jesmer, Mrs. D. H. Murray, Mrs. H. Campbell, Mrs. A. J. Barrett, Mrs. N. A. Ross, Mrs. Judson Clarke, Mrs. J. L. Cater, Mrs. A. F. Howard, Mrs. Moss, Mrs. Frazier, Mrs. Melvin Tibbets, Mrs. Gilman, Mrs. J. Orton, Mrs. R. D. Byers, Miss Gracie Byers, Miss Ida Babb, Miss Maggie Rines, Miss Rose Tibbets, Misses Abbie and Georgia Gilman, Miss Abbie and May Cater, Miss Maggie Byers, Miss Effie Day, Miss Carrie Sadley, Miss Nettie Whitney, Miss May Huse, Miss Jessie Cowles, Miss Young, and Miss Harper. From Spencer Brook, Mrs. W. A. Smith, Miss Lydia Clough, Miss Walker, Miss Shoemaker and Miss Ida Shes-ton.

THE SUPPER.

It is enough to say that the supper was at the American House; every one knows what that means; no end to roast turkey, oysters of gigantic dimensions raw and stewed; cakes and pies, fruit, tea coffee etc. It was the unanimous verdict of all that the supper was "perfectly splendid"

A Letter From the Old Sod.

Tullymuck, Parish of Ballyraggett, April the twentieth, eighteen 70 six.

DEAR NEPHEW: I haven't sint ye a letter since the last time I wrote to ye becase we have moved from former place of livin', an' I didn't know where a letter would find ye; but I now with pleasure take up me pin to inform ye of the death of yer one livin' uncle, Ned Fitzpatrick, who died very suddenly last week, after a lingering illness of six months. The poor fellow was in violent convulsions the whole time of his sickness, lyin' perfectly quiet, speechless, all the while, talkin' incoherently and cryin' for wather. I had no opportunity of informin' ye of his death sooner, except I wrote to ye by the last post wich same wint off two days before he died, and then ye would have postage to pay. I'm at a loss to tell what his death was occasioned by, but I fear it was by his last sickness for he was never well ten days together during the whole of his confinement, and I believe his death was brought about by his attatin' too much of rabbits stuffed with gravy and pais, or pais and gravy stuffed with rabbits, but be that as it may when he breathed his last the doctor gave up all hopes of his recovery. I nedn't tell ye anything about his age for ye will know that in March next he would have been just seventy-five years old lackin' ten months, and had he lived till that time he would have been just six months dead.

His property now devolves to his next of kin which all died some time ago, so that I expect it will be divided between us, and ye know his property which was very large was sold to pay his debts, and remainder he lost at a horse-race, but it was the opinion of every body at the time that he would have won the race if the baste he run against hadn't been too fast for him. I never saw a man in all my life, and the doethers all said so that observed directions or medicine better than he did, he said he would as leave drink bitter as sweet if it had only the same taste, and iposakana as whiskey punch if it would only put him in the same humor for fightin', and ye haven't a livin' relation in the world except meself and yer two cousins who wer kilt in the last war. I will not dwell on the mournful subject any longer, and shall sale me letter with black salin' wax, and put on it yer uncle's coat of arms, so I bog ye not to brake the sale when ye open the letter and don't open it until two or three days after ye receive this; by that time ye will be prepared for the sorrowful tidings.

Yer old sweetheart sinds her love unknownst to you. When Larry Meghee arrives in America ax him for this letter, and if he don't bring it from among the rest, tell him it's the one that spakes about yer unkel's death and saled in black. I remain yer affectionate old grandmother.

BRIDGET O'HOOHAN.

P. S.—Don't write till ye receive this. Direct to the care of Larry O'Hoolahan, late of the town of Tullymuck, Parish of Ballyraggett, near county of Kilkenny, Ireland.