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MASONIC.
REGULAR COMMUNICATIONS of Fraternal Lodge, No. 101, A. F. & M. at Masonic Hall in Worthington, on the 1st and 3rd Mondays in each month.
A. C. ROSSIGNOL, W. M.; E. H. CHANDLER, Sec.

REGULAR CONVENTIONS of the Grand Lodge of the State of Minnesota, at the Grand Hotel in St. Paul, on the 1st and 3rd Mondays in each month.
A. C. ROSSIGNOL, W. M.; E. H. CHANDLER, Sec.

DENTAL ROOMS of E. BEDFORD are on 10th Street, opposite public square, and will be open the last week in each month. Work insured five years. [57]

SADDLE AND HARNESS SHOP.
J. H. JOHNSON, Dealer in Saddlery Hardware, Trunks, Valises, etc. Harness always on hand, and made to order. Repairing neatly done. Shop on Ninth Street, Worthington, Minn. [57]

M. B. SOULE,
COUNSELLOR AT LAW and Notary Public—Office on 10th Street, opposite public square, Worthington, Minn. Prompt attention given to all cases.

J. S. SHUCK,
ATTORNEY AT LAW, Real Estate and collecting agent, would respectfully tender his services to the people of this adjoining county, and hopes, by prompt attention to business, and fair and honest dealing, to merit a share of public patronage.

R. D. BARBER,
PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON, Graduate of Harvard University. United States Examining Surgeon for Pensions. Office at Barber & Lawrence's, Worthington, Minn.

GEO. O. MOORE,
PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON, Graduate of Ann Arbor, Michigan. Office and Residence on 10th Street, below the public hall, Worthington, Minn.
Will attend promptly to all calls, day or night.

BANK OF WORTHINGTON.
ELIUS SMITH, Banker. A. M. SMITH, Cashier.
INTEREST PAID FOR TIME DEPOSITS.
Drafts Collected and Sold. Special attention given to collecting accounts.
Office Hours from 9 to 12 a. m. and from 1 to 4 o'clock, p. m.

Benton & Goodnow,
Attys & Counselors at Law,
REAL ESTATE,
INSURANCE AND
COLLECTION AGENTS.
Particular attention paid to business before the local and general courts of Nobles County, Minn. [31]

B. N. CARRIER,
ATTORNEY AT LAW,
AND
CLERK OF DIST. COURT.
All business left with him will receive prompt attention.
Office on 9th Street opposite the Park.

SOULE & LANGDON,
Dealers in Real Estate,
Homesteads, Preemptions
and Town Property Bought and Sold.
Worthington, August 31.

S. A. HILDRETH,
Has Opened a
SHAVING SALOON,
on Tenth Street, opposite the Worthington Hotel, where he is prepared to wait upon the public in anything pertaining to his line.
The patronage of the public solicited.

THIRD AVENUE HOTEL,
C. B. LOVELESS, Proprietor.
Worthington, Minn.

OKABENA HOUSE,
C. F. STOUGH, Proprietor.
WORTHINGTON, MINN.
On Ninth Street, between Second & Third Ave.

WHITE BRAHMAS.
Eggs from pure WHITE BRAHMA FOWLS may be obtained of
HERSEY, CHAS. A. BARROWS, MINN.
Price, delivered at Express Office, \$1.50 per setting of thirteen.

B. W. WOOLSTENROFT,
County Surveyor,
All orders for surveying thankfully received and promptly executed. Office with Shuck & Bookstaver, Worthington, Nobles Co. Minn. [36]

TREES.
Cotton Wood and Soft Maple Trees at \$1.00 per thousand. Also Soft Maple and White Elm (Nursery grown) and True Plantations, from 10 to 12 feet high, at low rates, by
W. E. CHAPIN, [32]

B. T. BABBITT'S
Pure Concentrated Potash,
OR LYE.
Of Double the Strength of any other
SAPONIFYING SUBSTANCE.
I have recently perfected a new method of packing my Potash, or Lye, and am now packing it only in Bails, the nature of which will pack tightly, and does not require the soap, it is packed in boxes containing 48 Bails, and in no other way. Directions in English and German, for making lye and soap with this Potash, accompanying each package.

DAN'L SHELL
Is prepared at all times to furnish the public with good livery outfits, at his

Livery, Feed and Sale Stable,
Worthington, Minn.,
Good care is always given teams left in his keeping.

LOCAL.

WORTHINGTON, MINN., MAY 2, 1874.
CHURCH DIRECTORY.
METHODIST EPISCOPAL.—Rev. J. W. Lewis, Pastor. Services every Sabbath morning at 10:30; Sabbath school at 2:30 p. m.; Worthington Praying Band, Sabbath evening at 7 o'clock. Prayer meeting Thursday evening at 7 o'clock.
PRESBYTERIAN.—Services in the west room on first floor of Miller Block. Sunday School at 10 o'clock; Sabbath School at 10:30; Pastor, Rev. W. F. Jackson, Pastor. USUOS CONGREGATIONAL.—Services morning and evening. Sunday School immediately after the morning service. Prayer meeting Thursday evening.
TO COUNTY OFFICERS.
The County officers in Jackson County have had a supply of letter-heads and envelopes printed. We throw this out as a hint to our own County officers.

PRINTING.
We are prepared to print all kinds of cards, letter-heads, bill-heads, circulars, programmes, etc., at the ADVANCE office with the usual neatness and dispatch. We expect soon to have an engraved map of the County, for envelopes, and will be prepared to furnish map envelopes at low rates.—Business men may have both their own cards and the Colony map printed on their envelopes at the lowest rates.

THE ADVANCE.
A man came in during the week from a neighboring county and subscribed for the ADVANCE, saying he "wanted to get the news." Of course he came to the right place to get what he wanted. We propose to give the news and a large quantity of valuable information besides upon farming, tree culture, securing government lands, etc. We hope our friends will send in their names and keep sending the news. Practical letters from farmers, giving their experience in farming, are solicited. THE ADVANCE, under the new management, is giving very general satisfaction. All the children cry for it.

The regular monthly concert of the Union Sabbath School will be held tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock, at the church.

Capt. Mills is about to begin a dairy business near Bigelow. See advertisement of cows wanted.

See the advertisement of Will H. Humiston. Will is a young man who attends closely to business, and if the town lots in Hersey and Bigelow do not go off like Davis' ice cream in this warm weather, it will not be his fault.

NEW GROCERY.
Attention is called to the advertisement of C. C. Luckey, who has opened a Grocery Store and Confectionery in the Shuck Building. Mr. L. has put in a good stock, and we predict for him a good trade from the start. He has made many friends since his advent among us, and is generally respected for his upright and manly character. We take pleasure in thus introducing him to the public in his new business.

The railroad boarding house has received a new coat of paint.

Capt. Smith has removed to rooms over the Colony Drug Store.

We stop the press (of business) to eat a bucket of ice cream sent in by S. A. Davis. LATER.—That bucket of ice cream we have rarely seen (or felt) excelled for temperature, flavor and color.

Mr. Johnston, of Le Mars, who has been in town during the week, visited the peat bed in Dewald on Thursday. He has had considerable acquaintance with peat in Ireland, and thinks the peat in the bed visited is not of a good quality, though it will burn well in a fire-place. Mr. J. thinks of locating here, and says that he has travelled much and never saw a more orderly town, or one in which the people averaged better.

S. A. Davis inaugurated the ice-cream season on Thursday evening, by inviting the town to his rooms to partake of the first cream made in the new patent horizontal freezer. The day had been the warmest of the season and there was a liberal response to the invitation. Mr. D. makes a cream which for temperature and quality is worthy the Cream of the Prairies.

The grass already begins to look green in places. A week or two more and the whole prairie will have changed color.

PERSONALS.
Dr. Barber has moved to his claim. Mr. Rose has returned from the woods where he has been chopping during the winter.

W. W. Johnstone, of Le Mars has been in town for several days taking a look at the Colony.

P. J. Kniss, attorney of Lu Verne, was in town on Monday.

Mr. Lawrence, of the firm of Barber & Lawrence, has been up from Sibley during the week.

Mr. Moore, of Sibley came up to the "hub" on Thursday.

Judge Wakefield, Receiver of the Land Office, came over on Monday and entered upon the duties of his office.

Mr. Lytle has returned from Iowa with a spanking team, and is ready for farming.

Mr. Newell is in town visiting his friends.

F. W. Burdett was in town yesterday. He is agent for a number of pianos and organs, and is giving his attention to tuning instruments.

Major Bell moved to his claim on Wednesday.

Mr. J. P. Wieler, of Congress, Ohio, arrived yesterday and is stopping with Mr. Ager.

Mr. Miller has returned from Iowa and will go on improving his claim.

Mr. Forney and family from Danville, Pa., arrived yesterday and are looking for a home among us.

Mr. Randall recently arrived from Illinois, and has purchased a farm two miles east of town. He is looking for more land.

Mr. Hovey, of Iowa, has recently arrived and proposes locating in Elk.

INTERESTING TO CLAIM JUMPERS.

A meeting was held on Monday evening to consider what action should be taken for the protection of claims. It is a well known fact that in prairie regions especially, it is impossible for many during the first year or two to live constantly on their homesteads. Men whose intentions are right and who are improving the land as rapidly as possible, are frequently compelled to go elsewhere for a time and work, or engage in business, in order to live. Frequently the necessities or misfortunes of men have been taken advantage of and they have been robbed of their land and their improvements. The object of the meeting was to consider what could be done to protect such claims.

Maj. Bell was called to the Chair and B. S. Finn was chosen secretary. Maj. Bell, C. Stout, Prof. Humiston, J. S. Shuck, L. B. Bennett, Dr. Langdon, Dr. Barber, A. S. Husseton, and A. P. Miller spoke. Some were in favor of staked measures and a "short shirt," but the general tenor of the remarks was in favor of such combination as would bring to bear upon those who took an unjust advantage of men's necessities or misfortunes such a moral force as could not be resisted. On the other hand, the fact was recognized that where claims were held by non-residents without improvement, they ought, for the good of the community, to be jumped. The attempt to jump the claim of one who was improving his land in good faith, though he did not in person remain constantly upon the land, was characterized as an attempt at robbery. Here were men who came here when there was not a furrow turned, took claims, labored faithfully to improve them, and have demonstrated that this is a good country to come to, a land now, when the fact that we are to have a prosperous future is assured, men steal in and attempt to rob the early settlers of their claims.

On motion of Prof. Humiston a committee of three was appointed to examine and report upon the process of contesting claims, and to recommend a plan of organization for the protection of homesteaders. Mr. J. S. Shuck, M. B. Soule and L. B. Bennett were appointed such committee and the meeting adjourned to Friday evening.

The account of Friday night's meeting will be given in our next issue.

LECTURE.
Prof. Humiston delivered a lecture on last Sunday evening at the Union Church on the manners and customs of the Orientals. He gave an interesting description of the houses of the poorer classes in Syria, which are built of stone and are never over one story high and without window glass. The family occupy a raised floor and the domestic animals, under the same roof and in the same room, occupy a place a step or two lower on one side of the room. In eating, the food is all placed in one dish and is usually taken in the fingers.—Sometimes spoons are used. The lecturer described an oriental funeral and the white-washed tombs of the country, illustrating the Saviour's allusion to "white sepulchres," and the bottles made of skins in which the natives carry water and in which wine is put, thus illustrating the Saviour's allusion to putting "new wine in old bottles," which by fermentation would burst an old skin, but which a new skin would be able to resist. The lecturer then described the Bedouins or Arab robbers and gave an account of an adventure with a band. He entered a cave in which a band of these robbers were gathered. The chief said, striking his breast, "Me Bedouin!" and the lecturer replied, "Me American!" and reached out his hand. Without thinking, the chief grasped the hand and thus committed the whole band to the protection of their visitor. Many other interesting incidents were given, and the lecture was very well received.

ARBORETUM DAY.
To-day is Arbor Day for Nobles County. Considerable preparation has been made to plant trees in town, and before another issue of the ADVANCE we expect to see all our streets distinctly lined with trees. The ladies of the Union Church are preparing to plant the Church lot, each one taking the planting and care of a tree. Messrs. Chapin & Hollis are furnishing the trees which are from ten to fifteen feet high. Let every one turn out and give a portion of the joy to thus beautifying the town.

We wish to request our friends to send in reports of their work for our next issue. Who will plant the largest number of trees?

Messrs. Chapin and Hollis received a load of soft maple trees from Spirit Lake on Wednesday, the trees being from ten to fifteen feet high. The trees were sold before noon at \$25 a hundred and another load was sent for. These trees have had only four years' growth, having been planted from the seed in rows and cultivated the first and second years. The soft maple seed will be matured early in June and we hope to see wagon loads of them planted. A few acres sown this year will furnish an abundance for a tree claim and leave hundreds to sell.

This is what comes of having a southeast wind: Sunday morning last about ten o'clock the wind blew from the southeast and brought us a whiff of those snow storms which have been prevailing in Illinois, and regions south of us. It was a very gentle fall of snow, however, and, though it covered the ground, it soon melted and gave the earth just what it needed.

Mr. L. B. Bennett informs us that on yesterday morning the track of the St. Paul & Sioux City road below St. Peter was found obstructed with wood and ties in four places. It is thought that the design of the criminals was to throw the officers' car from the track.

GOOD ROADS.

We hear the last spring's complaint of bad roads between here and Lu Verne and also between us and Spirit Lake. The consequence is that much of the Sioux Falls and Rock county trade, which otherwise would come here, goes to Sibley, and much of the Spirit Lake trade goes to Windom. We are assured by those who have examined the subject that an outlay of five hundred dollars would give us comparatively good roads, upon which a full load could be hauled, both to Lu Verne and to Spirit Lake. If the business men of Worthington are alive to their interest they will not rest until these roads are built. There is a trade from nine of the surrounding counties coming to Worthington notwithstanding the difficulty of bad roads, and this can be greatly increased and permanently retained by prompt action in putting in a few bridges and culverts and filling up a few depressions.

FROM CALIFORNIA.
Dr. Moore recently received a letter from his mother living in California, which gives some facts to offset our grasshopper raid. There they have earthquakes and floods, which we can never have, while they are just as liable to drought, and to loss of stock by cold as we are. We ought not to complain much of the grasshopper raid when we read of thousands of people drowned out in the lower Mississippi country, of floods in California, and of "moving accidents by flood and field," in all parts of the world. The following is an extract from the letter mentioned above:

"I hear that you have been injured by the grasshoppers. Well, every country has its drawbacks. Here, in some of the valleys near the city, the land is overflooded so that the Farmers cannot put in any crops. The snow is now three feet deep on the Sierras, and has been from ten to fifteen feet deep all winter. Large numbers of sheep and cattle have perished from cold the past winter. One man lost all of a flock of 2,000 sheep except a few that he took into his house. I have never seen so many sore throats, as I have since I came here."

The editor of the Sibley Gazette a few days since, dropped up to the "hub," took a "stroll through the Colony Capital," "caught sight of Dan Shell and Miller, the wide-awake editor of the ADVANCE, and the post master, and Ames, and the new minister of the Union Congregational Church;" took dinner with Dr. Barber; whipped up some advertising under our very nose; took the train to Bigelow where "Morse Colvin & Co., and Tennis still make up the list of business men;" walked out "to Mr. Moore's to have a chat;" jumped aboard the train again and got back to his base before we found out that the enterprising and energetic scamp of a brot' editor had been in town. That kind of enterprise ought to win. But why in the world does he go and take dinner with Dr. Barber? Why don't he come home with the editor of this paper and get a "good square meal?"

FELICANS.
We write this item with a quill taken from a pelican which measured 8 feet and 9 inches from tip to tip. The quill is just sixteen inches long. A large flock of these beautiful birds, numbering from 300 to 500 appeared over the Vest Lake on Sunday morning and went through a variety of maneuvers in the air, being apparently on dress parade. The effect was quite beautiful, for as the birds turned about and marched and counter-marched, the long lines or rows were white some times and black at other times, as the white or black portions were turned toward the eye. The flock lingered about the lakes during Sunday and Monday, and a number of the birds were shot. Mr. Hildreth killed 8 at one shot, and he estimates that there were from 300 to 400 pounds of pelican in the 8.—The down on the breast of these birds is exceedingly fine and must be valuable. Some have taken the skin from the breast and are tanning it with the down on. We ought to have one or two specimens stuffed and preserved, for in a few years they will cease to visit the Okabena Lakes.

There is no doubt about the return of Spring. We can prove it by the birds, for they have never been here in greater quantities since the early times of the Colony. The oldest settlers, people who came here weeks and months ago, say they never saw so many pelicans and ducks. Several large flocks of sand-hill cranes soared above town, apparently about a mile high, on Tuesday. The birds were recognized by their song, which sounded like something between the music of a horse-fiddle and the screech of a street-car on a down grade. The curlews are also back, and their shrill "ke-ay!" can be heard throughout the day.

MINOR ARRIVALS.
It seems that one of our announcements last week was a little premature. A paper named ADVANCE ought to be excused for getting the news a little in advance. Here is one, however, which we are assured is reliable: It came a few days ago and went straight to the residence of Ed. Chandler. It is a little woman weighing over 112 ounces.

ARRIVALS.
The arrivals at the Third Avenue for the week number 71 by team and 23 by train and at the Worthington Hotel 33 by train and 14 by team. Other arrivals not ascertained.

Wheat is coming up in some of the fields around town.

CORRESPONDENCE.
WILLSON, APRIL 24th, 1874.
EDITOR ADVANCE.—We have most of our small grain sown. There has been one house built in the last week by Mr. Daniel Chute, on his claim. Mrs. Bullock wandered here in the hand with a revolver, accidentally. We have had a special school meeting and voted bonds to build a new school house.

J. W. M.

LITERARY NOTICES.

Bertram's Monthly for May is a capital number. King's articles on the Great South are continued, this installment being devoted to mountain rambles in Tennessee, Georgia and South Carolina. The "New Homes of New York" is an interesting illustrated paper. Steadman, the poet, lectures the articles on "Victorian Poets" with an admirable estimate of Tennyson, and no man alive is better fitted by the order of his genius and his culture to write such an estimate than Steadman. Mrs. Spofford contributes one of her best short stories. There are four poems in this number, the opening one being by B. F. Taylor, and illustrated. Dr. Holland contributes the usual quantity of editorial matter, a department of the Magazine which we always read with great interest. No other editorials have exerted so great an influence as these widely-copied articles of Dr. Holland.

With the Monthly comes St. Nicholas, from the same house. This number contains some 30 old articles, most of them beautifully and profusely illustrated. At length we have a genuine boys and girls magazine, and the universal favor which has been extended to this publication shows how prompt the public are to appreciate a good thing. No other American publication of the kind can be compared to this one.

Arthur's Home Magazine for May opens with an article on Thomas Carlyle, with a portrait. This magazine has grown to be quite a favorite in the household, because of its elevated moral tone. The present number contains poems, sketches, stories, articles upon natural history, etc. T. S. Arthur & Son, Philadelphia.

SPECIAL NOTICES.
PIANOS and ORGANS for sale by
CHAS. F. HUMISTON.
What whopping Organ at Moore & Smith's. "Okabena" is the new brand of Sympat Moore & Smith's Fountain.

Good goods at low prices at Bennett Bros. Boots & Shoes at POPE'S. 1000 Rolls Wall Paper, Newest Spring Patterns, at BARBER & LAWRENCE'S.

Mary had a little corn. And everywhere that Mary went The corn was sure to go; Until she chanced to get a pair of those easy fitting shoes which can always be found at POPE'S Boot & Shoe Store.

A large stock of Notions, Balls, Cutlery and Perfumery just received at B. & L.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.
WANTED.
A few good Milch Cows suitable for Stock raising and Dairy purposes. Inquire of E. S. MILLS, Bigelow, Minn.

Town Lots for Sale!
In HERSEY and BIGELOW, on the Sioux City and St. Paul Railroad.
Desirable Lots for sale in the above named villages on favorable terms.
Hersey has a Hotel, Post Office, Lumber Yard and several shops and stores, and is surrounded by a beautiful country.
Bigelow is near the Iowa line, has also several stores and shops and is destined to become a thriving village.
Apply or address
Wm. H. HUMISTON,
WORTHINGTON, NOBLES CO., MINN.

C. C. LUCKEY,
GROCERY
AND
CONFECTIONERY
STORE.

Having purchased an entire new stock of Groceries and Confectioneries, we now invite the public to call and examine our goods and prices, and will guarantee the same to suit all.

Our stock of
SUGARS,
TEAS,
COFFEES
AND
SPICES
Is well selected and prices made to suit the times.

Canned Fruits.
COVE OYSTERS,
PEACHES,
CHERRIES,
PLUMS,
TOMATOES,
&c.

DRIED FRUIT.
CHERRIES,
PRUNES,
BLACKBERRIES,
APPLES,
PEACHES,
CURRANTS,
&c., &c.

CONFECTIONERIES.
COMMON AND FANCY CANDIES,
ORANGES, LEMONS, RAISINS,
FIGS, DATES, ALMONDS,
BRAZIL NUTS,
ENGLISH WALNUTS,
&c., &c.

Our TOBACCOS, and CIGARS, will be of the best quality, and will keep a large supply. Our motto:
"By Industry we Thrive."

We find that there are so many unappreciated things connected with the Credit System, that we have, after due consideration, concluded to start out on the ready pay principle, or its equivalent.

STORE
In Shuck's building, opposite the Park. [1m34]

NOTICE.—U. S. Land Office, Jackson, Minn., April 28th, 1874.

Complaint having been entered at this office by John H. Eckert against Abraham P. Miller, for abandoning homestead entry No. 8273, dated Aug. 12, 1872, upon the w. 1/2 sec. 24, township 102, range 41, in Nobles County, Minnesota, with a view to the cancellation of said entry; the said parties are hereby summoned to appear at this office at Worthington, Minn., on the 27th day of May, 1874, at 9 o'clock a. m., to respond and furnish testimony concerning said alleged abandonment.

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