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LOCAL.

WORTHINGTON, MINN., OCT. 3, 1874.

CHURCH DIRECTORY. METRODIT ESCORT.—Rev. J. W. Lewis, pastor. Services every Sabbath morning at 10:30.

USING CONGRESSIONAL.—Services morning and evening. Sunday school immediately after morning service.

Ladies' Union Prayer Meeting every Tuesday afternoon at 3 1/2 o'clock.

CLUB RATES. The ADVANCE is furnished at \$1.50 a year to Clubs of ten or more.

SAVE POSTAGE. Subscribers are no longer required to pay postage on their country papers.

MOORE & SMITH'S. Moore & Smith are now receiving the following publications:

MINNEAPOLIS TRIBUNE, St. Paul Press, St. Paul Pioneer, Sioux City Journal.

LESLEY'S CHIMNEY CORNER, and Illustrated Paper, Harper's Weekly and Bazar.

LESLEY'S LADIES' MAGAZINE, Harper's Magazine, and Lesley's Monthly.

A good girl wanted at the 3d Avenue Hotel.

Rev. B. H. Crever will preach at Miller Hall at 10 o'clock a. m.

The regular quarterly Sabbath School Concert of the Worthington Sabbath Schools will be held on tomorrow afternoon at Miller Hall.

Rev. E. Livermore, of the Episcopal Church, will visit Worthington on Tuesday, Oct. 12th, and will hold service in the evening at half past seven.

C. B. Loveless has built a handsome coal house near his blacksmith shop.

The Okakama Mills are now receiving from 500 to 600 bushels of wheat a day.

Freight trains are now passing through daily loaded with wheat for St. Paul.

Rev. S. M. Smith had about \$20 worth of lumber stolen from his claim a few days since.

C. B. Loveless is still making the Third Avenue a popular hotel. He hangs out two signs, one on the hotel and one in the ADVANCE, as will be seen by reference to our column of business cards.

COUNTY CONVENTION. We give elsewhere the proceedings of the Republican County Convention.

It is remarkable for one thing, viz: that it was just about as large as the Democratic Convention held a few weeks since.

There were eleven persons present including one little boy, and the convention was one of the most harmonious it has ever been our luck to attend.

We hope the grasshopper has not destroyed our politics as well as our crops. We must wake up by election day and come in on the home stretch for Dummell.

Waiter's friends are hard at work on the sly, and we must not let the election go by default. Get your corn all planted and your potatoes all hoed and be at the polls bright and early.

PERSONALS. Rev. H. E. Crever returned from the Methodist Conference on Thursday.

Auditor Bear returned from Conference on Tuesday.

Mr. Lytle has gone to Washington, Iowa, to spend the winter.

G. Anderson came up from Iowa, Tuesday after building material.

Rev. Wm. M. Bear has been returned to Bigelow circuit, by the Methodist Conference.

Hon. C. F. Crosby was in town on Thursday on his way to the Convention at Heron Lake.

H. D. Bookstaver is home again after a month's travel mapping the country for the Andreas Atlas.

Hon. E. P. Freeman came up to the city from the village of Jackson on Wednesday.

Judge Wakefield got back to the "hub" on Wednesday, after several weeks rusticiating among such outlying towns as St. Paul and Mankato.

Rev. J. W. Lewis has been returned to the Worthington charge, and will be home during the coming week from Conference to resume his pastoral labors.

B. W. Ashley, proprietor of the Ashley House, down in the little hamlet of Jackson, and Thos. J. Knox, of the same village, came up to the metropolis on Thursday.

Rev. C. C. Foote, who for some four months past has been the pastor of the Union Congregational Church, left on Thursday to return to his home in Detroit.

During his stay among us, he won the love and profound respect not only of his own congregation but of all classes of people.

We have seldom heard in so brief a time, a series of so many ripe, clear, vigorous discourses as Mr. Foote delivered, and the blessings of the community go with him.

THE RELIEF BUSINESS.

Some of our good friends who don't take the ADVANCE but who borrow and read it regularly, and generally with the view of finding fault with it, are still very much exercised at the course we have taken in presuming to publish an honest newspaper, giving the facts concerning the grasshoppers, the crops and the destitution just as they are.

This we shall continue to do without fear or favor. We have repeatedly stated that there were a number of families in this county who will need help until next harvest.

On the other hand, we have stated that half a crop of wheat had been raised. Since threshing, this will have to be slightly changed, for the crop falls a little below half a crop.

Nobles county raised this year two or three times as much wheat as is needed to bread the county, but, as we stated before, those who have any surplus must sell to pay debts and procure other supplies.

Those who raised nothing are left destitute and must be carried through the winter.

We have also repeatedly urged the people to write and state their difficulties. The columns of the ADVANCE are open to news and to facts.

State the difficulties and the destitution truthfully, and the ADVANCE will publish the statements, but do not ask us to put the paper in mourning and create the impression that the whole county is desolated and starving.

MOONING MIRAGE. There was another mirage on last Monday morning. The timber on Graham and Heron Lakes was visible and the line of the Des Moines river could be traced by the timber on its banks.

The season is now here when the mirage can be seen at its best. The finest one, we believe, which has occurred here since the settlement of the Colony, was on the first of October, 1872.

It lasted until nearly an hour after sunrise. A number of persons witnessed the beautiful phenomena and upon those who saw it for the first time, it had almost a weird effect and threw a sort of poetic glamour over the whole region which lasted a long while after the vision was gone.

So clear was the atmosphere that morning and so distinct were remote objects, that the houses in the village of Hersey, not ordinarily visible, were revealed almost to their foundations.

The timber on Graham Lakes appeared like a grove half way between Worthington and the horizon, and as far north as the eye could reach there were dim outlines of more timber, probably on Lake Sisseton, between 20 and 40 miles distant.

The line of timber along the line of the Des Moines river could be traced from Jackson to Windom. Groups of houses stood out upon the prairie in every direction, looking like small villages, and the beholder caught at a glance a suggestion of the wonderful vision which awaits those who see a mirage 20 or 30 years hence, when in all directions towns, and villages, and groves, and farms outlined with trees and fences, will rise up by some magic of sun and atmosphere, and stand revealed to the delighted eyes of the beholder.

A word as to the cause of the mooning mirage. It is supposed to be caused by the refraction of the rays of light by the mist which lies like a sheet of water over the earth, and especially in the valleys, thus making the valleys appear to be raised up on a level with the hills. Any one may produce a mirage by placing a penny in a saucer, and filling the saucer with water. Persons sitting around the saucer may then move back until the rim would ordinarily conceal the penny, but owing to the refraction of the rays of light caused by the water, the penny will appear to be raised up nearly to the top of the water.

Some persons suppose that objects appear inverted. This is not the case in the mirage of this region. There are two kinds, the inverted mirage, which is often seen along the sea and the lakes, and the mooning mirage, which is common to prairie regions.

Another correction. The word is from the French and is not pronounced "my-rah," but "me-rah," the "ah" having the same sound it has in "far." So we say to the little boys and girls that if they will just pronounce the name correctly and get up early in the morning they will see a beautiful vision on some of these fine Indian summer mornings.

THE WORTHINGTON SEMINARY. By the extracts from the report of the Methodist Conference, given elsewhere, it will be seen that Rev. B. H. Crever, President of the Worthington Seminary, made a report asking that the Seminary be recognized as auxiliary to Hamline University. The recommendation was adopted and a Board of visitors was appointed.

The Seminary is a fixed fact and the suspension is of course only temporary. It is backed by the Methodist Church, and that will secure its success beyond a doubt.

A dispatch to the Pioneer from Worthington says: The Democratic and Liberal county convention of Nobles county met here to-day, and nominated L. F. McKawin to the judicial convention at Mankato, and delegates to the representative convention at Heron Lake.

L. B. Bennett was nominated for County Commissioner, and B. N. Carrier for County Attorney, with every prospect of success. Politics red hot.

"Red hot" is about as good as "every prospect of success." If there is any "red hot" politics here, the heat must have been caused by fomentations, plenty of flannel and vigorous applications of red pepper and hot tea.

The New Orleans Times gives the following list of acting Governors for the past year: Governors Brooke, Penn, Kellogg, McHenry and Antoine, and thinks they might have had more but for the hard times. Louisiana, we should say, is a pretty well Governored State.

MONTHLY TEMPERANCE MEETING.

The regular monthly temperance meeting of the County Temperance Union was held at Miller Hall on last Sunday evening.

Prof. Humiston, the Vice President, occupied the Chair. The Methodist choir furnished music and prayer was offered by Rev. C. C. Foote.

Prof. Humiston, in some opening remarks, stated that this meeting was designed for young converts and he wished it might be an experience meeting. It was thought best to call out those who were not in the habit of speaking at our temperance meetings, and he would call on Mr. C. B. Loveless for some remarks.

Mr. Loveless responded promptly, dwelling especially upon the danger and the great evil of the social glass which has led to the ruin of so many young men. But for the temperance feature he would never have been in Worthington, and if he conquered an old appetite for strong drink formed in his younger days, it would be by the grace of God and the good influences of this community.

He believed in prohibition, for he saw that it was useless to be continually lopping off the branches and leaving the root of the tree. For those who have formed the appetite, he believed above all in kindly human sympathy and help.

Instead of thrusting the drunkard out and putting him down, Christians should gather around him with sympathy and raise him up until he could stand.

L. B. Bennett was next called out. He had been identified with the temperance movement since the close of the war. He had faith in the temperance feature of the Colony, and felt sanguine that it would succeed, not only morally, but as it had already, but materially. This very feature in a few years would put this community far in advance, in material and financial prosperity, of the surrounding communities.

Volunteer speakers were then called for. Several calls were made for M. B. Soule.

Mr. Soule said he had always been a temperance man from education and principle. He believed in prohibition. The Supreme Court of Maine had decided that legislatures had the same power to prohibit the sale of unwholesome drinks that they had to prohibit the sale of unwholesome food, and hence had the power to prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquors.

He proposed the organization of a Good Templar's Lodge in Worthington.

Calls were made for J. C. Goodnow, who said that he was much more in favor of the temperance feature than he had formerly been, and he heartily favored the suggestion for a Good Templar's lodge.

Geo. M. Plumb was next called out. He spoke of the influence of the temperance feature of the Colony upon the surrounding communities. Some thought there was no use in regular temperance meetings in this community, but we needed these and other efforts here to strengthen the temperance sentiment, to influence the young, and to reach the surrounding communities.

D. Stone, L. E. Kimball, C. C. Luckey and Mons. Distad were called for but declined.

Prof. Humiston, in conclusion, gave some account of the temperance feature in connection with the State Fair. A member of the Board who had fought for the introduction of liquors upon the grounds and claimed the ability to take care of himself and drink without becoming unfit for business, was found on the grounds in such a state of intoxication that he had to be taken care of. The speaker took care of him, assisting him in transacting some business, and after the man became sober he made a pledge to renounce the use of liquor forever.

REPUBLICAN COUNTY CONVENTION. The Republican County Convention met at the County Offices, at 2 o'clock on Wednesday, the 29th, and organized by electing Dr. R. D. Barber, Chairman and J. A. Town, Secretary. A. O. Conde, of Hersey, A. Terry, of Seward, and Mons. Distad, of Worthington were chosen a Committee on Credentials.

The Committee reported the following named persons as entitled to seats in the Convention. From Seward—A. O. Conde, J. Westinghouse and Mr. Austin. From Hersey—A. O. Conde. From Worthington—Dr. Barber, J. A. Town, D. Shell, Mons. Distad and Geo. Baker.

On motion, M. B. Soule was renominated for County Attorney by acclamation, and I. P. Durfee was renominated for County Commissioner for the Third District.

Delegates were then chosen to the Legislative District Convention as follows: A. O. Conde, J. A. Town, Mons. Distad, A. Terry, M. B. Soule, C. C. Goodnow.

Delegates were then chosen to the Judicial District Convention as follows: M. B. Soule and Prof. R. F. Humiston. The following County Central Committee was then selected: M. B. Soule, A. Terry, Wm. M. Bear, T. C. Bell, and A. O. Conde.

The delegates to the Representative District Convention were instructed to support Chas. F. Crosby, of Rock county. Adjourned.

L. R. Hollenback, of Bigelow, will accept our thanks for a twelve pound cabbage. The head measures considerably more around than our own, which is saying a good deal for a vegetable.

Mrs. ADVANCE and the little ADVANCES are very fond of cabbage, and when they get here we expect to give them feast.

The beautiful Indian Summer weather seems to have set in to stay. Old Minnesotians are predicting a long Autumn and a late winter.

CORRESPONDENCE.

FROM IOWA.

Icarian Community. Third Letter—Interesting Account of a French Colony—Communism and Infidelity.

CORNING, September 18, 1874. EDITOR ADVANCE: About three miles from this village is the old French colony bearing the above name. It was founded by M. Cabot, who aspired to the Presidency of France but was defeated by Napoleon Third.

Humiliated and chagrined, he, with a hundred or so of French families, came over to Louisiana, then up to Illinois, where they bought out the Mormon interest in Nauvoo. But this point was not adapted to their proposed plan of life and M. Cabot came here and purchased several hundred acres of land—a very fine tract. A portion of the community then left and went to St. Louis, the remainder came here and settled, on the Fourier plan. We rode out to see them a few days since. Their location is very romantic, on the border of a fine forest. On an elevation they have a large commodious hall, around which are clustered about 80 cottages. The principal room on the ground floor is the dining hall, the basement is devoted to the culinary department. The upper story is divided into two rooms, a large audience room where they have their dancing, parlor theatricals, &c.—The other contains their library—a rare collection of old books, a large portion of them in French school. The furniture can scarcely be called such. Rude benches are the only seats, no carpet on the floor, and plain, uncovered tables, but on the walls are some fine old paintings and some new ones by amateur artists among themselves. Their theatrical scenery, some of it very good, is of their own getting up.

They have no religion and of course no church or religious services. The Sabbath is a holiday with them. They have a small school house and an accomplished teacher, Miss Montaldo. The hall is a centre round which the small cottages are built, each enclosed in its own little yard, a few flowers adorn the doorways of some of them, a grape vine or two and a few fruit trees in some. Each family occupies a house but all take their meals in the community dining hall. Plain, unpretentious meals they are. The tables are laid with plainest of dishes on the naked board, no knives, only forks are put on, each person is supposed to have a knife in his or her pocket and not very much attention is paid to table etiquette. As to the arrangement of their gardens not the slightest evidence is seen of taste or regard for beauty. Their yard fences are old and dilapidated; the yards themselves are very small. No fine barns are seen, only long sheep sheds and immense stacks of hay. They have at a little distance from the village a steam flouring and saw mill. They grind their own wheat and sell the flour, which is said to be of excellent quality. As we rode along through their only street we noticed a fine thriving orchard, some of the trees heavily full of nice looking apples, and a quantity of wild plum trees loaded with fruit. A little further on we passed their fields, one of them containing six hundred acres. Between two of these is a lane half a mile long between two hedges of Osage orange, very thick and even and about fifteen feet high. We rode round a field of corn, that I should think contained twenty or perhaps forty acres, and passed a field which had yielded its thousands of bushels of wheat. All these broad, handsome, well-tilled acres lie on a gently undulating table-land, and are beautiful to look upon.

They are said to be a happy people, but I think they would be a more suitable word for it. I could see nothing to indicate rational enjoyment. They live a sort of animal life—eating, drinking, sleeping and working, moving in one little routine year after year; aspiring to nothing higher in this life and to nothing at all in the hereafter. When one of their number dies they carry him to the grave and one of them pronounces an eulogy over him and he is buried. Very little intercourse is cultivated between them and the outer world. Some families have withdrawn from them, taking out their proportion of property according to what they invested in the colony, and have bought farms and are to-day wealthy. The reason given for leaving was that there was no religion in the community. I am told that in the twenty years or more that they have been here, their numbers have increased only about enough to keep their original number good. There are, I should say, about thirty houses, so I should think it safe to estimate the number of souls at 200. It is supposed that they have accumulated a good deal of money, but where is the benefit? Some Christian men have visited them and endeavored to interest them in the religion of the Savior, but they are so encased in infidelity that it is hard to find a vulnerable point. This community stands as a contrast to any place where the love of the blessed Jesus is taught and believed and exemplified in the lives of his followers. But my letter is too long already. Our hearts are longing to see our colony home and friends, and soon we turn our faces toward Worthington, where are centered our best earthly wishes and hopes. C.

FROM LITTLE ROCK. EDITOR ADVANCE:—We have a "special" post-office in Little Rock with J. T. Green acting as post-master. We have had a school district organized for some time and we expect soon to have a school for the winter. The Little Rock Grange, No. 370, has now a membership of 31, with regular meetings once a month. The Lutherans have occasional religious services in our township.

The grasshoppers hurt us badly. Most of our people have wheat enough to last them over winter. A few families will need relief.

We have had but four deaths in Little Rock since the town was organized two years ago, two children and two old persons. The "minor arrivals" number about a dozen.

WORTHINGTON MARKETS. WHEAT 40c @ 47. FLOUR 5.00 @ 8.00. CORN 25c @ 30c. OATS 15c @ 20c. HAY 1.00 @ 1.50. BUTTER 18c @ 20c. EGGS 12c @ 15c. SUGAR (Coffee A) 12 @ 12c. EX. C. 12 @ 13c. BROWN 10 @ 11c. SYRUP 65 @ 1.00. RICE 25c @ 30c. MISCELLANEOUS. PROVISIONS—PORK (mess) 15c @ 16c. BACON 16c @ 18c. LARD 13 @ 15c. D. API'S 12 @ 15c. PEACHES 12 @ 15c. Apples 10 @ 12c. LUMBER—Common 7m. 16.00 @ 18.00. FINISHING 20.00 @ 22.00.

SPECIAL NOTICES. For Boots and Shoes, ready-made or made to order, go to C. T. Pope. Also repairing promptly and neatly done.

No. 1 Sewing Machine Oil just received at MOORE & SMITH'S.

Buff and White Drawing Paper, Bristol and Perforated Board, Vellum, Blotting and Tissue Papers assorted colors, at MOORE & SMITH'S.

LOST.—On the 19th of September, between Graham Lakes and Worthington, the book to an open-faced gold watch. Any person finding the same will be suitably rewarded by returning it to this office or to S. A. Davis, Worthington.—22

A rare chance to buy a good span of horses, harness and wagon. Also a farm to rent with good house and stable. Apply to Wm. Chidley, Graham Lakes.

All persons knowing themselves indebted to L. E. Kimball for feed, etc., will please call and settle immediately and save cost.

Go to MOORE & SMITH and get some "Hooping Cough Alleviator."

GO TO LYON for Clothing at Bottom Prices.—52 A fine lot of Albums, and Initial Note, at cost. M—1 MOORE & SMITH.

LYON'S is the place to buy good BOOTS & SHOES cheap.—52

Now, if you want a choice CIGAR, "Lyon" keeps it.—52

Something new in Worthington—a general News Depot, at MOORE & SMITH'S.

A new \$500 PIANO for \$300. Warranted six years. CHAS. F. HUMISTON.

The Smith American Organ for sale by CHAS. F. HUMISTON.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. New Millinery Goods, FOR FALL & WINTER.

MRS. A. STEVENS has just received a NEW STOCK of Fall and Winter Millinery Goods, OF THE LATEST STYLES.

The Ladies are requested to call and examine. S—11

NOTICE TO TOWNSHIP OFFICERS. STATE OF MINNESOTA, COUNTY OF NOBLES. Advtor's Office, Worthington, Minn., September 15, 1874.

Notice is hereby given that the Township Officers who are entitled to the Township Map made and published by the State Auditor for the year 1874, can be supplied by calling on the Auditor at his office. WM. M. BEAR, Auditor.

Notice to Teachers. OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, WORTHINGTON, Nobles Co., Minn., September 12, 1874.

Notice is hereby given that the Public Examinations of Teachers, required by law for the Fall of 1874, will be held at Worthington, as follows: Saturday, September 20th, at 10 o'clock, and October 17th, commencing at 10 o'clock each day. Examinations to be held in Public School Rooms. T. C. BELL, County Superintendent of Schools.

I. N. SATER, At his Lumber Yard in Worthington, has constantly on hand A Large and Varied Assortment of Pine Lumber.

BURNING THE PRAIRIE. \$25 REWARD. THE Commissioners of Nobles County will pay \$25 REWARD for any reliable information for such information as will lead to the apprehension and conviction of any person or persons who may be guilty of or engaged in any act or acts in violation of the laws of this county relating to the grass on the prairie within the county during this Autumn, and allowing the same to run to seed, or in any way contrary to the statutes of Minnesota. By order of Commissioners, August 15, 1874.—49-3m. WM. M. Auditor.

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS. Mortgage Sale. DEFAULT has been made in payment of two hundred and seventy dollars, principal and interest, now due on a mortgage executed by John J. Porter to Allen Cleland, dated 11th August, 1873, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, in Nobles county, Minnesota, on 16th August, 1873, in Book A of Mortgages, on pages 40 and 41, and no action or proceeding at law or otherwise has been instituted to recover said debt or any part thereof.

Notice is hereby given that under a power of sale in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute, said mortgage will be foreclosed, and the premises therein described, to-wit: a certain tract of land in said Nobles county, being the southeast quarter (1/4) of Section eighteen, (18) Town one hundred and two (102) North, of Range thirty-nine (39) west, containing one hundred and sixty acres, with the improvements thereon, for each to public auction to the highest bidder for cash to pay said debt and interest and taxes, if any, and twenty-five dollars attorney's fees, as stipulated in said mortgage in case of foreclosure, and the disbursements allowed by law, which sale will be made by the Sheriff of said Nobles county, at the door of the County Auditor's office, in Worthington, on the 24th day of September, 1874, at four o'clock in the afternoon of said day, subject to redemption as provided by law.

Dated Jackson, Minnesota, 19th September, 1874. ALICIA CLELAND, Mortgagee. Wm. W. Hamilton, Attorney for Mortgagee. 3-7w.

PROBATE NOTICE. STATE OF MINNESOTA, COUNTY OF NOBLES. Office of Judge of Probate of said County and State. A petition having been filed in this office, by Theron C. Guernsey, of the Town of Marshall, in the County of Garland, State of Iowa, the father of Wm. S. Guernsey, a minor, representing that the said Wm. S. Guernsey is a minor child of Lucinda A. Guernsey, deceased, and