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Buildings seem to grow in the night. Attorney Luce went to Compton Tuesday. Christmas comes three weeks from to-day. More snow wanted to make good sleighing. Presson & Ostrander have built a new stable. Christmas is coming "and don't you forget it." Mr. Dixon preaches at Verdale next Sunday. Why don't the ladies organize a "night" society? Fargo business men are organizing a Board of Trade. Mr. Sleeper, from Brainerd, was in town yesterday. Mrs. Jones is very busy making holiday garments, etc. Chicago has six theatres, Wadena none. Why is this thus? Will Barwise went down below yesterday to purchase shingle machinery. February 1880 has five Sundays. This will not occur again until 1925. Quite a heavy fall of snow on Tuesday night made the farmers look happy. Presson & Ostrander have had their Billiard table cut down to a smaller size. Do not forget the festival at the school house Saturday evening. Mr. Maltby has taken active management of the workings of the flouring mill. The first sled of the season made its appearance on our streets Tuesday morning. Mr. Brewster made us a pleasant call last week. See his card in another column. S. S. Gardner left Monday night for New York. He will be absent about a month. We acknowledge a pleasant call from Attorney Lewis, from Fergus Falls, yesterday. A slight snow which fell last Monday night, made things and people look "blue." Mr. P. M. Jones was arrested and taken to Fergus last week on a charge of obstructing the highway, but returned Monday. Active work on the Shell River road has commenced under the charge of H. S. Morical, as Superintendent. Mr. Phillips has taken charge of the flouring mill engine, and will move his family here from Iowa in a week or two. C. Potter & Co., have moved into their new store, where furniture will be bought, sold and repaired. Deer Creek has been indulging in dancing lately. They labor under the disadvantage of a scarcity of young ladies. Leap year is close at hand and our bashful young men are preparing themselves for a series of propositions. Charley Stuart's new stable is rapidly approaching completion and when finished will be the handsomest in town. Duluth suffered a loss by fire of \$20,000 last Friday. Three saloons were burned out and one shoe store. The Fergus Falls Journal wants the day of mail from Wadena to Inman changed so as to accommodate it (the Journal). It seems that history is repeating itself in the Old World. Ireland is beginning to "kick" and several arrests have been made. MARRIED—In Frazee City, on the 26th inst., by Rev. Wm. Denley, G. F. Gordon to Eva Curkendall, both of Otter Tail Co. The question of whether we are to have a new church or not does not seem to be definitely settled. Let the good work go on. The Railroad Co. will purchase 2,000 cords of wood at this point. J. Katzy will receive contracts at prices given in our "market's." Mr. Parsons has raised the frame for his large building east of Ostranders and is pushing it forward with true western vigor. Mr. and Mrs. A. Langley returned from their trip through the southeastern portion of the State last week. They report having a splendid time. Now that we have "got away" with our Thanksgiving turkey we feel much better, and will wait longingly and patiently for a good Christmas turkey. Mr. John Knight returned from Shell river last Saturday. He walked the entire distance tramping all night Friday. Quite a plucky undertaking. The Wadena Drug Store will receive a stock of books for the holidays this week which they will sell cheap. Go and see them. Books at the Wadena Drug Store.

Dr. Crucial, of Fargo, advertises that he has officiated at the birth of 4,329 infants. Verily he must have held the candle in "Baby Mine." A paint brush artistically wielded has left its beautifying effects on the residence of C. H. Peake. The inner woodwork being hand sanded and grained. Z. Palmer has purchased a lot opposite C. H. Peake's residence and is building a house there on, having sold his present property to T. F. Ostrander. The following is a certain cure for neuralgia. Take two drops of laudanum in one half spoonful of warm water and drop into the ear. It will give immediate relief. If you want to make your children or friends a nice Christmas present call at the Wadena Drug Store and look at their new stock of books, and buy some. They are real cheap. Mr. Fields, county auditor elect, was in town Monday. Also Harry Brintnell, who is now in the employ of the N. P. R. R. and who is to move his family to Brainerd next week. Mr. Dixon was in Wadena on Thanksgiving day, and helped us with our turkey. At last accounts he was just recovering from a short sickness caused by "war with the Turk (eyes)." The Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen gave their second annual ball last Thanksgiving at Fargo which was a success. The boys of this organization know how the thing is done. The village of Randalia, Fayette county Iowa, was burned on the 25th ult and but one business house remains. No protection and little insurance totally wipes out the town. We are indebted to Mr. L. A. Paddock the veteran hunter, who in company with Ben Franks killed 37 deer in five weeks for a very fine deer's head with perfectly formed antlers. We are pained to learn that Mrs. Kelley is worse. However, her indomitable will which has kept her alive when many others would have perished may yet be the means of saving her. Mr. Hurst is expected in a few days to take charge of the saloon which he has purchased of Mr. Van Zant. An oyster parlor will also be opened on the premises. Fresh oysters already in stock. Store keepers should caution their clerks to be careful about advertising the arrival of holiday goods. Especially in regard to informing husbands of holiday goods after their wives had inquired about them. Gen. Grant's right arm has been shook and jehawed about so much by the great unwashed since his return that he has got to skip the country again or suffer amputation. Who says Grant is not a martyr to his country. Mr. Church, who has for some time past been engaged as first miller in the Wadena Flouring mill, started for Minneapolis last week. Mr. C. made many friends during his stay among us who are sincerely sorry at his departure. Mr. Morical, the superintendent of the work on the Shell River road left Wadena on Tuesday morning to enter upon his duties as such. He is a thorough going, reliable man, well acquainted with the country through which the road is to pass, and we expect to be able to report something good from him next week. Will Barwise seems to be out of luck. Not long ago he got his hand chawed up in the steam thresher, and just as he had recovered from that a large boulder fell on his head, while he was engaged in digging a well last Thursday, and cut a big gash in his scalp, and knocked him down. Billy says it was a "woodchuck case." Mr. Swindlehurst remembered the printer for on Thanksgiving morning the smiling face of his bright little boy appeared at our office door immediately followed by the rest of his physical anatomy which had been made the conveyor of a fine large turkey. Notwithstanding it was a little late it was nevertheless acceptable, and Mr. S. has our heartfelt thanks. We cannot publish communications unless the writer sends us his name. We have a communication from Adamsville which comes without a name which we will publish when the author sends us their name. We do not want the name for publication but simply as a guarantee of good faith on the part of the writer. We cannot vary from this rule.

The lecture before the Wadena Literary Association last Saturday evening was delivered by Dr. Crockett and was chuck full of interest and information. The reading by Master Swindlehurst and the Misses Katzy and Worthington were features of the entertainment which are worthy of mention. Remarks were also made by other members of the Association, and all departed in good spirits. J. E. Hall was announced as the next speaker. Every man, woman and child is hereby notified that there is no barber shop in Wadena up stairs. Mr. Ostrander is the barber and keeps his shop down stairs on the first floor in the building nearly opposite the ware house of Barnes & Tenny, and the first now completed building west of the flouring mill on Front street. Having removed whatever excuse may have existed for men ascending the back stairs of the FARMER office and returning without making known their business we hereby notify them that we are about to convert our residence into an arsenal and any man stealthily creeping up the aforesaid steps during the absence of male protectors will expose himself to a broadside from which he will be very liable to return only with help, and don't you allow this to slide from your memory. LEAF RIVER TOWNSHIP. From our own correspondent. Fall work is almost all done and preparations are being made to work in the timber during the winter. Mr. Sawtelle is layed up with a sore hand caused by working in lime. He reports plenty of plastering to be done yet. Mr. Caway has taken a homestead on Sec. 4, and is going to build and move on it this winter. Our folks thought they saw four chippewas coming in from the north east last week but as they came nearer it proved to be the surveyor and his crew that had been surveying the Red Eye road. Amidst all the confusion of building a new house Mr. Fisher was called in to view a young son that had been born unto him. He pronounced him a "nice little veller." If any one should want help to kill a beef send for Wiswell and Winter, who can do any part of the work and give good hands to send for more help if it is needed. Another prairie schooner loaded down with Brown county folks crossed the Leaf on Saturday evening. O. K. GENERAL NEWS. The 46th Congress assembled Monday, and the President's message read in the afternoon. The house was called to order by Speaker Randall, the roll call showing 232 members present, and 56 absent. Aside from reading the President's message there was nothing done, the Senate adjourning in memory of Hon. Zachariah Chandler. The boiler in the Eau Claire lumber companies planing mill exploded at 1 o'clock on Monday, killing engineer Haskins, fireman Hasplin and a teamster named Gallagher. A dispatch from Milwaukee, says that a young man and three girls were drowned at Baraboo while sliding on the ice Sunday evening. Their names were Henry Cordis and his sister, Jessie Young and Cordier Hart. A dispatch from Memphis, Tenn., dated that an accident on the Little Rock Railroad this morning caused the death of three persons and the serious injury of four more. The following is a dispatch from London dated Dec. 2—The Chemnitz (Saxony) Tageblatt states that an explosion of fire damp occurred in a mine in that district last evening, and it is feared that from seventy to eighty persons perished. The recovery of corpses of the victims is actively proceeding. [These coal mines are situated near the Mulde river, in the Erzgebirge mountains, and have long been worked with skill and success.] A letter written to the Times from Leadville: This is an immense place "you bet." One brick and four frame theaters, and three more projected; thirty-two smelters running day and night; hotels, restaurants, etc., ad infinitum, and full to their utmost capacity. Thirty thousand peoples to winter here, and we expect a population of 60,000 by next August. New strikes every day. A brick hotel, first class in all its appointments, will be built at once, accommodating 500 people. Hundreds of Eastern capitalists are coming in every day, and everything is booming.

T. M. Fowler has made a bird's eye view of Fargo which will be published if sufficient copies can be sold. This is a matter which Wadena ought to take an interest in, for as she progresses in size and importance it will be interesting to see what she once looked like without a church and destitute of sidewalks of any consequence. They are Coming. The following is a letter received from Birmingham, Illinois, yesterday. Mr. Enron; I arrived home the 27th of October, safe and sound. Since my arrival I have been busy organizing a company of good substantial citizens who are willing to make Wadena county their future home for all time to come. We will start about the first of February if the weather will permit. Hard times is the cry here, no money, no labor wanted. Your paper, which is received here weekly is exerting a powerful influence on that class of farmers who have been renting land all their lives. I have not son sulted with my better half in regard to a home in the west, but I hope no unpleasantness will mar the happiness which is in store for me in Minnesota. Should she rebel I will go west with as jolly a crowd of honest yeomanry as ever struck the green plat valleys of Minnesota. Resp'y, KIT EVERSON. The Citizens Meeting. A number of citizens met at the office of S. S. Gardner last Monday night to take decided action in the matter of the Shell River road. The meeting was called to order and C. H. Peak elected chairman, H. H. Burch secretary. Report of the committee elected at the last meeting to circulate subscription paper for the purpose of raising money to survey the road, was submitted and accepted. The road as surveyed by Mr. Darling was conceded to be the shortest and most feasible to the Red Eye river that could have been secured, the crossing said river being on the center of section 2, town 136. The approach to the south bank being on a dividing ridge between two large swamps which make east and west respectively for a considerable distance. Some discussion took place on the necessity of the road and the cost. Mr. Morical, from Leaf River, was in attendance and expressed it as his opinion that the citizens of Leaf River would help pretty generally in the work. Mr. Gardner suggested that Messrs Morical Peak and Potter be appointed a committee whose duty it should be to solicit money and work to be applied on the road with Morical as superintendent to immediately go to work and report when the work was completed. Messrs Peak and Potter to solicit and collect money in Wadena and Morical to take charge of the work and solicit labor in Leaf River. After some further discussion this was made in the form of a motion and carried. After the business of the Board had been disposed of a collection was taken up to repair the town pump and resulted satisfactorily, sufficient funds being collected to have the well fixed and a good pump put in, which will be done immediately by Mr. Fuller. The meeting then adjourned. The Grist. Wood is coming in lively.... Giles Peake & Co. have lots of pretty things for holiday presents.... Wadena has the reputation of doing more building this season than any point on the line in Minnesota.... The mill is running night and day.... Rawson has eight new sleeping rooms and a fine large dining room in his addition.... Burch has an immense stock of goods.... It seems that the Lynchers of Todd County have discovered that they made a mistake.... Baumbach & Meyer have the neatest store and stock imaginable, call and see them.... Bring your job printing to the FARMER office and have your letter, note and bill heads neatly bound without extra cost.... Snow, beautiful snow.... Receipt books for sale at this office, also legal blanks. Paste this in your hat.... Call at the drug store and get something nice for your sweetheart.... John Herron has a "boss," said boss is rather frisky, but when John gets it down to business there will not be a slicker animal in town.... Henry, its better you don't fool with that telephone some more, don't it?... Remember the sociable Saturday night at the school house. The social hop given at Ostranders hall last Thursday evening was a gratifying success. Everything passed off smoothly and all seemed to enjoy themselves.

Speaking of fast time on railroads an expert makes the following calculation: A train running at the speed of a mile a minute clears 88 feet of track at every tick of the clock, or twenty-two feet every time your watch ticks. The driving wheels of the locomotive must revolve five times every second, which involves the filling of the cylinder with steam and emptying it again ten separate times and the piston must take its jump through through the cylinder ten times, coming to a full stop after each. When we reflect that this occurs in less time than it takes a man to draw one breath, the expression "a mile a minute" takes a new meaning and it ceases to be at wonder that the speed is seldom made. So boys its no longer surprising that your furniture has not arrived. [FOR THE N. P. FARMER.] The Bachelor's Dream. In Compton town a law was passed, Which made the bachelors stand aghast. To old and young the law was read, And in plain English tongue it said: That every bachelor in the town Should wed a wife and settle down; And with this law they must comply Before a single year went by, Or death the punishment would be By hanging to the nearest tree. The weeks went past—full fifty-two, And one poor bachelor's case looked blue. His time was up, his year of grace, And death now stared him in the face. He had no "frau," and so, of course, The Compton law was still in force. Poor, hopeless case! He had no wife, He now must leave, or lose his life. Which would he do? Free from his claim, Or stay and die a death of shame On this "grave" thought he pondered deep, Until at length he fell asleep, Reclining in his old arm chair A perfect picture of despair. But as he in the chair reclined Unto his agitated mind A vision came that much did cheer His lonely heart and banish fear. He seemed to be with five or six Of Compton's "righteous benedicts." He dreamed 'twas in a lonely wood In Compton's peaceful neighborhood, A rope hung from a large oak limb, And well he knew 'twas meant for him. His hands were stretched behind his back, Then o'er his eyes the "cap of black" His executioners drew; Then all was darkness, and he knew, His moments on this earth were few. And all the misdeeds of the past Into his mind came crowding fast. And [in his dream] he seemed to dwell In some dark dungeon down in well The name just here we will not tell. He slumbers on and seems to hear His persecutors' lang' and jeer, And bidding him prepare for death, Before the rope should stop his breath. But while they were o'er him exulting, And making speeches most insulting, He utters in his wild despair A brief but very sincere prayer. O lend assistance, gracious Lord, And send some friend to cut this cord That holds my hands, and let me fight; And each and every Comptonite Here on this ground, alone will face, And when, by thine assisting grace His prayer is answered, for he hears A rush of feet, loud shouts and cheers, Some heavy blows and then some curses, Two wicked to repeat in verses. His hands and feet are soon untied, The hangman's cap is hurled aside And to his joy and great surprise Before the bachelor's wondering eyes A score of bachelor friends he sees There with him 'neath the forest trees. The benedicts lie on the ground With hands and feet securely bound, These persecuting benedicts Are placed precisely in the fix, From which his friends had rescued him, [Their hopes for life seem very dim.] Six ropes are now upon the limb. The bachelors are holding court, 'Twas in "dead earnest," not in sport, And on this verdict soon agree That "all must hang upon the tree." The benedicts plead for their lives, And said their children and their wives Would o'er their fate weep and lament, And humbly asked them to relent. "Too late, too late," the bachelor said, "We'll take your wives when you are dead. You made the law for us 'tis true But we will use it now on you." Prepare for death; the sentence passed, This very hour shall be your last. There's no appeal. You have no hope, And all must feel the fatal rope. Now in a lone they all were stood, There in the dark and lonely wood. Every benedict was hung, And side by side their bodies swung. 'Til suddenly the limb it broke And then the bachelor awoke. A moral from this dream we draw, Concerning Compton's marriage law. 'Tis this: Let bachelors take their pleasure To wife and wed their wives at leisure. And do not drive them to extremes Lest something worse result than dreams. W. R. O.