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Neighborhood News.

NORTHERN COMPTON.

Wanted, a few days of spring weather. Man wants but little here below; but don't want that little all in snow.

A large deer was seen a few days since, on section 1, looking for something green. We kept out of sight. B. C. Barrett, of Bluffton township, says if there is one thing that he likes more than another, it is to drive a high stepping team, and those creams just fill the bill.

As sleighing is played out, and as there is too much snow for wheeling, business is getting rather dull.

Farmers are improving the time now, cutting up their summer's supply of wood. OBID.

INMAN.

We are still having fine winter weather.

Mr. Maltby is putting a large stock of goods in his new store, in the west part of the town.

On Sunday, about 11 o'clock, the house of Wm. Ogden was discovered to be on fire in the roof. There was quite a stiff breeze, and by the time help could arrive, and water applied, the fire had got well under way, but by the hard work of Lonna Ogden, and the timely arrival of Mr. Shaw's help, it was put out. It burned a hole about 10 feet square in the roof. The fire burnt up one bed and bedding, also a buffalo robe. Damage about \$25; covered by insurance. DENG0.

EASTERN WADENA.

The mode of salutation fashionable in our section at present, is "bow your noes," everybody and his wife having a beautiful cold in their heads.

E. Wambold and wife, have returned from Minneapolis, where they have spent the winter, and are residing on their claim.

Can anybody tell when this snow is going off? We should be pleased to learn.

Well, we did predict right for once. We did have a wedding, and Albert is the happy man. We extend our hearty congratulations.

Mr. Edwin Huntington and wife, visited in our settlement the fore part of the week. Come again friends and stay longer.

W. M. Everts is home for a few days.

We understand they are to trip the "light fantastic," for the first time in our new school house in a couple of weeks or less. Also there is talk of school commencing about the first of May. ARTICHOSES.

BLUFFTON.

I have been too much occupied with sickness to send you any items lately, but business has gone on all the same.

C. D. Baker has built a store building in Deer Creek, near Sam Gordon's place, and stocked it with goods. Fred Helm is in charge. C. M. Maltby is also engaged putting up a building for the same purpose, in the town of Inman, of which Jean Boss will, we understand take charge.

The four year old daughter of Mr. C. S. Boss, met with a severe accident on Sunday afternoon last. She fell down the stairs of a neighbor's house, where she was playing with which children, striking on a barrel which stood at the bottom, breaking

her jaw bone and cutting a severe gash in her chin. Dr. Babcock was called and soon relieved the little sufferer, who is now doing nicely.

The whooping cough is prevalent in the eastern part of New York Mills town, and has made its appearance here in one case.

Sickness has been very prevalent here, during the last few weeks.

We take pleasure in announcing the marriage, on Sunday last, of Mr. Edo Doty, and Miss Ida Mabry. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Mr. Kidder, at the home of the bridegroom's parents. We wish the young couple a pleasant and prosperous voyage through life. Rev. Kidder seemed particularly pleased. The liberal fee will explain the cause.

Our school closed last week, and Miss Blair, our teacher, will visit friends during vacation. The summer term will commence in about five weeks, of which notice will be given.

The Lyceum also brought their meetings to a close, for the season, on account of spring coming on, and the roads getting bad. The institution has been very successful, and in addition to netting quite a little sum for the purchase of an organ, has contributed much to the enjoyment of social life during the winter months. FACT.

WOODSIDE PRAIRIE.

Lost, by G. A. Wright, somewhere between Dick Powell's residence and his own, twenty-five dollars. Anyone finding it, please send it to Wrightstown postoffice, and they will be paid for all trouble.

It was a mistake about Wm. Johnson loosing a cow.

A short time since, I had a talk with Wesley Wright, about the cultivation of tame grass. Mr. W. said his meadow had never been ploughed; he only cleared the land in good shape, and five years ago, when he came to this country he sowed some timothy seed in the yard near the house, and saved the seed produced from this sowing, which he sowed in different places on his meadow. Three years ago was the first sown on the meadow, and last season the hay was more than half timothy, and as good quality as he ever saw in Wisconsin, where he resided about thirty-two years. His meadow contains about nine acres; has never been harrowed or ploughed, and he says it is as good a timothy meadow as he wants, and will not sow any more seed on it, for the grass that is not timothy is a kind of red-top that makes nice hay.

Isaac Bratton, of Oak Valley, has the sympathy of many friends in Woodside, in his bereavement.

Last week, Miss Rosa Dickerson favored her old time friends in Woodside with a visit, where she received a hearty welcome. We only regret that her stay with us was so short, for we are very partial to "Boses," especially in the winter time.

Mr. Batchart has sent for a new variety of oats, White Russia, which if they do as well as they are said to, will soon become very popular. When they are harvested, I will furnish a report to the N. P. FARMER.

Has anyone grown hops in this country? If so, what is the result? INCOG.

Oak Valley, March 30th, 1881.

Editors N. P. FARMER:

As diphtheria is visiting this county, I will give you some valuable remedies for the readers of your paper. As it comes on almost as a thief in the night, parents should examine the condition of their children's throats at least three times a week, by pressing the tongue down with the handle of a spoon. This can be easily done, and if the tonsils are swollen and inflamed, this is the proper time to commence in this first stage: One teaspoonful of Perry

Davis painkiller, one tablespoonful of common salt in two-thirds of a cup of strong vinegar, used as a gargle five or six times a day, and by saturating a flannel cloth with the painkiller, worn around the neck will cure it, but when it is much cankered, pencil the spots with luna causti, still using the gargle as directed, and blister the outside of the neck with mustard or flies. If the canker is where you cannot reach it with the causti, being too low down, then dissolve some of it in soft water, and the patient can swallow two or three drops, according to age; also when using the gargle, swallow a portion after gargling every time, and if the patient is so far gone as to be unable to swallow anything, have a strong decoction of gum myrrh and capsicum, boiled in a can that has a small spout like an old fashioned coffee pot, and let the patient breathe or inhale the steam as hot as can be borne. This will relax the glands and start them to running, and give immediate relief. At the same time, bathe the patient all over in a tub of warm water, with half a pound of soda well dissolved in it. This, if rigidly followed, will save nine out of every ten, who otherwise must die. It is not much trouble nor expense. Every family should get those articles and have them on hand, for it will not do to run chances with this dread disease. These prescriptions I have known to cure hundreds of cases, where all others had failed. In the state of Ohio, where I came from, when the disease first made its appearance, it took all in its course, as it does here. Now most families get along with it easily, without a physician or any death. Hoping this will be beneficial in checking the tell-tale destroyer, I remain your obedient servant, J. D. HENDERSHOT

WRIGHTSTOWN.

Acting on the timely suggestions of "Incoq." in the last number of the FARMER, recommending a free interchange of views of farmers, relative to farming, I would say to all brother farmers, that as the busy season is fast approaching, that now is the time to prepare for it; see that necessary farming utensils are in order and ready for use, thereby saving time when you really need them, and if so, the intervening time can be profitably spent, in cutting and hauling to the door, a supply of wood for the season. It will well pay the investment in domestic bliss, for nothing will so dampen the temper of a woman, as to have green wood to burn, or to have to pick up chips. It is advisable to see that the fences are sufficient to secure the crops from depredations of cattle; if not, now is a good time to get out fencing for the necessary repairs; for a "stitch in time saves nine," according to the old adage. The prospects for a large crop of winter wheat never was better than now, and while on this subject, I would make the suggestion, that it would be well to plant a greater variety of crops, so in case of a failure of some kinds, it would not make a complete failure, as would be the case when only one or two kinds of grain are sown.

I noticed in the last number of the FARMER, a reprimand to Invisible, relative to an article, in which it states that he (Invisible) had undoubtedly done injustice to Mr. Harkcom and his son. In explanation, I would like to say to the readers of the FARMER, that I did not intend to injure the feelings of either of those gentlemen, but as a contributor of the paper, I send the items as they are given to me. In the case referred to, I sent the account of that matter as it was given to me by a gentleman in Wadena, who I considered good authority, but if I have erred in the matter, and have caused Mr. Harkcom and his son to suffer an injustice, I take this public opportunity to

offer an apology for the wrong, and ask the gentlemen's pardon.

G. A. Wright sold his celebrated stallion to a man on Stowe Prairie one day last week, and on his way home from there, he lost twenty-five dollars which he had received on the sale, out of his vest pocket, in which he had placed it loose. Can't be too careful in carrying so much money Dell.

Wm. Bratton's children, who were supposed to have had the diphtheria, are well again.

Mr. Tuttle has been spending the past week on the committee, appointed to examine the Treasurer's books, in the town of Bertha, Todd Co. I understand he will begin sawing again some time this week.

INVISIBLE.

OAK VALLEY.

On Friday last, Mr. Johnson's family were called upon to part with a little twin daughter, called away by death. She was four years old. Though it is hard to part with our little ones, yet the parents felt that it was better for her to be taken thus early, as she was a poor little cripple. She had never walked, and probably never would. Miss Minnie, Mrs. Johnson's eldest, is improving as fast as could be expected. She has been very sick with the diphtheria. The rest of the children have had colds and sore throats, but Mrs. Johnson is very thorough, and begins in time, and if a particle of canker makes its appearance she goes right to work to remove it as speedily as possible. I would advise everyone to watch the little ones closely, and above all things, if there is decaying vegetables in your cellars, proceed at once to clean them out, and ventilate them thoroughly. Work on the old maxim, that "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." I have prepared four bodies for the grave in less than two weeks, and I feel that too much cannot be said or done, to try to stay the progress of this dread disease.

The little twin in Isaac Bratten's family is improving, so also is the little boy, but the other little girl does not seem to be improving, but rather seems to be in a slow decline. It is to be hoped that Mr. Bratten will not have to suffer any more afflictions by death, for the hand of affliction has surely been laid very heavily upon him; one little daughter taken first, then in less than a week after, his loved companion and a little son, called to their long home in less than twenty-four hours. Surely in the midst of life we are in death. As I have heard it remarked that maybe some other doctor might have done better, I think it due Dr. Cromett, that the public should know something of the chance he had for success in the family of Mr. Bratten. I speak from personal observations and knowledge, as I was taking care of the sick myself and know the chance he had for saving them. He was not called till the day the little twin was buried. At that time, Mrs. Bratten was not sick, only that she had a slight cold. On Wednesday she was taken (the next day after the burial.) On Saturday Mr. Bratten went to town and got some medicine for all of the sick. I would not have been surprised if the little boy had been taken any minute all day. Mrs. B. was very bad also, and about half past 4 o'clock the little boy was taken very bad, and we thought for one spell that he was dead. I think that he was struck with death then, although he lived till the next night at 12. While he was so bad, Mrs. B. was very much excited, and overdone herself, and at quarter to three next morning, she passed away. Sunday Dr. Cromett came. Not one doctor out of 20 would have worked as faithfully as did Dr. Cromett. But he was past all earthly help long before the doctor came. When he was there on Tuesday before, littleemie was

playing about the house, and was not sick to speak of. It will be seen that the Dr. had no chance whatever, for they were past help, or already dead before he saw them.

John Worthington's father returned home last Thursday. He lives in Illinois. He has been here nearly all winter.

As I have a call to go and help take care of the sick at Mr. Bratten's again, I must draw this to a close. REPORTER.

Commissioners' Proceedings.

WADENA, MINN., April 4, 1881.
Board of County Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment.

Board called to order by Hon. C. Potter, in the chair.

Present—Com. Potter, Lyons, and Cook.

Bond of Tensaw LaLom for liquor license, was approved and license issued.

Bond of Hendrickson & Woodward for liquor license was approved and license issued.

On motion of Com. Lyons, the Auditor was instructed to purchase of the Surveyor General, certified plats and field notes of Wadena County, and to draw an order on the Poor Fund to pay for the same.

On motion the Board recommended the abatement of \$1.00 per acre on w 1-2 se 1-4 of section 29, town 134, range 35.

Communication from L. A. Pad-dock, asking for an appropriation of \$125.00 on the road running between sections 29 and 32 of town 134, range 35, was read and considered.

On motion of Com. Lyons, \$75.00 was appropriated out of the Road and Bridge Fund on the above road, under the direction of Com. Potter.

Bill of A. F. Kavenaugh, for constable's fees in case State vs. Wm. Kindred, for \$5.35, was allowed on motion of Com. Cook.

On motion of Com. Lyons, bill of John Jackson, amount \$1.95, sheriff's fees in case State vs. Wm. Kindred, was allowed in full.

Bills of H. Pettit & Son for goods furnished pauper, on order of Com. Cook, to the amount of \$9.61, was on motion of Com. Lyons, allowed in full.

On motion made by Com. Cook, the bill of H. J. Harding, for medicines, etc., furnished pauper, was allowed in full. Amount, \$11.15.

Bill of John Jackson, deputy sheriff fees in case State of Minnesota vs. John McNicol, was, on motion of Com. Cook, allowed to the amount of \$11.50.

On motion of Com. Lyons, bill of A. F. Kavenaugh, constable's fees in case of State vs. Silas Lavanway, was allowed in full. Total amount being \$9.50.

Bill of Z. Boardway, witness fees in case State of Minnesota vs. Wm. Kindred, for \$2.30, was on motion allowed.

On motion of Com. Cook, bill of Maira Nelson, amount, \$14.50, for attendance of Paula Lawrence, was allowed.

On motion of Com. Lyons the bill of A. F. Kavenaugh, constable's fees in case State vs. Henry Lavanway, was allowed to the amount of \$3.05.

On motion of Com. Lyons, bill of William Wilson, deputy sheriff's fees in case State of Minnesota vs. G. W. Ingram, was allowed in full. Amount of bill \$20.10.

County Attorney's report was accepted, and the following bills, on motion of Com. Lyons, ordered paid:

Joseph Percy, witness fees in case State vs. Wm. Kindred, \$1.12.

John Jackson, sheriff's fees in case State vs. Henry Lavanway, \$4.55.

A. F. Kavenaugh, constable's fees in case State vs. M. Lavanway, \$4.40.

Same, in case State of Minnesota vs. Mary Dutton, \$4.45.

Fees of J. M. Cook as justice, \$2.65, and James Carman as constable, \$4.75, in case State of Minnesota vs. Lavanway and Ira D. Esterbrook, was referred back for correction.

Bill of James Carman, fees in case State vs. McNicol, was referred back for correction.

On motion of Com. Lyons, Board adjourned, sine die. F. C. FIELD, County Auditor.