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LOCAL.

Charlie Stuarts barn is nearly completed
Albums at Burch & Co's. 29¢
Buy a box of that elegant papeterie at the
Drug Store.
The thermometer indicated 22 below 0 this
morning at 8 o'clock.
Note the change of time in the N. P. time
card on another page.
The finest assortment of pocket knives in
town at the Drug Store.
Harry Presson will furnish those desiring
nice fresh milk.
Toy books in endless variety at Burch &
Co's. 29¢
Frank Bishop has commenced reading law
with Hon. E. R. Luce, county attorney.
Note the interesting communication relat-
ing to poultry raising in another column.
We received a pleasant call from Mr.
Lewis, a young attorney of Fergus Falls last
Friday.
Xmas picture books for children at the
Wadena Drug Store.
A fine display of Holiday goods at bed
rock prices at H. F. Burch & Co's. 29¢
Our lady friends are cordially invited to
contribute something for their "Home De-
partment."
Rev. Mr. Dixon will preach here next Sun-
day morning at 11 o'clock and in the evening
at 7 o'clock.
Christmas cards at Burch's. 29¢
Mrs. Osborn, mother of Wm. R. Osborn,
of Compton, arrived Monday. She will keep
house for her son this winter.
E. S. is literally the most cheeky man in
town. It is not particularly hereditary with
Ed, but "boils" out on him occasionally.
Holiday books for young men and maidens
at the Wadena Drug Store.
Mr. F. Hurst has taken charge of the Van
Zant saloon. He is a genial fellow and will
doublet please the habits of this resort.
Go to the town well to water your horses
and try the celebrated Lafferty pump, and
go to Fuller & Ostrander and buy one.
Don't forget to call and examine the ele-
gant assortment of Christmas presents at H.
F. Burch & Co's. 29¢
Mr. Brewster, of Verndale, made us a
pleasant call on Monday. He informed us
that he now occupies the main part of Far-
well's building.
Give us a little more snow Mr. Clerk.—
LATER. The above was written on Monday.
Tuesday the snow came. Shows the bene-
fits of a good local paper.—See.

It is unfortunate that the recent fall of
snow has interfered with the further opera-
tions of our "rag picker" otherwise many
interesting letters might be found.

The sociable last Saturday night was not
so well attended as it doubtless would have
been had the weather been less severe. As
it was the ladies made \$29.60.

Mr. Morical is pushing the work on the
Shell River road to the Red Eye with com-
mendable energy. See what the Leaf River
correspondent says about it.

The clerk of the weather at this place is
too busy to furnish us with a weather record
from week to week but is prepared to fur-
nish any kind of weather desired on short no-
tice. Orders should be left at the station as
early as 4 o'clock a m to receive attention.

WANTED: Men, women and children to
buy holiday looks at the Wadena Drug
Store.

Mr. O. B. Skinner, proprietor of the Wada-
na Drug Store, has been in town for the
past few days looking after his interests here.
Mr. S. conducts a fine drug store in Minne-
apolis and is as enterprising as he is genial
and clever. He takes deep interest in the
village and is much surprised at her growth
since his last visit.

Mr. Albert G. Carson, business manager of
Charles A. Carson's Picturesque Red River
Valley of the North spent several days in
this city this week soliciting business for
that magazine. He presented us with a spec-
imen copy of the November number, which
is a beauty and no mistake, reflecting much
credit on the editors and printers.

The Wadena House had a narrow escape
from fire last Sunday morning. The fire
caught from the heat of the pipe in the par-
lor or from some sparks lodging between the
plastering and sheeting. At all events when
discovered the fire was struggling for the
mastery and would doubtless have gained it
had not the plaster been torn away and the
growing flames extinguished. Moral—Look
out for fire.

The business men of our village have had
surveyed and have now a force of men at
work on a road which is almost on an air
line to the Red Eye river. From the point
it crosses this river to the Shell road can
be opened at but little cost or trouble. The
cost to the citizens so far is less than \$100
including survey and labor in opening the
road for some time to come. By reference
to the official proceedings of the county Com-
missioners in another column it will be seen
that the county have been put to the expense
of \$227 already on the survey alone of a road
from Verndale to the Shell, and another bill
is yet to be allowed on the same thing. The
expense of this survey would open the road
from this place to the Shell including survey
cutting out, corderoing, and covering cor-
deroy, and made it one of the best roads in
the country. Comments are unnecessary,
yet can be made if desired.

Taken Up.

We have on our premises one three year
old s e r, red, with crooked horns, the own-
er of which shall receive the same by paying
all expenses. ROBB BROS.,
Com: ton,

[OFFICIAL]

Commissioners Proceedings.

Minutes of special meeting of County Com-
missioners held December 5th, 1879.
Present, C. Potter, H. Lyons, A. Cooke.
Minutes of last meeting read and approved.
Bill of F. B. Thompson of \$6.72 for furnish-
ing list of N. P. lands sold and contracted for
in Wadena county in 1878 was allowed.
A petition signed by A. R. Wiswell and
others praying for the attachment of town
106, range 25 to Leaf River for township and
voting purposes was granted. Bill of A. Cook
for labor and expenses incurred in the view-
ing and surveying of the Shell River Road
running north from Verndale, to the amount
of \$227.00 allowed in full. Bill of Probate
Court, \$55.00, for the examination and com-
mitment of Mrs. A. W. Greene to the Insane
Hospital at St. Peter was allowed. On mo-
tion the County Auditor was instructed to
receive plans, specifications and bids for the
erection of suitable offices for the use of
county, said building to cost three or four
hundred dollars.
On motion the meeting adjourned.
C. POTTER, Chairman. C. J. STUART,
Auditor.

Exchange versus Gristing.

Mr. Edson: There seems to be a preju-
dice, amongst us farmers, against exchang-
ing our wheat for flour, shorts and bran.
And in favor of having our own wheat ground
into the same articles. But it seems to me
that the exchange plan has many advantages
over the old system. 1st, we can go to mill
with one trip in place of two and sometimes
three as in the old plan; quite an item to
those living from 5 to 20 miles from the mill,
and avoid the waiting even if by good luck
we get our grist home with us; which wait-
ing sometimes lasts until way in the night.
2d, we may expect a more uniform and
better grade of flour than by the old method
of grinding a few bushels of one kind of
wheat and then a few bushels of another;
some dry, some damp, some clean and some
dirty and musty. It keeps a miller chang-
ing all the time and before he has the mill
fairly regulated on one grist he is on to
another.

3d, if millers would only stick to the
grades the Wadena mill company set out for
Nos. 1 and 2, and not any lower grade we
make no guess work but may expect good
flour, and shall not follow someone else's
damp, musty, dark flour from poor wheat
that preceded you. And I have noticed
that those people with poor wheat seem to
bring small grists and come often. Now who
will most likely be against the Exchange
plan. 1st, Those with wheat that will grade
with Nos. 1 and 2 and hence prefer the old
plan of exchange of poor for good. 2d, those
who think their wheat a little better than
others and so want their own wheat ground.
But even they do not want flour from musty
damp or smutty wheat that was ground for
a neighbor just before them. 3d, the ex-
tremely fortunate man that always gets a
great turn out of good flour and runs from
one mill to another, if there is a dozen, hop-
ing to get more than his own at others ex-
pense, be his wheat what it may, and who
tells the miller what the last mill done for
him and how many are sure to follow him.
Now since the mill company of Wadena
have turned on so good and wise a plan, and
made the terms so liberal let us cheerfully
fall in with the plan best for all farmers and

millers. The terms offered us were only ar-
rived at after years of struggle and sharp
competition in the counties of Stearns and
Douglas.

Now farmers, if we have some poor wheat
let us sell it for what it will bring and get
your wife some good flour and Mary Jane
will make you some good bread and biscuits
and yourself, wife, children and friends will
be happier and healthier people for the ex-
change. Respectfully,

SPRUCE TREE.

On the Wing.

DEAR FARMER: Agreeable to promise I
let us sell it for what it will bring and get
your wife some good flour and Mary Jane

You remember I left Wadena on the 1st
inst. on the last bound night express—the
night of our greatest fall of snow—that night
on which two ladies were waiting outside
the depot for the train. And this suggests
the thought that passengers waiting for the
night trains would be better accommodated
if some way could be devised by the man-
agers of our N. P. R. R. whereby they could
get inside the depot and there find a com-
fortable fire.

Reaching Brainerd we found four inches
of snow, which gradually grew less going
south, until on reaching Minneapolis the
ground was only whitened. Left Minneap-
olis at 7.05 p m on the 2d inst., via Chicago,
Milwaukee & St. Paul road. The sleeper
Pembina gave us a good nights rest. We
"turned out" at Kilbourne City, Wis., 228
miles from Minneapolis. What an improve-
ment in the modes of travel in the North-
west within a few years.

The region traversed by this road from
near Sparta to Columbus, a distance of 10
miles, is a good country to emigrate from.
The soil is a yellow sand up to an inch or
two of the surface. Timber, scrub red oak,
the clearing of which is of far greater value
than the land. It is a wonder that they can
produce any crops of any kind. Our Wadena
county farmers would not make the at-
tempt to raise white beans on such worthless
lands. You should see a sample of it to
compare with any of the very poorest lands
west of the Mississippi on the N. P. road.
From Columbus, and in the vicinity of
Watertown, Wis., all the way to Chicago is
a good place to live in, providing a man is
the owner of the farm he lives on.

Milwaukee for dinner. The grain eleva-
tors here number from "A" to "E." "E"
has a storage capacity of 3,000,000 bushels.
I am informed that all the elevators in Mil-
waukee are nearly full. The farmers wheat
operator, Angus Smith, proposes to carry
3,000,000 bushels until spring. Dealers
here seem to anticipate higher prices in the
spring.

Reached Chicago at 4 p m. This is the
greatest grain market of any city in the
world. It is a wonderful city. A few years
ago a swamp and Indian Reservation—re-
cently in ashes—to-day it ranks 3d of all the
cities of the United States. Chicago claims
to have handled in the past year 134,000,000
bushels of grain, and forwarded it to the sea-
board cities and foreign lands.

In less time than the life of Chicago there
will be a city called Duluth, at the head of
Lake Superior, that will handle more wheat
alone per annum than Chicago does of all
kinds of grain this year. Will write again
from New York. N. P.

Charlie Rackhoff's new "Monarch" billiard
table is now ready for business.

Neighborhood News.

ADAMSVILLE.

From a correspondent.
We would like to know if any one can tell
us what happened to the Elder last Friday
in town. Sant sent down by him for a sack
of flour and he got it, and so did the sack
get it. The sack was a great deal more
healy than righteous, but not much of the flour
wasted. The Elder reached home about
bed time. Now we do not think that he
took in any of Vanzants benzine while in
town, for he ain't that kind of a hairpin; we
will be easy on the Elder this time, as it is
his first offense. But if he gets on another
highlonesome we will have to bring him up
before the postoffice to give an account o
himself.

In the meantime has any one seen any-
thing of Mr. Wright's log chain. He says
it was a long chain and no grab hook on it.
But we think, according to his story, that
some one put a grab hook on it. He has al-
so had a paunfull of nails, a hammer and a
brass mounted pipe come up missing. Any
one informing the Elder of the whereabouts
of his personal property will probably be
liberally rewarded.

Mr. Wright has erected a frame dwelling
house near the mill where he can see the
pine logs come rolling in and hear the hum
of the old circular and be happy.

Mr. Adams has built a large barn on the
banks of the river, for his horses. We ex-
pect Uncle Dan will keep a livery stable af-
ter he gets through milling.

OH BE JOYFUL.

COMPTON

From our own correspondent.
Mr. McNamers family has arrived and are
staying with Mr. Lightfoot until their own
house is ready to occupy, which will be
soon.

School in District 94 recommenced two
weeks ago, Mr. J. McClelland teacher, and
three miles south in Oak Valley district No.
102, Mr. Rufus A. Darling is instructing the
young idea. We hope these gentlemen will
start our long talked of spelling schools
soon.

There is considerable talk of combining
our forces and having a Christmas tree at
Section 8 school house, which we think an
excellent plan.

We see by the last FARMER that our batch-
elor has had a long dream, by which it
seems that some of us are going to lose our
wives. We are tremblingly awaiting further
developments.

MEGGINS.

ENGLAND PRAIRIE.

From our own correspondent.
Our farmers are hauling grain to market
this winter, instead of wood and ties as here
before. The graineries on this prairie seem
to be quite full for this season of the year.

Our school is in a flourishing condition
with Miss Stillman as teacher. It is said
that we have the best school this term that
has ever been taught in this district.
Jam s does not want any of the young
ladies to think that he belongs to the Com-
pton benefactors.

If any one wants any steers broke to
drive call on Harry Parsons. He is in the
business just now.

Two more sturdy farmers added to this
prairie. Messrs. Peterson and Doff from Iowa
have purchased land just across the road
from Mr. Paddock's and will have 40 acres
broke in the spring.

There seems to be quite an excitement in
Wadena about church societies and festivals.
We should like to see a church revival. It
might have an effect on the price of wheat.
I understand there is to be a Christmas
tree at our school house. Let the good
work go on. Observer will put his shoulder
to the wheel and help roll it around. Let
the world know that England Prairie is lo-
cated in America.

There is some talk of building graineries
on this prairie before another harvest comes
around. Then the wheat buyers will want
to shake the Farmers hand all winter.

OBSERVER.

INMAN.

From our own Correspondent.
This begins to look like winter, yet there
is not snow enough to make sleighing, and
just enough to spoil wheeling.

Swamps are frozen up, and now is a good
time to get out fence poles and have them
ready to haul when there is more snow.

Our school house is getting along nicely;
will be ready to hold meetings in next Sun-
day if the weather is not too cold.

Will some one who is experienced please
tell us, through your paper, the most con-
venient way to seat a school room; that is
give a plan how to get the most seating into
the least space, and be to the greatest ad-
vantage to teacher and scholar.

Our mail has finally "arove" and will run
on time hereafter.

We have a new sensation in town. It is
a young lady just come to live among us.
She has taken up her residence at W. P.
Gould's and weighs ten and a half pounds.
All hands doing well.

Daners seem to be in order, one every
week. It is a good thing for Graham; keep
it up.

Our school will commence the first Mon-
day in January, Homer Crocker, teacher.
With a bran new school house and the best
teacher in the county why should we not
have a tip top school.

Rev. Mr. Inman will preach a dedication
sermon in the new school house, next Sun-
day the 14th. Rev. Woodcott preaches here
once in two weeks.

Most of the hunters have left in disgust,
not because there was no game, but because
there was too much brush and no snow. I
wonder if they don't wish they had not been
in such a hurry.

Mr. Twombly has just arrived here and is
looking for a location. His family will come
on the cars in a few days.

Almost every one we meet is either cough-
ing or sneezing; it is an awful time for colds.
Mr. Henry Gash has just got back from
harvesting. He went away about the mid-
dle of July; a pretty good pull far one har-
vest.

We saw Homer going home with quite a
load of furniture and fixings. Now Homer
take the FARMER and be happy. DENGQ

LEAF RIVER TOWNSHIP.

From our own correspondent.
We hear inquiries in regard to the local
correspondents. Hope they haven't all gone
back on your paper.

Still it snows and the people are happy.
Work commenced on the Red Eye road
last Monday with a force of eight men.

The land along the line of the new road is
being taken as fast as men can get to it. Four
sections taken in as many days.

A crew of Brown county men and their
outfit start for the Shell River country this
week to hunt homes for themselves and
friends who will follow in the spring.

Mr. Lars Peterson sold 40 acres of his land
on section 17 to Mr. Orbis. Consideration
\$60.

The terms of payment that the railroad
company have adopted on ties has blighted
the prospects of most of the settlers in the
timber.

There is no doubt that G. E. Coan has the
finest team of oxen in the county. He says
they are all O. K.

PARKERS PRAIRIE

From our own correspondent.

On the evening of the 6th inst. the ladies
of the Mite Society held a fair and festival
at the new Baptist church, which was largely
attended, at least 150 persons being present.
All enjoyed themselves hugely and went
away well satisfied with the evening enter-
tainment. The proceeds, about \$20 will be
appropriated to the use of the church.

Al Hazen shot and killed a very large prairie
wolf a few days ago. Its hind measured
five feet in length.

Ed Emberton who arrived from Alexan-
dria last week, informs me that wheat at that
place is No. 1 \$1.04 and No. 2 \$1.01.

Miss Emma McMahon is teaching school
in the town of Deer Creek.

We hear some talk of a new drug store be-
ing put up in our town. We have plenty of
room for all sorts of stores and a steam grist
mill too, and if need be we could make room
for a railroad and other improvements.

F.

WRIGHTSTOWN.

From our own correspondent.

By your permission I wish the use of a
small space in the columns of your paper.
A few days since my attention was called to
a communication published in your paper of
Nov. 27th, from Uncle Toda a well-known
correspondent from Wrightstown, stating
that on the night of Nov. 18th some sneaking
thieves made a raid on Henry Wright's grain
breaking into his grainery and stealing
about 25 bushels of wheat, with the further
statement that 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 and
bringing up in a barn yard on section 14,
which last statement I denounce as an un-
warranted and malicious falsehood. I live
on section 14 and am the only man that
own and use oxen on said section.

The last statement is a cowardly attempt
to disgrace and throw suspicion upon me,
and I now call upon Uncle Toda to either
clear me publicly through the medium
through which he made the statement, or
prosecute me, which is his plain duty if he
wishes to be called an upright, honorable
citizen in the community in which he lives.
I am prepared and amply able to vindicate
myself and shall do so in case Uncle Toda
fails to act.

J. L. NEWELL.

WING RIVER.

From our Special Correspondent.

Our pending scandal suit between Ball
and Bennett was dismissed in favor of Ball.
Isn't this pretty cold weather for thresh-
ing. We still have a job or two among us
to thrash, and there is some talk of it being
done this week.

Mr. John McNial has just purchased the
farm of Wm. Adams for \$1500. William
intends visiting his relatives in the southern
part of the State this winter, and return here
again in the spring.

Mr. Henry Dutton and Mrs. Esterbrooks
were joined in the holy bonds of matrimony
the other day by Justice Cook.

TRAMP.