

The ADVANCE stated last Thursday that a gigantic effort to sell the railroad lands was now to be made and that mammoth advertisements were soon to appear in the leading papers. On Saturday a half-page advertisement signed "J. H. Drake, Land Commissioner, St. Paul," and "Hon. C. H. Smith, Field Agent, Worthington," appeared in the Pioneer-Press offering 700,000 acres at \$4 to \$8 per acre. The lands are described as follows: "Gently rolling prairie, deep, rich, friable loam, numerous spring-water lakes, streams and rivers, competing lines of railway, schools, churches and thriving villages. Unexcelled in beauty. No malaria. Unsurpassed in fertility. Pure water." This description is all correct so far as the lands in Nobles county are concerned.

We are now informed by parties who know that the Close Bros. have purchased the railroad lands in the western tier of townships in this county and not in the two western tiers as heretofore rumored. They already, however, own considerable land in the south part of the county, including the townships of Haglew, and will doubtless take much more land in other parts of the county. This is good news, for Close Bros. do not buy lands without improving them. It will be seen also from the reports of land sales in the ADVANCE during the past few weeks that D. Shell & Co. are making sales of railroad land.

WRITING US UP.

The Pioneer-Press seems to be making an effort to recover lost ground in Northwestern Minnesota. We see a statement in a neighboring paper that the P.-P. has lost one thousand subscribers in this part of the State. There is no doubt that the people generally in Northwestern Minnesota have considerable feeling against St. Paul and Minneapolis, not only against the newspapers but against the business men as well. Our people claim that the press of those cities has neglected Southern Minnesota to boom the Northern Pacific country and that both cities have turned every enigma and land secker they could catch away from us and sent them up north.

But they are beginning to make some amends. A Pioneer-Press reporter has been here and writes back the important item of news that—

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AN IMPOVERISHED CURSE.

EDITOR ADVANCE:—I notice (by reading the papers) that the Catholics and other denominations are becoming very much rolled in their minds on account of such great numbers of their members becoming convinced of the reality of spirit manifestations. The N. Y. Times says: "200 members of the Catholic church have suddenly developed into Spiritualists at Cincinnati."

"The bishop of Bohemia has become so much alarmed at the rapid spread of Spiritualism in that country, that he has declared anyone professing belief in the Spiritualistic doctrine to be guilty of heresy,"—N. Y. Sun.

The news of what is being accomplished by Spiritualism has reached the ears of the Pope and he has shown what a wicked, malicious spirit he is of by issuing the worst curse that ever parted the lips of a fiend in human form. We will quote a small part of it:

"May Almighty God and his holy saints curse the Spiritualists and their journals. May they be crushed and smothered from the face of the earth. Let them suffer hunger, thirst and nakedness. Let them be cursed everywhere and at every hour; cursed day and night, sleeping and waking, in eating and drinking, cursed at home and abroad; cursed on land and on water; cursed from the top of their heads down to the soles of their feet. May their souls be forever damned and may their eternal company be Satan and his angels."

No intelligent Catholic will say amen to such a shameful, infamous prayer. In looking over this curse by the head of the Christian Church, we are led to inquire why the various denominations of Christians are so lately opposed to Spiritualism? The difference in religion between the two classes is only such as would naturally grow out of a more enlightened and elevated condition of mankind. The law of progress is everywhere in operation. It is the belief of scientists and a large class of the most intelligent, observing men in the old countries and in America that the present spiritual communion is the result of our having reached a more enlightened and elevated condition of mankind. The law of progress is everywhere in operation. It is the belief of scientists and a large class of the most intelligent, observing men in the old countries and in America that the present spiritual communion is the result of our having reached a more enlightened and elevated condition of mankind.

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THE JACKALS AND HYENAS.

ELLA WHEELER'S new volume, "Poems of Passion," has made a sensation. We have not seen the volume and have read only such poems as have been copied and such newspaper criticisms as have fallen into our hands through exchanges.

But we "hear-enough" to enable us to again realize the devilish influence of Comstockism in establishing a mammy-pammy espionage over all our literature. The Comstock jackals and hyenas are always nosing into books and papers for a so-called "obscene" morsel. They overlook altogether the general trend and purpose of a book and search for some word or thought on which they can hang a charge of "obscenity."

These newspapers which are under their influence or adopt their methods are a disgrace to a free press. Thus they judged Walt Whitman's poems and cried them down. Thus they are judging Ella Wheeler's latest volume. She has, evidently, in these poems, only endeavored to portray the great passion of the human heart in all its aspects, just as Shakespeare and the great poets have done. Now see the result. The little, smelly committees of the press nose through the volume and select out, here and there, something that sounds like Byron or Swinburne, and straightway these disciples of Comstock, these smart ignoramuses of the press, condemn the volume as "immoral."

If this devilish Comstockism goes on, our literature will be reduced to the goody goody, milk-and-water gruel of the Sunday schools. Shakespeare, Byron, Burns, Whitman and all the great poets will be tabooed and their works suppressed. Time and again the Bible has been tested by this Comstock rule. Obscene passages have been pointed out. At once the jackals and hyenas reply, "the general tendency of the book is good." Then we turn and reply "the general tendency of the works you condemn is also good. If you reject these works because of a supposed obscene passage, you must also reject the Bible."

Then the jackals and hyenas make no reply because they cannot, but they gnash their teeth and rush upon you. A censorship and espionage over the press and over all literature is to be established, and the jackals and hyenas seize the tainted morsel and shake it aloft in their brutal teeth.

HEAVEN AND HELL.

We are informed that some of the lower and more ignorant Methodists of Worthington have decided that the editor of the ADVANCE cannot even go to H—bades. The Devil, they say, will kick us out. As they are intimately associated with him, they probably have this information from headquarters. On the other hand, we are informed that the more intelligent and devout Methodists think that there is a chance for us to even worm our way into the orthodox heaven.

So much for their opinions. For our own part, we have decided to go to Heaven. We are gathering about us a band of the brightest brains and the truest men and women and we are going in.

But, levity aside, what can we say to the poor ignorant church-ridden fools who daily condemn us to some fancied perdition because we cannot agree with them in their puerile ideas of God and religion? What can we say but, "O fools and slow of heart to learn the truth and to be just."

Mr. Guelich writes to the Burlington Hawkeye his reasons for withdrawing from the Republican party of Iowa which is now controlled by fanatics.—One reason is:

Judge Day himself an uncompromising prohibitionist and a staunch supporter of the late amendment to the party was swift to catch on to the measure. For this the prohibitionists fiercely demanded his head. And the ramp of the once glorious republican party was swift to catch on to the measure. For this the prohibitionists fiercely demanded his head. And the ramp of the once glorious republican party was swift to catch on to the measure. For this the prohibitionists fiercely demanded his head.

And we most devoutly hope that this year the Republicans will be so badly beaten in Ohio and Iowa as to curb the fool tendency of the party to rush headlong into the arms of every fanaticism which is presented to it as a "great moral issue." The party now is undoubtedly Bigot-Hidden and rapidly becoming the foe of individual rights and personal liberty.

AMONG THE SHAKERS.

In certain sections of the country there are religious sects known as Shakers; but for the present we will not speak of them. The "shakers" to whom we refer are the ADVANCE and its kindred spirits. The ADVANCE is a "shaker" in the sense that it shakes the foundations of the old and the new. It is a "shaker" in the sense that it shakes the foundations of the old and the new. It is a "shaker" in the sense that it shakes the foundations of the old and the new.

ADVERTISING.

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FREE THOUGHT, FREE SPEECH AND A FREE PRESS.

WORTHINGTON, NOBLES COUNTY, MINNESOTA, THURSDAY, AUGUST 16, 1893.

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COUNTY NEWS.

RUSHMORE.

Crops are suffering from continuous rains. A few more days of the same sort will finish the business. Dr. D. E. Wemple and family will spend a few weeks with us. Secretary Folger and Thos. Parsons made the burg a visit on Wednesday. The corn crop in this vicinity will be without doubt a failure. E. D. Bedford is spending a few days at Adrian. Mr. A. G. Seney passed through on his way to New York.

WILLMONT.

In ADVANCE of last week we find in the proceedings of the county commissioners that they did, according to law, attach to another school district all district lands in the county, well for which a school has been held. Well, a very good law, but at the same time we read that School Dist. 65, also certain sections in town 104 N. 65 E., were attached to School Dist. 65. What this really means we are at a loss to understand, because Dist. 65 has one of the best school houses in the county, well furnished, etc. Kept a three months term of school this very spring. Will have another term commencing next month, and now our county commissioners will vacate our district? We hope the commissioners as well as our school trustees will look to said matter and see that we are not deceived. We are able to keep up what we have so well started.

ADRIAN.

Pay your mill subscription. A little sort for harvest. Died, on Tuesday last, Mrs. Knaf, mother of Rev. C. J. Knaf. Patrick's new house and barn and a new barn, all of which are now in the hands of the mortgagee, Monday afternoon. While running his blunder he attempted to push some loose grain off the needle and, and his foot slipping from the handle let the needle fall, passing clear through his hand mangle it fearfully. Dr. Sullivan is very helpful of saving a portion of his hand and probably all of it.

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