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IN UNION STRENGTH--IN KNOWLEDGE POWER.

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DEAR "ADVANCE":

Nothing has transpired since the organization of our "Grange," the effects of which will be so long felt and appreciated by its members, as an "in-door" Picnic, given on the afternoon and evening of the 2nd inst., the most of the members being present with their families.

The ADVANCE was well represented by Mr. Tandy, who not only did honor to the said paper, but justice to the table, which was literally filled; no, that don't express it, it was piled full; everything found a proper place not only on the groaning table, but in the stomachs of as jolly and good natured sixty persons as you will find; each seemed to vie with the other to make a pleasant afternoon and evening. About three o'clock the Grange was called to order and opened. Officers for the ensuing year were elected, four applications were received and the applicants elected.

The Grange listened attentively to some remarks by Messrs. Tandy and Charlson of Burnside Grange; your correspondent being called out to assist a committee, of which he was one-fifth, did not hear these Brothers, but heard enough to learn that they were well received, after which a recess was declared, and a one or two hour's discussion held around and over the table. Every "question" was taken up and an effort made to dispose of it, but all effort was unavailing; disposing of one article and immediately it was duplicated, and after an hour's hard work all began to grow weary; finally all effort closed, the company found the ladies too much for them and "caved." I am not well versed in culinary affairs, and could give but a meagre description of what was provided. Cakes of over twenty different varieties, iced, and mounted superbly, beautiful to behold, and still better to taste, the always relished boiled ham, turkeys, chickens, and ducks roasted, palatable oyster soup, light biscuit, as light and white as the snow flake; now I'm getting fogged before half through and so will stop; suffice it to say that all in all it was just such a time that we love to participate in; it was the "social" feature of the order brought out, showing the foresight and wisdom of its founders. "Long may it wave," and the ADVANCE too.

UNCLE TOM.

Editor Grange Advance:

If there should be time at the next Council meeting I would submit certain questions for consideration at that time. What plan of arbitration, if any, can we adopt to settle any dispute or controversy that may arise between members of the different Granges in this County?—As there is considerable difference of opinion among farmers as to how much it costs to raise a bushel of wheat, can we not determine upon some plan of operation by which we may determine this question? I do not believe it can be raised and sold for less than \$1.00 per bushel and yield a fair profit.

I should like also to bring up the subject of Insurance for discussion.

H. BRUCE.

CHARLES, son of G. S. Rathbone had his leg broken while exercising on a gymnast pole, on Wednesday last.

FLOCKS of geese flew over Wabasha on Tuesday morning in search of a warmer latitude.

For the Grange Advance.

Lawyers and Law-Makers.

There is no doubt that there will be Farmers and Mechanics enough in our coming Legislature to control the action of that body, and while the producing classes are making strenuous efforts for reform in matters directly pertaining to their interests, such as transportation and direct communication with their manufacturers, they should not overlook another question which is almost as vital as the above. I refer to the laws of our State. All laws are made for the government of the unlearned as well as the learned, for the farmer as well as the lawyer, for the mechanic as well as the merchant, for the artisan as well as the priest, and all are alike interested in the making and execution of all laws, hence the necessity of having our laws so framed and worded that all can understand and comprehend their effect and force; why the necessity of so much repetition? so much complication, so much that nobody understands? Take the statutes of Minnesota to-day, and you will find but few who agree as to their meaning. You will scarcely find two lawyers in the State defining or construing any law the same; the courts are often at a loss to determine questions of law submitted to them, and in the course of every term of court you will hear something like the following: "The Court thinks, or is of the opinion that the Legislature intended," &c., &c.; hardly two Judges agreeing as touching the same intentions. Now, Mr. Editor, you being a lawyer, can you tell me the necessity of this?

Litigation is one of the great curses that is cursing our land, and the tax correctly shown that it imposes upon the entire community would startle all who could see it; a very large proportion of the cases on Court Calendars would cease to appear if our laws were more simple, if they were written for the masses instead of the few, and half of the few though "skilled in the law" could not give a concise and clear statement of its meaning.

It is clearly the duty of the Legislature to simplify all laws, let cause and penalty be so stated that at least "a wayfaring man" can interpret and understand; and for one I hope that we may in the future have common sense ingrafted in all laws instead of legal quibbles. The dark frown of "Monopoly" gathers about it; any law that you cannot understand bodes no good to the masses. We would be a law abiding people could we know the law; let the farmers and producers who are members of our Legislature see to it that no law is passed this coming session that they do not understand or comprehend.

UNCLE TOM.

We fear that we cannot satisfactorily answer our correspondents' question. Can he tell us how it is that hardly any two men understand the Bible alike; Now, if it is impossible for us to read and understand the divinely inspired law alike, much less shall we expect to agree upon the terms of human law. If man were perfect in judgment, so that he need not err, and also perfect in heart so that he would have no desire to err, we might expect perfectly formed laws, but the trouble is that if we had reached such a degree of perfect-

tion we should need no law. But although we shall never be able to make perfect laws, still that is no reason why we should not make them as perfect as possible, and we are very glad that "UNCLE TOM" has brought up this matter. We cannot too earnestly impress upon our law makers the necessity of simplicity and clearness in the terms of the law. As our correspondent intimates, carelessness, and negligence—and sometimes something worse—in forming laws is one of the greatest evils of the day, and we sincerely wish this letter could go into the hands of every man who will sit in our next legislature. Let us have more of this kind of correspondence that touches things at the quick.

RED WING AND VICINITY.

THE DISTRICT COURT commenced its session in this city yesterday with ninety-nine cases on the calendar.

J. HAM DAVIDSON will lecture at the M. E. Church in this city, on Saturday evening of this week at 7½ o'clock. Subject of the lecture, Oratory and its oddities.

J. G. JOHNSON, Esq., has been appointed by the Featherstone Grange to prepare a petition to the Legislature asking that Chapter ninety-nine of last winter's laws, relating to cattle running at large in Goodhue County, be repealed.

A TEMPERANCE MEETING, with a view of forming a society, was held in Goodhue on Thursday evening of last week. There was a good turn out; Rev. H. Goodsell of Zumbrota, and Messrs. H. Bruce and H. F. Armstrong made speeches. A committee was appointed to draft a constitution and by-laws. The society is to be a branch society of the National Temperance Union.

ON Thursday morning last the up passenger train was over three hours going from Red Wing to Etter. Green wood was the trouble. We hope these railroad people will find out before long that good wood cannot be bought for one or two dollars per cord.

SHERIFF CHANDLER met with a serious accident on Monday by stepping upon a broken trap door in his warehouse, causing a dislocation of the toes of his right foot. He will let that warehouse alone for the next four weeks. Another warning to men not to go fooling around places they are not accustomed to.

STATE NEWS.

G. W. SMITH, of Ottawa, lost a fine horse Tuesday, evidently from hydrophobia.

TWENTY-TWO coal stoves have been put in operation at Lake City this winter for the first time.

WOOD & BOSTON of Lake City have 75,000 trout eggs placed in position for hatching.

THE town of Lyra, Blue Earth county, has voted to give \$15,000 to the Wells road.

THE ferry at New Ulm went down with three teams the other day, but no one suffered anything worse than a big scare.

ROBERT STEWART of St. Charles was presented with a \$50 cane on the occasion of his 70th birthday.

FARIBAULT claims to have made improvements to the amount of \$250,000 during the past year.

DR. C. POWELL ADAMS was married on the 30th ult. at Vermillion, Dakota county, to Mrs. Mary Sophia Pettibone, of Vermillion.

MR. WALTON, of the Wabasha Herald, held a tin reception at his house on Thanksgiving evening, and a good time is recorded.

AN old settler named Peter Beighley, died at Shell Rock, November 26th. He was an excellent citizen and highly esteemed.

THE Hastings Union of Wednesday says that a son of Mr. N. Frank, aged eight years, had his right leg broken between the knee and ankle, from a kick received from a son of Mr. Eck.

TWENTY-FIVE huge gobblers with appropriate trimmings contributed to the enjoyment of the Thanksgiving dinner at the Deaf, Dumb and Blind Asylum at Faribault. In the evening games and amusements prevailed, and Prof. Noyes presided over a happy as well as a numerous family.

THE Freeborn County Standard, at Albert Lea, contains the following information:

Two forgers named J. H. Anderson and A. T. Siler, who recently committed forgeries in Freeborn county, were arrested and escaped, have been heard from at Osage, Iowa, where they raised the sum of \$22,000 on forged titles to the land in the vicinity. They have again escaped justice with the "plunder" in their trousers.

TWEED is not so bad a man after all. When he was admitted to the penitentiary he stated that his occupation was "statesman." When it came to religion he disclaimed having any. A man in his situation who does not claim to be a "Christian Statesman," is not altogether lost to the finer feelings of humanity.

JUDD & DAVISON, printers of the Mankato Directory, for H. E. Newton & Co., have come to grief. Roberts, who was the "Co." and who managed the business, collected all the advertisements that he could and went east, leaving Messrs. Judd & Davison to get their pay as best they could. From the Mankato Review it appears that Roberts passed himself off as Mr. Thomas.

ABOUT a year ago a co-partnership was formed at Mankato between Capt. Frey and J. Bobl, for the manufacture of matches. Several weeks ago, Capt. Frey went to Ohio, ostensibly to sell some property for the purpose of putting all his means in the business. Letters from him represented that he was unsuccessful, and that he should go to New York to try and negotiate loans. Since which time nothing has been heard of him. The other day a lady arrived in Mankato, who had placed \$1,000 in Frey's hands for investment, last year. It is now believed that he used that sum for his own purposes, and that he has gone to Europe. His partner has dissolved the co-partnership and assumes all the liabilities.—Dispatch.

M MARX,

OF THE NEW YORK STORE, AT HASTINGS,

is selling his entire stock of

DRY GOODS AND CLOTHING, AT PANIC PRICES.

For Wheat at \$1.00 Per Bushel.

ALL GOODS WARRANTED as REPRESENTED
OR MONEY RETURNED.

Johannes Anderson and wife, Danes, went away from their homes in Rice-land, Freeborn county, one day last week, to attend church, leaving a number of little children to take care of themselves. Upon returning they found one child badly burned in the face and one hand, and were informed that during their absence a man entered the house, drew out a shovel full of live coals, and turned a flask of powder upon it, causing the injuries mentioned. Subsequent investigation shows that the person performing this lawless act was an Irishman, who, from some cause had lost his nose, and is said to have been in the Insane Asylum at one time. His name we did not learn. Since the commission of the act Charles Baker and Rasmuss Jorgenson have been in search of him, but so far without success.

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&c., &c., &c.

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