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Since the issue of the initial number of the PROGRESS we have met with creditable success, and with but one exception we have everywhere received a hearty welcome.

We are progressing steadily and every week new names are added to our subscription list, and this with the many kind and cheerful words received, has tended greatly to the encouragement of our efforts.

Now what we wish to say is this, to many of you we have been a constant visitor for fifteen weeks, we have presumed as it were on your hospitality; you have remained silent, we therefore do not know whether we are a welcome guest or only subject to temporary indulgence.

We propose with this number and hereafter, to devote our efforts to the interests of our subscribers and to such others who have manifested a desire of becoming such, and of the several to whom we have forwarded the PROGRESS to and from whom we have received no response we will cease to mail them the same. So to such of you, who may want the paper continued, please notify us of the fact.

Very Cold Weather.

The past week has been one of cold and storm, in fact the coldest that has been known here for many years. Thursday snow was falling gradually, and towards evening the wind had shifted to the Northwest and a genuine blizzard set in, at about midnight the gale was furious—akin to a tornado—howling and hurling the blinding snow at lightening speed; so fierce was the storm that people got up from their beds and kept vigil during the night. Transportation has been stopped and it will probably be a week or two before the roads are in a passable condition; the great depth of snow will also tend to make lumbering slow and difficult; the stages on the mail routes have been blocked, and our Mail service just now is one of hap-hazzard and up to this writing there has been no mails from Red Lake for two weeks, and only two from Detroit the past week. The thermometer has ranged from 36 to 40 degrees below zero. At present the weather is clear but the cold is intense.

Is It Diphtheria?

We have been informed that there has been three fatal cases of diphtheria in the vicinity of Richwood lately. Medical authority seem to differ as to the cases being diphtheria. However this may be, our people can not be too cautious in guarding against this dreadful scourge, and every precaution should be taken to keep it out and prevent its spreading upon the reservation.

Destructive Fire.

On Tuesday evening about 10 o'clock, the old Government building formerly occupied as a school boarding house and grill's dormitory was discovered to be on fire, and owing to the lateness of the hour and the scarcity of water, was soon in flames, and in about a half an hour the structure was levelled to the ground; the several tenants barely escaping with their lives. The origin of the fire is supposed to be owing to defective stovepipes and undue diligence to the care of same. The loss is estimated at from \$7,000 to \$8,000, upon which there was no insurance. Our people feel greatly the loss of this building as it was considered one of the best and most imposing structure in White Earth and looked upon as the "home" of the reservation.

Will The Indians Work?

This question seems just now to be assuming the phase of a mania among that class of Indian civilizers whose only knowledge of the Indian and his wants has been derived from 'dime novels' and embellished with personal theories, and profuse sentimentality. To such we would say, that hardly three weeks ago an order was issued from the Government granting privilege to the Indians to cut 'down and fallen timbe,' etc., there are now eight camps on the White Earth reservation and three at Red Lake, running in full blast and employing some two hundred men! And up to latest reports all were doing well and every man was doing his duty. All things considered, can any community put forth a better showing? And let it not be understood that these men are showing this disposition to work because they want to please the government or its officials, but they simply follow a natural inclination to do something for themselves and family and not for the sake of suiting anyones pleasure or say so.

Serenade.

On Friday evening while we were busy with press work, stick and rule, and with a feeling that this world was devoid of all sweetness and charms to editorial life, the sound of sweet music suddenly fell upon our ear and before we could conjecture "whence came the—sound," our office door was thrown open by Dr. Rea, who was acting the part of drum-major, and the "White Earth Brass Band and Orchestra" filed in and took up their several position a la mode, soon they 'struck' up an—well, we don't know what, and our limited musical knowledge will ever keep us in blissful ignorance of that peculiar chord with which the tone of that band was gauged; during the rendition of this 'maldy' the Major went through the trying gyrations of the Persian fakir, and our dog—poor fellow, he bounded out of the door at the first opportunity and has not since been heard of. As for ourselves, we went to bed that night and dreamed of "the sad sea waves," "the Dark Ages," and "Paradise lost," etc. The world knows little of the trials and afflictions that daily beset the path of the country editor.

NOTICE.

Came into my premises on or about the latter part of October, a Heifer about two years old, lined back and white legs. Owner will please call, prove property, pay charges and take the same away.  
DAVID KNICKERBOCKER.

Ought To Be Fired.

RED LAKE AGENCY, Minn.

Dec. 26, 1887.

Mr. Editor.—

Considerable excitement has existed here lately in Church circles owing to an attempt which was made to shoot a minister from White Earth who was up here recently making his usual routine trip.

It seems that some domestic trouble exists in the family of an Indian minister who is located here, in which the minister from White Earth has taken an active part against the Indian minister's wife, this so incensed the woman that she secured a revolver and went to the Episcopal church where she flourished it in a threatening manner and had it not been for the timely interference of friends serious trouble may have resulted.

Our object in giving this information to the Progress is to suggest to the Indians upon the several reservations in this State which are visited by this white minister, that it is time they should make applications to the authorities at Washington to remove from the Indian country a man who is creating so much trouble among them and who has made himself so odious, not only to the Indians, but to the members of his own church by constantly meddling in the political and domestic affairs of the Indians.

The Roman Catholic priest, Tomazine was removed from this reservation for far less cause, and there should be no temporizing with the minister referred to.

It is well-known in the Indian country that after thirty years of faithful and incessant labor as a missionary among his people, the venerable and well-beloved Rev. J. J. JOHNSON, was ignominiously retired from the charge of the Episcopal church at White Earth, owing to some difficulty in relation to Church matters which had occurred between him and the subject of this communication.

We are informed that this man is the immediate cause of the troubles which exist at White Earth, and that he has, through certain Indian agents over whom he had almost exclusive control, conducted the prosecutions against certain members of the said reservation, hence we say it is time he was removed.  
MUCK-WAH.

Congress—"Bloody Fifth."

THE Wadena Tribune mentions Hon. Geo. W. Holland, of Brainerd, as a suitable Democratic candidate for Congress from this District. It also refers to Maj. Geo. A. Whitney, of Wadena, as a proper Republican nominee.—St. Cloud Times.

The 'Coming Citizen' expects to support the best man for Congress regardless of politics, and if it is a Democrat give us Geo. W. Holland or R. L. Frazee, of Frazee City, and if it is a Republican give us either Chas. F. Kindred of Brainerd, Judge D. B. Searles of St. Cloud, or E. G. Holmes of Detroit.

THE Chippewa Indians of Northern Wisconsin are said to be in destitute circumstances, and are becoming a great nuisance to loggers by their thefts of provisions.—Iron Port.

If the facts as reported are true, it is time that agent Gregory was looking after the Indians under his charge. But we believe however, that these reports are similar to those promulgated at Brainerd with which we are perfectly familiar, and which have no foundation so far as the accusations that the Indians have been stealing from the settlers are concerned.

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