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## STATE NEWS.

OVER one hundred tons of Iowa coal have been delivered at Blue Earth City this fall, at a cost of about \$9 per ton.

HON. J. F. DILLEY, Representative elect from Dakota County, has purchased a livery stable in Chaska, and is about to make that place his home.

HON. A. AMES, of Massachusetts, and U. S. Senator from Mississippi, has been spending a few days in Northfield with his father and brother.

M. S. WILKINSON, of Blue Earth is elected State Senator by 923 majority. Three Republicans and two Democrats were elected to the House. Diamond was elected Sheriff.

On the Circuit Court calendar for La Crosse county there are eight divorce suits. As there are only sixty cases on the calendar, it seems that about one-seventh of the suits are for divorce.—*Winona Republican*.

A CORRESPONDENT of the *Mantorville Express*, from Claremont, Dodge county, says two young men left their home on the 25th ult. to hunt on the lake, and have not been seen since. The boat is also missing.

SWINDLERS of both sexes are reported to be busy in various districts, collecting money from charitable but foolish persons, under pretense of the subscription being in aid of the Memphis and Shreveport sufferers.

HENRY BAGLEY, a well-known and highly respected citizen of Udolpho, while oiling the horse power of a threshing machine, a week ago yesterday, had his right hand caught in the gearing, crushing and completely tearing it away. Dr. Wheat was called, and made an amputation at the wrist.—*Austin Transcript*.

THERE are hundreds of laboring men in this city who have been thrown out of work by the mills shutting down, and who are anxious for work at almost any price. The probabilities are that logging will be dull and wages of choppers low, so that it is to be feared much destitution and suffering will be witnessed here, as elsewhere, this winter.—*Stillwater Messenger*.

MR. A. STUCKEY, of Milton, left on Monday for Switzerland, where he intends to remain about six months, visiting his many friends and relations there. We understand that Mr. Stuckey was appointed by the Governor as immigration agent, and will doubtless be accompanied on his return by a large number that he may induce to leave their native land and seek the broad prairies of Minnesota.—*Mantorville Express*.

THE last Legislature passed an act creating the county of Lincoln, out of the west twenty townships of Lyon county, subject to a vote of the people to be affected thereby. The vote upon this proposition was received by the Secretary of State, last week, by which it appears that the act has been ratified by a large majority, and the county of Lincoln will hereafter appear on the map of the State.

ST. PAUL has about 250 bar-rooms. In these saloons and bar-rooms, there are daily consumed about six barrels of common whisky, two hundred kegs, (quarter barrels,) of lager beer, and two hundred kegs of domestic ale, including that which is bottled. The amount which the purchasers pay for this liquor, by the dram, aggregates \$990,000 a year. For flour, the population of St. Paul pay \$463,000. Moisture is decidedly ahead!

OUR readers will doubtless remember the elopement of Mrs. Howe, of Shakopee, Minn., with J. G. Butterfield. They went to South America, and Mr. Butterfield settled at Valparaiso. Mrs. Howe has become sick of her conduct, has repented, and has written a letter to her husband at Shakopee that she wants to come home. She left a good home, well furnished with comforts and luxuries, a devoted and indulgent husband, and it is no wonder she wishes to

return, but she has taken the path that almost always leads to sorrow and death.—*Winona Republican*.

**SURVEY COMPLETED.**—The Vincent party, which commenced the permanent survey of the Blue Earth City Branch of the Wells Road several weeks since, completed work to Blue Earth City last week. The distance is 27½ miles from Good Thunder. Out of Good Thunder for two miles the work of grading will be pretty heavy, and so will the work within a mile of Blue Earth City. The remainder of the route is comparatively level, and easily graded. The line passes between Jack Lake and Jackson's Lake, and the depot in Shelby will probably be located on sections 14 or 23, a mile or two north of the village.

## LATE NEWS ITEMS.

—The German bank of Louisville, Ky., has filed a petition in the United States court of bankruptcy, asking that the Louisville, Nashville & St. Louis railroad be declared bankrupt. The bank's claim is for \$150,000.

—The smallest dwarf in the world is John M. Lewis, of Ixonia, Jefferson county, Wisconsin, who is eighteen years old, twenty-seven inches high, and weighs twenty-seven pounds.

—Since the abolition of the franking privilege the demand for postage stamps has increased more rapidly than ever before, the number issued during October exceeding the issue of any previous month by about 2,000,000.

—The revenue collections in Minnesota during the year ended June 30, 1873, from tobacco, spirits, fermented liquors, banks, and other sources, amounted in aggregate to the sum of \$241,404.94. Of this sum, spirits contributed \$69,115.47; tobacco, \$38,297.11; fermented liquors, \$95,176.22; and banks, \$8,880.05.

—Ex Congressman Miller says that the honest and legitimate expenses of a member of Congress in Washington for the short session need not and should not be over \$400, and for the long session \$700. Their illegitimate expenses sometimes amount to fabulous sums.

—Nebraska exempts from taxation \$50 of each farmer's assessment during five years for every acre of fruit trees he plants and properly cares for. Thus he is paid in advance for helping himself.

—Gen. Sherman, whose report has been seen, shows that our army, like our navy, is down to twenty-five regiments, and companies of fifty-nine men, the maximum, making less than 15,000 troops in the regular army.

—The Madison (Wis.) *Journal* says: "It is a strange and pleasing sight to see sixteen year old scowls soften and fade from the faces of old democrats as they pass along the streets."

—E. D. Mason, of Richmond, President of the Vermont Dairymen's Association, is happy over the fact that two cheeses he sent to the Vienna Exposition received the highest prize over competitors from the celebrated dairy regions of England and Holland.

## Election News.

THE returns of elections for the Arkansas Legislature shows the following result: Senator—Opposition 11; Republicans 15. House—Opposition 54; Republicans 28. Majority for Opposition on joint ballot, 22.

THE official vote in the Tenth Senatorial district—part of Olmsted county—confirms the statement heretofore made that a tie existed between the rival candidates for the Senate in that district. It now becomes the duty of the Governor to issue an order for a new election, which will be held and conducted in all respects like the general election on the 4th inst. A lively contest will doubtless ensue. The candidates are C. T. Benedict, Republican, and I. M. Westfall, Opposition.

## RED WING AND VICINITY.

LET Patrons remember the Thanksgiving Festival of the Hay Creek Grange P. of H., commencing at 12 M. Thanksgiving Day. There will be an oration, dinner, supper, and a good time generally.

A NEW GRANGE of P. of H. will be organized in Hay Creek in the corner of Featherstone township in this county, next week, and will start with a membership of between thirty and forty.

E. P. LOWATER has just showed us something new in the pencil line. It is a pearl and gold pencil, perfectly round, yet so constructed as to appear eight sided. It is a beauty and just the thing for a Christmas present.

WE call the attention of the city authorities to the fact that the boys have already commenced coasting on the sidewalks. It will be remembered that Mrs. Wright got her arm broken last winter by this same means. The probability is that the city will have to pay for the next leg or arm broken in this way.

MISS JULIA M. THOMAS, State Institute Instructor in Elocution and Vocal Culture, will give an entertainment at Music Hall, Red Wing, Friday evening Nov. 28th, at 7½ P. M., consisting of select reading, humorous, pathetic, and patriotic. This lady comes highly recommended.

E. P. LOWATER has a splendid stock of holiday goods; toys enough to set the little folks wild, beauties of tea sets that will make many a young housekeeper exclaim, "O my stars!" and other fine things that makes one wish, that for the time being, he were a railway contractor or bloated monopolist.

THE MONTHLY REPORT of the Red Wing public schools for the month ending Nov. 21st, 1873:

Whole number enrolled.....	692
Average daily attendance.....	604.8
Whole No. tardinesses.....	145
No. half-days absence.....	999
No. half-days attendance.....	24184
Per cent. of attendance.....	96.0
Per cent. of punctuality.....	99.4
No. of visits.....	42
Tardinesses of teachers.....	1
O. WHITMAN, Superintendent.	

OUR old friend Blakely, of the Chicago *Post*, favored us with a call just before going to press. Mr. Blakely is a live newspaper man, and has a wide awake sparkling paper. He is offering special inducements to subscribers for the *Daily Post* in this State. Mr. David Blakely one of the editors and proprietors, was formerly State Secretary of Minnesota.

THERE's a little deer over on the island opposite Red Wing. For particulars ask Sam Stevens, Barber Fields, Jim Marshall, or W. A. Orser. This piece of vension has already cost five dollars per pound, and it is yet in a state of nature, notwithstanding the efforts of the above named gentlemen, and numerous others to civilize it. We propose to raise an expedition immediately to go and take the critter, dead or alive, and if successful in this great undertaking, we shall then march our forces to Cuba at once. Recruits will report themselves at the office of THE GRANGE ADVANCE without delay. Come ye who long for glory or the grave! That deer has got to be took.

## The Boot and Shoe Pac Business.

*Continued from last issue.*

The firm of O. B. Dodge, of this city, of whom we spoke in our last, commenced the manufacture of pacs on the 16th of last June, and since that time they have manufactured two thousand dozen; they are now making about one hundred dozen per week. They employ forty hands, the different branches of their work giving employment to men, women and children. Six different nationalities are represented among their employees, namely American, Irish, English, Swede, Norwegian, French and German, and among the rest is a German boy who escaped from the wrecked steamship *Atlantic*. The pay roll of the firm, amounts to four hundred dollars per week. This firm occupies one of the very finest business blocks of the city; on the first floor is their fine stock of boots and shoes. The other stories are used for the manufacture of custom made boots and shoes,—the firm making a speciality of custom made boots—and for the cutting out of their boot and shoe pacs and storing their stock. The making of the pacs is mostly done at the houses of the operatives or workmen, the work being cut out and furnished them all fitted ready for sewing and making up. This shop manufactures largely the Alaska boot, which previously had been only made in the East; in the making of these two hands are constantly employed. The firm has run a full force right along, and propose to continue to do so, the hard times and business panic, not having affected them. The firm have made arrangements to greatly enlarge their business another season, and design the manufacture of five thousand dozen pacs. Mr. Dodge is now East, buying machinery and perfecting arrangements. The undertaking of such an enterprise requires both energy and pluck and deserves success.

Let the merchants and consumers of the State show both these firms, that the people of this State have learned the wisdom of sustaining home manufactures.

WHILE at Lake City we called on our old friend Andrew Koch, formerly of this city, and found him engaged in manufacturing and dealing in furniture in all its branches, the business which he carried on here so successfully for several years. He is evidently getting a first class trade; he deals entirely on cash principles and has put his prices down accordingly. Mr. Koch deserves the confidence and patronage of all his new friends. See his advertisement in another column.

WOODEN shoes are coming in vogue in this locality. They are manufactured by a Frenchman named Le Vere, residing about three miles south of this village. Mr. Le Vere recently disposed of two hundred and fifty pairs in Red Wing, at one dollar a pair, and thinks he could find market for all that four workman could manufacture. A few basswood trees thus worked gives the manufacturer a handsome profit.

NEW MAP OF RED WING.—The flourishing city of Red Wing has long outgrown the only map of its streets and blocks ever made until now, when a new one is being issued from Rice's lithographic press of this city. The map is drawn by Mr. E. A. H. Hoenek, a civil engineer, who has had experience

in the topographical service of the North German army and later in this State, and appears to be an expert in his profession. The map is well drawn and includes all the additions and subdivisions of Red Wing, and will be desired by all who have real estate interests there.—*Dispatch*.

## RIVER FALLS LOCALS.

NOVEMBER 24th, 1873.

Wheat 90 cents; potatoes 75 cents; corn 50 cents.

Mrs. N. Wales is slowly recovering. John Wilcox, son of Dr. R. J. Wilcox is very sick.

The school closed last Friday at the River Falls Institute. There was a reunion on Friday eve; a good time is reported. The next term will commence December 2nd, 1873.

John Watson Jr. (formerly of Red Wing) preached at the Congregational church last Sunday morning; text "She hath done what she could." After relating in a brief manner the narrative connected with this text, he commenced to apply it to his hearers in such a touching manner that a good many handkerchiefs came into use, and I doubt not that many good resolutions were then and there made.

Brother Watson carries on a Harness shop in this place, employing five hands, and works hard superintending the business himself, and has turned out many a neat and good fitting harness, and on nearly every Sabbath he has appointments in the country where no doubt he cheers and strengthens the hearts of many. May God bless his efforts.

F. C. McKay has returned from his wedding tour to St. Louis and says he had a splendid trip. We welcome him home. He takes his place as traveling agent for another year for Thos. E. Tubbs, General Insurance Agent of this place.

F. Durlin, pastor of the Episcopal church preached his farewell sermon last Sunday.

Wheeling is good in River Falls. Sleighing is equally as good in Hammond, eighteen miles northeast.

The Junction mill turns out an average of 130 barrels of flour per day. The other mills are doing a lively business.

G. I. Ap. Roberts is doing a good business and selling a host of dry goods and groceries. Ap. is a genial man to trade with and deserves success.

The Grange of this place have made application to the trustees of the Odd Fellows Lodge to rent their Hall. The matter is not yet decided. T. E. T.

—Receipts for customs at the following ports, for the week ending November 8, were: New York, \$1,436,843; Philadelphia, \$118,964; Baltimore, \$138,459; Boston, \$28,640.

—Justice has been vindicated in the case of her enemies. A New York jury has convicted, and a New York judge has sentenced the notorious Boss Tweed to twenty years imprisonment, and to pay a fine of \$12,500. Corruption has here met a fearful rebuke. Lift up your heads ye friends of justice and honesty, for triumph seems to be within your grasp.

—"He who giveth to the poor lendeth to the Lord;" "If you like the security, down with the dust."—*Sidney Smith*.