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## LOCAL.

Katzky has some very fine honey.  
Wadena is full of teams every day.  
How about that shooting match, Peter?  
Mr. Bullard was in town on Monday.  
Shell River settlers are very numerous.  
Mrs. S. S. Gardner has gone to Minneapolis.

James Bell, from Fargo, is stopping in this city.  
Mr. Parsons has commenced his new building east of Ostrander & Presson.

The Wadena mill is manufacturing patent process flour.

Mr. Hurst, from Verndale, is about to make his home in Wadena.

We are obliged to Mr. T. F. Williams for a very fine spare rib.

This week THE FARMER enters upon its second year. Birthday presents are in order.

The business houses of Wadena have more than doubled the past summer and fall.

The County Commissioners meet December 5th at 1 o'clock p. m.

Mr. Heathcote rises to explain the Deer Creek defalcation which speaks for itself.

Our streets were crowded with teams on Monday, and trade was consequently rushing.

The two big 'B's', of Verndale have fallen out, and the firm of Drewster & Bullard is dissolved.

Just drop in and see how sweetly Messrs Meyer and Coon smile since their wives are with them.

A rare good time is expected at the grand ball at the Lake Park House, Lake Park, this evening.

S. S. Gardner goes east next week to attend the butter and egg fair in New York. He will be absent several weeks.

Mr. Wm. M. Barber called on us Tuesday. He says he hardly knew the village not having been here before in a year.

The new furniture store will open this week. Chauncey bought lots of pretty things in St. Paul and Minneapolis.

Mr. Paddock and Ben Franks have returned from their hunting trip and report good success. They were absent five weeks and killed 37 deer.

Peter Van Zant is going out of the saloon business and will soon engage in something else. He assures us that he is going to make Wadena his home.

We acknowledge a call from Mr. Meyer of the firm of Meyer & Gall, of St. Paul. Mr. Meyer captures a large trade in the merchant tailoring line up this way.

H. F. Burch & Co., are to erect a large store on the corner of Front and Third streets early in the spring. Gardner will probably erect a brick bank on the opposite corner.

Mr. T. F. Williams has imported at considerable cost a pair of very fine thoroughbred Poland China pigs. They are as pretty specimens of porkers as will be seen anywhere.

Mrs. Bending departed for Chicago Tuesday. She will stop at Bloit and take Thanksgiving dinner at her son's, Mr. Eugene Bending. She expects to return about the first of April.

The lecture for Saturday evening is postponed until Saturday evening, Dec. 13th. A severe cold on the part of Mr. Hall prevents the fulfillment of the announcement this week, and a festive one week from Saturday renders this date the earliest convenient one available.

Mr. Darling accompanied by Messrs. McQuillan, Williams and several others started on the survey of the new road to Shell River, Tuesday. Mr. Williams reports that it will be an easy matter to cut the road nearly direct to the Red Eye with but little corduroying.

Messrs. Sanford and Colby were in Wadena Monday. They are a fair sample of the sturdy pioneers who are developing the great prairie of the Shell river. They report a great demand for government land, and we would advise our eastern friends who are waiting until spring to go onto their claims taken in that country to look after them promptly.

## Wanted.

By the subscriber a good, fresh milch cow for which the highest cash price will be paid  
C. J. STUART.

Subscribers desiring to get their papers at the new postoffices of Inman and Deer Creek will please notify us accordingly.

Do not forget the grand ball at Ostrander & Presson's spacious rooms to-night. A tip top time may be expected. Tickets, including supper only \$1.50.

The post route from Wadena via Deer Creek to Inman will probably date its first mail to-morrow. John Knight, is the contractor.

The oyster supper which was announced to take place at the school house to-night, has been postponed. Due announcement will be given as to the time it will come off.

Mrs. Paddock has our most sincere thanks for a splendid specimen of her skill as a poultry raiser. It was a turkey and we shall remember Mrs. Paddock in returning thanks to-day.

## Festival.

The ladies of the Episcopal church are making arrangements for a first class festival on Saturday evening, December 6th at the school house. They are making their arrangements as thorough and complete as possible and a rare good time may be confidently expected. For particulars see programme.

Patience in horseflesh is somewhat rare, hence we cite an instance. A team was driven in behind Luce & Bendings carpenter shop Monday and the horses detached from the tongue and hitched to the back of the wagon to feed, the kind hearted owner covering them with bed quilts to keep them warm. They had not been there long before some sparks from an adjoining chimney lodged in the blanket on one of the horses and set it on fire, but the patient horse never stopped eating. The smoke attracted the attention of some passer by who soon relieved the poor horse of his more than warm covering, and found several large hair-singed spots distributed over his back.

## The Grist.

How about the new church?... The hotels are full, and occasionally some of the boarders... The hunters have returned... Surveying on the new road has commenced... Wheat 87 cents... When enjoying the blessing of a square meal to-day, do not forget your poor neighbors if you have any... Grand festival in a few weeks... George Luce has moved into Del Bendings house. The Shell River boys go to work on their end of the road next week.

Two mill men in Miles City got into a dispute which developed into a fight. One used an iron poker on the head of the other and now the Montana lawyers have a real murder to develop their legal proclivities. The dead man was known by the name of Winters and the man in durance vile, is called Ulman.

What the editor of the Hastings Union thinks of the Brainerd Eating House:

There is a railroad eating house at Brainerd. We were very hungry when the brakeman shouted "Brainerd, twenty minutes for dinner!" We struck out for the dining room at a gait that would make Weston's record of 553 miles look small, with visions of quail on toast, oyster stew, etc., floating before our eyes. Of course we would take some soup. We got it, at least the handsome young lady in attendance told us that soup was the name by which it went. It was cold and tasted very much like a rat boiled in a barrel of rain water. We passed—to the next course. "Roast beef." Yes, we would have some, rare done. A chunk about three inches square was brought in. We chopped off one corner and put in our mouth. It did not taste like anything we had ever eaten before. A thorough examination revealed the mass to be a close resemblance to a second hand liver pad, thoroughly cooked. We ordered it up and took some pie. They had three kinds, pie, apple pie and cheese. We dug the apple out and left the crust and asked for the bill. "Seventy-five cents," blandly said the landlord. We paid it, and informed the gentlemen that we hoped the country would pay our funeral expenses if we starved before we got out of town. Verily, the Brainerd hotel knocks Potter Palmer's one horse house out of existence.

President Hayes is at work on his message.

## Neighborhood News.

### BLUFFTON.

From our own correspondent.  
We are sorry to have to report considerable sickness. Ever since harvest time measles have been "visiting" in these parts, and has proved a very impartial visitor, showing no respect to persons or families, though his visits so far have been of a very mild character.

Our school is closed temporarily, owing to the sickness of the teacher who must needs be in fashion and received a call from our distinguished visitor.

Mr. Maltby's new house is approaching completion, as far as outside work goes, and is thought by many to be an improvement on the one burnt, at least in appearance.

Mr. Al Waldron and brother have just finished a small but neat dwelling house and we understand the family will move from the New York Mills and make this their future residence.

Rumor says we are to have a meat market here soon. J. Hamilton and son, lately from Iowa, are going to run the business.

Constable Medeen and a posse of citizens were out two days last week trying to arrest a young man named Jack Dolan for shooting at a fellow bearder at Mr. Walker's. So far as we can learn whisky was at the bottom of the affair. For this we have to thank Wadena Bluffton has been surveyed and platted into a town site. Abner Darling was the surveyor and I tell you he made Bluffton look "right smart" on paper.

Now you young men who are leading a purposeless existence come over and select your lots and build a house in the coming city, and then devote the whole energies of your nature to induce some young lady to share it with you and help swell the census of 1880.

This is the time of year when the average Bluffton boy, casting his eye over the smooth glossy surface of the mill pond, elevates his arms, depresses his cap, and expanding his legs goes skimming over the ice. And when the average adult essaying to do likewise, suddenly reverses his normal position, and coming down with a wheel upon his posterior anatomy, gives vent to an expression that sounds like he was calling brother Dan, and then slowly rising looks all around to see if any one is standing by and strange to say if he thinks no one saw him, a smile of satisfaction steals over his countenance, whilst he wishes he were a boy again.

Come up boys and bring your skates along and have a good time. Ours is a free rink. F.A.C.T.

### INMAN.

From our own correspondent.  
Well, we are having very fine weather for this time of year, although it is not the kind to suit the hunters for it is hard to get the deer and makes it bring a low price. Every body wishes for snow. There is very few deer killed for the amount of shooting.

Mr. A. Hough killed a fine "bar" a few days ago. It's weight was 288 pounds, and was very fat.

A. C. Gould killed three lynx last week. There has been ten killed in this town in a year.

The lumber is nearly all on the ground for our school house, and there will be a crew at work this week putting it up; then for a "skule marn."

Elder Inman thinks that we will get the mail running in the course of a year or so, if the P. O. Department keeps on doing as fast as they have been. He got his commission some time ago, last Thursday he got his key, and now he wants a mail bag. Then he says he'll get the thing going.

Homer Crocker was defeated for Sheriff, and has gone to work finishing up his house. It is now ready to receive his bachelor friends in. That is right Homer, give up being a politician and be an honest farmer, and get married.

W. W. Graham gave a party at his house last Friday evening. There were about 20 couples out, and they had a good time. That is right. Let us have anything that is respectable in order to become friendly and sociable, for as a neighborhood we are not as sociable as we had ought to be. Let us get up something for the holidays and have a right good time. DEXCO.

### COMPTON.

From our own correspondent.  
Geo. Mee has bought a horse lately.  
John Monroe has a new horacream, and

Geo. Ramsdell also sports a new team. We have had the pleasure of riding behind the latter, and although we can't help feeling a little twinge of envy as we plod along with buck and bright, we are heartily glad of the prosperity of our neighbors.

There is a brand-new boy at John Howell's and John is happy. He offers to name him George, if all the George's in the community will get him a dress, and there are nine or more of that name.

Compton had a "fandango" lately. The lightfooted floor manager was too much for the wise man, who departed a sadder and a wiser man.

George and Jim don't seem to have much of a banking after arnica as a beverage.

Will Osborn is fitting up his house for occupancy, and rumor says there is soon to be a housekeeper installed therein. We shall see what we shall see.

Felons seem to be all the rage lately, and two poor unfortunate felons have been led to the executioner, Dr. Cromett, lately.

Henry Richards and family from Douglass county, have been visiting relatives here the last week.

Darling and McQuillin start to-day to look out a route to Shell River, MUGGISA.

### SHELL RIVER PRAIRIE.

From our own correspondent.  
New houses looming up.

Land hunters still arriving.  
Eureka is the name of Kendrick's town.

"We will now have a direct road to Verndale."

A saw mill and store will soon be located at Eureka.

Our doctor prescribes fried tom-cat for strong stomached hunters.

Several parties from Douglass county have been looking at land on this prairie.

H. A. Morrison & Co., are putting a fine lot of logs in the Crow Wing river.

Mr. McCloud, of Mason City, Iowa, is here for the purpose of locating a colony.

We have a real estate agent in Eureka. He deals in railroad lands. Don't know the business name of the firm.

The young ladies of Floyd settlement will be welcomed to this beautiful prairie, and we will show them claims free of charge.

Most all of the government land on Fish Hook prairie is claimed, and there is not a family living there.

Game of all kinds seem to be plentiful, but not much being killed. R.

### LEAF RIVER TOWNSHIP.

From our own correspondent.  
Sleigh making seems to be the order of the day.

Snow is what we want now to make it interesting for Mr. Adams and his mill crew.

Mr. Winters is the man to make a farm in the timber. He has built two houses and cleared about five acres since September, and hasn't worn a hole in his coat on his shoulder carrying his gun either.

The contract for repairing the Leaf River was let to Joseph Schlegel for \$74.75. We think we have the right man in the right place this time.

Don't know how we will spend Thanksgiving, whether it will be in fasting and prayer, or feasting and deerhunting. I suppose we can worry away one of these short days either way.

It is a splendid time to survey the Shell River road now, as the sloughs are all bridged for the winter.

The school house question is being agitated again and we hope they mean business this time. At any rate we need a school house. We have plenty of scholars and why not go to work and build it, then we will be all O. K.

### PARKERS PRAIRIE.

From our own correspondent.  
I learn this evening, by some parties on their way to Shell River, that about 30 feet of West's mill dam went out this morning.

Homer Crockett informs me that he will teach school in the town of Woodside this winter. He is not discouraged in the least over the election.

H. Asseln will not finish his large store and residence before spring.

Elder Thomas preached to a large congregation last Sabbath morning, at the new baptist church, and Rev. Mr. Cook, late of Iowa, preached in the afternoon.

We hear that a ten year old son of Mr. A. Bucan came very near losing his life by breaking through the ice on Lake Adley.

Farmers got their fall work well advanced before the freeze-up.

Dr. Farewell drives out now with a good double rig.

There was quite a sensation to-day over the appearance of a strange man at church.

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He is about 25 years old, about 5 feet 6 in, high, light complexion, and wore a suit of light clothes, no hat. His disordered hair showed evidence of a nap in some man's straw pile. He gave his name as Ole Oleson is a swede, and is evidently insane. He was taken in charge by Mr. John Rider until the proper disposition can be made. P.

### WRIGHTSTOWN.

From our own correspondent.  
Our farmers are generally well along with their work, making ready for winter quarters.

Considerable butchering is being done. Beef and pork the best we ever had. Wesley Wright butchered the boss hog, and Abbott had the boss yield of wheat. 60 bushels from two bushels of sowing, five wheat.

On the night of November 18th, while some of our neighbors were away from home some miserable, sneaking thieves made a raid upon Henry Wright's grain, breaking into his grainery and stealing about twenty-five bushels of wheat. McDowel had his pork stolen, and Wesley Wright had corn taken from his crib. Aunt Myra chased a man out of her kitchen at midnight. A fresh wagon track, drawn by oxen, was discovered the next morning and followed from Wright's grainery around through the woods for about two miles, tetching up in a barnyard on section 14. How greatly has humanity lost its priestage and fallen, when, after a season of hard toil, to have what we have gathered in, so wrongfully taken from us is too hard to bear.

### UNCLE TODA.

### WING RIVER.

From our Special Correspondent.  
Our neighbor, William Adams, killed a fine buck the other day.

Mr. A. Dolson's brother-in-law, Mr. William Dixon, arrived among us the other day and from appearances intends to make it his home, as he brought with him all farming utensils and a good team of horses.

We have a piece of scandal going the rounds among us in the shape of alleged child abuse. Last winter or early spring, a man by the name of Ball, living in Aldrich, parted with his wife, the wife leaving all the children with Mr. Ball. The children being quite numerous, and some of them small, Mr. Ball thought it would be best to get some friends to adopt the smaller ones who would be better situated to care for them than he. Accordingly F. L. Bennett took one of them, a little girl, intending to adopt it. Things run smoothly until about three weeks ago, when the story got circulated that the child was being abused by Mrs. Bennett, which, coming to the ears of Mr. Ball, he came and demanded the child of Bennett, and their being no papers making the adoption legal he delivered the child to Mr. Ball. Bennett now sues Ball for damages and libel, the case still pending in court. TRAMP.

### Proposal for Wood.

Sealed proposals will be received for School District No. 1, until 12 o'clock on Nov. 29, 1879, at the office of John N. Heron, District Clerk, for wood in the following proportions:

- 5 cords half of green and half of dry Tamarack 3 feet long.
- 3 cords half of green and half of dry tamarack 4 feet long.
- 5 cords of green oak 3 feet long.
- 3 cords of green oak 4 feet long.

To be delivered at the school house in Wadena on or before December 25, 1879.

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C. H. PEAK, Director.

### Notice.

I have seasoned flooring and siding for sale at Bluffton. Car load just received. Also a span of horses and yoke of oxen for sale or trade.

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C. M. MALBY.

### Club with the Farmer.

THE FARMER will be sent to any address together with the following named journals, at the prices set opposite their names, for cash in advance:

- Pioneer Press.....\$2.65
- Western Rural..... 2.90
- Harper's Weekly or Magazine each.. 4.90
- Minnesota Farmer..... 1.75
- American Agriculturist..... 2.70
- St. Paul Weekly Globe..... 2.50

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