

LOCAL NEWS IN BRIEF.

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St. Thomas. Rev. McNamara returned from conference on Friday of last week and has again entered upon his duties as pastor of the M. E. church.

Mr. G. S. Hager has purchased an interest in the Buffalo Drug store and now meets his customers with a genial smile and pleasant word.

Several of our neighbors' hen-roosts have been robbed of late and suspicion points to an escaped fox that has lately been seen prowling about at midnight with a piece of chain attached to its neck.

St. Thomas comes to the front with her one elevator. She received over five thousand bushels of wheat one day last week. Consequently our merchants are doing a lively business.

Our streets have been made more inviting by the energetic labors of one of our merchants, who, feeling it incumbent upon himself to add to the comfort of his customers, went out and laid a piece of plank walk. We hope that others will follow his example.

The newly purchased team of Hager Bros. became unmanageable and run away at Grafton a few days ago. Happily no serious results followed; sufficient to state that the carriage was shattered and that its occupants were necessitated to borrow another vehicle in order to return home.

In our last correspondence we were falsely informed that the Steen House was closed. We regret that such a mistake should have been made, and are glad to announce that the above mentioned house is still open, under the management of the genial and painstaking Mr. McFiggart.

Grafton Herald.—P. McCollough, of Duque, Iowa, threshed off of his farm 1 miles west of St. Thomas, 3,600 els from 100 acres. He had 120 tip wheat, but twenty acres of it being little or no cultivation the crop was the yield on that portion about fifteen bushels per acre, proper farming in North and likewise what poor.

BATHGATE. Her's fanning mill men are on a strike. Aldrum has bought another of Mr. Foster. Holt & Garner's men are on the line of pumps.

Prof. Young on Monday morning and began school again. Carpenters are scarce in Bathgate and those who are here are very busy. Some frost which in this county seems to be the greatest drawback this fall.

A great many of our people who burned wood last winter are preparing to use coal this winter.

The barber shop is moved one door north of the old quarters, and is now in the Canadian Hotel.

Before this paper appears it is reported that the Rev. Daniel Williams will have returned with his bride.

Frank Willson has been spending several days in town in the interests of his firm, Sackett, Willson & Co.

This is the season of the year for general agents of machine companies to come around and make final settlements and such they are doing.

George Foster's team took fright at the south bound train on Saturday, and ran away, throwing George off the wagon and bruising him somewhat about the head and face. No other serious damage was done.

Mr. Stillman Clark has bought a half interest in the business with R. C. Young, and the firm name is now Young & Clark. They always have on hand a fresh supply of bread and a full line of confectionery.

There is no part of North Dakota that can beat Pembina county. The reports of immense crops are perfectly wonderful. Thirty and thirty-five bushels per acre are very frequent, while forty and forty-two or three bushels per acre are not uncommon.

Mr. Lee East, who has been looking over Pembina county for several days with a view to locating, is more than pleased with the country. On Saturday he left for his home in Wellington county, Ont., expecting to return in the near future with his brothers and open up a farm in Pembina county.

We notice by the last issue of the Pioneer Express that our county auditor is to be elected this fall. Your correspondent from Bathgate begs permission to say through your paper that he believes no better man can be found for the position than the present painstaking and obliging auditor, J. H. Bird.

On account of the bad weather we have not received, as many crop reports as usual; but, a few will suffice to show something of the yield of wheat in this neighborhood. Archibald Goodall threshed forty acres which yielded thirty-five bushels per acre. Norman Bethune, in the same neighborhood, threshed ten acres which yielded forty bushels to the acre.

Mr. Parker, of Fargo, and L. A. Pixley have recently taken an inventory of McCormick extra reaping in Pembina County. To give some idea of the great demand for self-binding in North Dakota, Mr. Parker informed that over 3,600 McCormick binders were sold this year.

Allowing a fair price for other manufactures, some idea of the present of this county—

Drucks, geese and prairie chickens are very plentiful, and local sportsmen are reaping a harvest.

The Selkirk continues to ply between here and Grand Forks, and although freight rates are awfully high and wheat awfully low there is a wheat market at this point. About 4,000 bushels per taken out each trip.

Rev. James Woolner, the newly appointed pastor of the M. E. church, is heartily welcomed by the church people and community in general. He preached two very interesting and instructive sermons Sunday to large congregations.

The dull stormy weather of the past week has had a bad effect on some of our farmers, who have been unfortunate enough to leave their wheat in shock, hoping to save expenses in threshing. Now a good deal of it is damaged and the hard working farmer is so much out.

A small company of friends and acquaintances gathered at Mr. A. W. McCrea's Friday last to say good bye to the retiring pastor of the M. E. church, Mr. H. P. Cooper. A purse of about \$25 was presented to him as a slight token of their appreciation of him as pastor and of his efforts here. Mr. Cooper left Saturday for his new field in Grafton.

An interesting meeting of the Drayton lodge of Good Templars was held Monday night. There has been a move on foot to change the night of meeting from Monday to Tuesday, but the idea did not please and was voted down. The program committee furnished a pleasing entertainment and all went home feeling that it was good to belong to the lodge.

As Willie Fletcher was returning from church Sunday evening, in the darkness his horses ran upon some spring tooth barrows in front of R. R. Thompson's residence, and a panic time followed. The wagon, containing seven young ladies, was turned over and the horses, after being cut severely ran away breaking and smashing things generally. We understand no one was seriously injured.

Old timers declare the indications to be of an open fall. Archie McBain, of Cavleer, was in town last Saturday.

Joseph McGaurau and sons are at Minio threshing 200 acres of wheat. Threshing is the order of the day, the farmers being anxious to get ready for winter.

Some members of the last Icelandic emigration are getting their hand in among the farmers.

Bear hunts are quite numerous. A. L. Liviore at the head of an army of hunters killed one the other day.

The overseer is around with the township tax list in his hand and will soon be ordering for the road work.

Rev. Mr. Creswell was upon the Mountain organizing a Presbyterian church last week. He reports prospects good in that section—Rockwell Place.

A. Belanger, of West Lynne, has taken up his abode north of the Little Pembina. Several families of French from New England are moving into the same part.

The early frost did considerable injury to the crops on the second bench, but there will be less danger hereafter as crops will be in earlier than they were this Spring.

Beaulieu township has everything all right as regards town officers. The township interests are properly looked after. An anonymous writer to the Bathgate Sentinel gives a bad account of town matters. He has evidently been misinformed.

Mr. Ana Calder is improving the looks of his dwelling house. Rumor says there will soon be a wedding west of Tyner. We congratulate you Peter.

Although the weather is very disagreeable Mr. G. Koerner comes up smiling. It's a girl.

Mr. Trueman Calder is building a fine granary. Mr. A. Kinley has also started a fine building.

A few good men could be accommodated with work and good wages in this neighborhood.

Mrs. Trueman Calder has returned home after spending a few months with friends in Ontario.

T. G. McConnell has taken an agency for organs and has one on exhibition at D. McFadden's.

A few days of nice weather is much needed in this part as the potatoes are under the ground for the most part.

We are very sorry to learn of Mr. John Carr's illness, he is confined to the house and almost to his bed. We hope he may soon recover.

It is very quiet around here at present the snow and rain having stopped the plough, and owing to the scarcity of threshing machines there is not much being done.

We are glad to hear that Mrs. Isaac Campbell is some better. She has been sick for some time.

Albert Slater was made happy last Sunday morning. His boy and the mother and child are doing well.

Craig Bros. will have three machines here in a few days.

Frank Bateman got his new machine on the ground on Saturday last.

D. A. Hogg is at the county seat this week attending the district court as one of the petit jurors.

Some one should make a move toward nominating township officers; don't leave it till the last moment.

Sheriff Brown passed through here on Saturday last hunting up jurors, and serving election notices.

The Midland society will give their first party of the season at Mr. McCann's house, on Thursday night. We know it will be a grand success, as their affairs of the kind always are.

We are glad to report this week that Messrs. James Muir and J. M. Bateman were successful at their late examination at Pembina for teachers' certificates. Mr. Muir secured a first class certificate, an honor enjoyed by very few candidates yet examined in Pembina county—while Mr. Bateman carried off a good second.

The snow storm on the 11th stopped the hum of the thresher and the whistle of the engine.

James Beggs has returned from the Rockies. He thinks that country is not equal to Dakota.

Mr. Peterson has returned home after securing his crop on the farm in the valley. He owned previous to coming here.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac have gone to Winnipeg, where Mrs. Isaac will have her eyes treated by the best physicians of that city. We hope she will receive much benefit from her trip.

Mr. Hunter had rather a troublesome night some little time ago. Driving along the road his horses lost their way. He tied them to the wagon and set out himself to discover the road, and soon lost the horses. He finally pulled up at Alma post office where he remained all night, and on the following morning found his team in a ravine some distance away.

Mrs. Black and Mrs. Jas. Cowden of this neighborhood, departed this week for their old home in Ottawa, Ont., to spend a few months visiting friends. We wish them a safe journey, and hope they will return much benefitted by their trip.

The people of Hyde Park expect to have special religious services at the opening of their new church on the 5th Nov. Rev. Prof. Bryce of Winnipeg is expected to preach and dispense the ordinance of the Lord's Supper. A tea-meeting will be held the following day. All friends are most cordially invited to both. A tea will be held about the same time at Tyner for the benefit of the Presbyterian congregation. A good time is expected.—A. K. CASWELL.

R. D. Gordon has purchased Grant Jacobs lively stable.

Peter Brown lately unloaded a fine fourteen horse steamer for his threshing.

John Dalton sold to Patrick J. King his drug store building. Price \$1,500.

Laborers are so scarce that our civil servants, real estate agents and physicians, have given their hands to unload lumber, brick, etc.

Editor PIONEER EXPRESS: It would be well if persons, who write on public questions, would direct themselves of all personalities and treat the matters in question only on public grounds. In your issue of the 12th inst. L. Wilkins undertook to answer "Taxation's" letter in your issue of the 5th inst. How far he has successfully done so, I will leave you and the reading public to judge. There is not one line in "Taxation's" letter that can be construed into a personality. I only treated the different officers in their public capacities, and as no statement made by me has been contradicted, so far as I am concerned the matter is at an end.

A Letter from Duluth. Editor PIONEER EXPRESS: It is possible that a word from this city may be acceptable to your readers. One's first impressions of the place are not pleasing. The whole region is in such complete contrast with that of the prairie region, as to make it seem uninhabitable. But during a brief sojourn at the palatial Hotel St. Louis, anything with its warm heated, hospitable and enterprising people, the surrounding scenery charms the imagination and wins one's affection and love for its romantic beauty. These impressions are deepened when a stroll has been taken to the summit of the rocky ridge that stretches along the western border of the little city, rising at first gradually, and then almost precipitously to the height of several hundred feet. This ridge is composed of granite rock, with occasional green spots of pasture land. It has been covered with a dense forest, long since cleared away, leaving the whole space, beyond the limits of the city, for several miles, an unoccupied waste. From this high point the whole city lies before the eye of the beholder, sea map, revealing every street and alley, and almost every individual building. This little mountain crowds the business portion of the city, and the most populous portions, down to the margin of the great lake; but there is revealed to the northeast, along the shore, beyond the occupied grounds, a large plain, now in good demand for private residences, capable of accommodating an immense population; all of which must soon be filled up, if the number increases as it has done for the last few years. To the east and south, the broad expanse of Lake Superior spreads out before the delighted beholder. To the south and the southwest, is that singularly protected and

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EVENING Classes! An evening class will be opened on October 1st, on Second street, by P. Ahern, where lessons will be given in the following branches: French, Arithmetic, Book Keeping, Accounts, Telegraphy, Latin, Short-hand, etc. The very best way for young people to pass their winter evenings is to attend classes like these. Those wishing private lessons at their homes will please make application at the undersigned before October 1st. P. AHERN, Pembina, Dakota.

THE Greatest Attraction of the day IS THE Bankrupt Store At St. Vincent, Where you will find the largest and most complete stock of goods in the NORTHWEST. We have just opened the fall and winter stock of O'Keefe's Bankrupt Goods. Stock Consists of Buffalo Robes, Buffalo, Coon and Siberian Lynx Over Coats. Fur Caps, Ladies' Furs, Gloves, Mittens. An elegant line of FLANNELS AND LADIES' CLOTH FOR SUITINGS. The largest and most complete line of clothing ever brought to this market. A splendid line of wool fringes with gilt trimmings, Ladies' Cardigan Jackets and Jerseys, underwear in great variety,—camels' hair is the latest and most elegant goods made. It would make us tired to mention one-fourth of the goods we have here to be closed out, all we ask is for everybody to come and see for themselves. One thing we have to say, and that is, we will sell every Farmer, Mechanic, or any other person his fall goods 20 TO 25 PER CENT. Cheaper than any regular store in the State of Minnesota or Territory of Dakota. This is the whole thing in a nut-shell and we mean what we say.

OUR \$3,000 BANKRUPT STOCK OF Boots AND Shoes Is a bonanza. If you want a good pair of cheap boots, don't forget the place. ALSO A BIG LINE OF Rubber AND Arctic Overshoes. We are receiving this week one carload of green apples which will give everybody an opportunity of getting their winter apples. Free Ferry. Free delivery to any place in the four corners. Don't fail to ask for ferry tickets if you come from Dakota side; we pay both ways.

Important to Ladies. We are just receiving a large variety of fancy goods and notions, of the finest quality, from the G. F. Winter... Brated Wharton & Shaw. Which I