



COURT REPORTERS.

An ADVANCE reporter has been making some investigations as to the economy of employing court reporters. No reflection whatever has been or is intended to be cast upon Judge Perkins for his action in the matter. Of course it is a great convenience to the court and attorneys to have one, but said investigation reveals that it is not economical. For the purpose of comparison the March term of court in 1884 was taken as affording the fairest basis upon which to figure. At that term the jury were in session twelve days, and during that time there were eight cases tried, at a total expense as follows:

24 jurors 12 days at \$4 each per day.....\$96.00  
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Total.....\$299.00  
Or a total cost of \$94.50 for each case tried. During the term just closed the jury were in session thirteen days, during which time nine cases were tried, the cost of which was as follows:

24 jurors 13 days at \$4 each per day.....\$104.00  
3 clerks 13 days at \$3 each per day.....\$117.00  
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Total.....\$325.00  
Or a total cost of \$105.14 per case, being an increase of \$10.64 in cost per case by the employment of a reporter. The character of the cases tried at the two terms is as near alike as it is possible to find on the court records.

Nobles county's special adaptation to stock raising consists in the number and extent of its ponds, bordered by shores so muddy that cattle are unable to get to the water. One stream like Rock river is worth more than all the other "advantages" for stock raising. —Laverne Herald.

There you go again. The Herald is so addicted to misstatements about Nobles county that it gives itself away when saying anything about this section. The shores of our lakes are sandy, not muddy, as people who care to be informed well know. Out of the twenty-four miles of lake front within eight miles of Worthington, at least twenty miles the water is approachable by cattle, and such of the remainder as is unapproachable is so by reason of high lands. This is published for the information of readers that might be deceived by the assertions made by the Herald. The Herald is not and does not wish to be fair and honest in its statements about its neighbors. People who buy land generally find out for themselves as to the desirability of investing in any locality, and do not take newspaper word about it; hence it is that Nobles county lands had a better market than those of Rock county, as the Herald itself frequently furnishes evidence. For a further proof of the superiority of other places to Rock county, read the following from the St. Paul, Murray county, Gazette:

S. O. More recently sold four quarter sections of land to Illinois parties who had spent a week in Rock county looking over lands. It took only two days' sojourn in this county to convince them of its superiority over Rock. Rock county, although it is, as its name would suggest, two-thirds rock, still it is a fairly good county; but to insist that about all that is desirable in the state of Minnesota, and particularly southwestern Minnesota, is confined to the corporate limits of Rock county, won't "scour." If it were true, Minnesota would not hold the proud position she does to day in the galaxy of states.

The board of trade of Rochester has adopted resolutions strongly opposing the holding of an extra session of the legislature, which is being strongly indorsed by similar bodies throughout the southern part of the state. Maybe the governor will give as much weight to the desires of the tax payers as he does to the clamor of interested politicians, and decline to call one.

J. E. Rutan has sold his Salem Weekly Pioneer Register to Biernatzki & Sibley. The sale was made owing to the rapidly failing health of the former editor, who will spend the winter in the south, under direction of his physician. Mr. Sibley is an old newspaper man, being formerly connected with the Des Moines Leader.

It is ludicrous to read how a few scribblers in the St. Paul papers assume to overrule the supreme court of Minnesota on a tax decision recently rendered by that body. Two tax cases in this village were decided the same way by Judge Severens recently, but no body rushed into print about it.

After quoting that portion of the report of our grand jury relating to our county jail, the Currie Minnesotan remarks:

"This means that the expense of keeping a jail to be used by other counties is becoming burdensome, and it is possible will make them help pay or build their own, and it is right they should. There are a lot of counties in this same fix and they are all kicking."

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## THANKSGIVING DAY.

Today is the day set apart by proclamation of the president of the United States, and also by proclamation of the Governor of Minnesota, as a day of thanksgiving throughout this broad land of ours for the many blessings vouchsafed to us as a people. It is proper and right on such a day to take a retrospect over the past year, and call to mind the numerous blessings and favors showered upon us, both as a nation and as individuals. The nation at large has had a year of peace and quietude from all the wild alarms of war, no pestilence has visited our shores, although the dreaded cholera has played havoc in Spain, and the terrible small-pox has ravaged Montreal, and is still doing so, but there is good ground for hope that its further progress may be stayed; the year has been one of abundant harvest for the husbandman and a reasonable degree of prosperity has been the lot of all.

The people of the northwest, and of Minnesota and Nobles county especially, have abundant reason to be thankful. The labors of the farmer have been crowned with an overflowing harvest, and the promise of the coming year is exceedingly bright indeed. The mechanic has found remunerative employment, and the merchant has enjoyed a good trade. The outlook for the future in the way of improvements in the village and country are good, and another year is almost certain to be a considerable increase in our population.

Thanksgiving day is essentially an American institution. Christmas, New Year, Easter and the other church holidays have been imported to this country from Europe. But today the great new world ceases from its almost ceaseless toil and worry, and gives thanks to the Creator of all things, celebrating his bounty with an office and ceremony that none reject. The Catholic church in America, recognizing the place this religious event holds in the republic, has aligned itself with this institution. The president has for the last twenty-two years, in official proclamation, designated and set apart this particular day for public thanksgiving and prayer, and for a people of families. Not only does he invoke obedience to his wishes, but, resorting to the imperative mode of our language, he says, under the great seal of the United States of America, "let these things be done by all the people of the land." The festival dates from the year 1633, and was designed to supplant Christmas; but while it has become a memorable and national institution, it has not interfered with the celebration of Christmas to any appreciable extent. Indeed the two holidays have come down to us from the past side by side, and now are considered the happiest and most glad days of all the year. In 1863 and 1864, when the nation was practically assunder, it was demanded of President Lincoln that he should summon his people to supplication after defeat. This he did. The nation became the habit of the land and every president since 1863 has, on the fourth Thursday of November, commanded the people to gather in public places and return thanks to heaven for its bounties. The spectacle, viewed from the standpoint of the pure publicist, is at least a peculiar one. As a body the people cannot be said to obey the order of the president to gather in the churches, but that God is good, which is the moral of the day, they nevertheless obey in a manner that permits no cavil. They respect this holiday as no other is respected. They gather in families and nowhere on earth are longer journeys undertaken than are made by such portions of our people as might without such journeys remain away from the central roof-tree of their tribe. Thus let it be. We have a great national celebration which is without unbecoming and fatigue.

Geo. N. Baxter, of Fairbault, has been appointed United States attorney for the district of Minnesota, vice Searle, resigned.

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## COUNTY NEWS.

### LORAIN.

Jackson Tharpe has been putting up a new barn.

A. S. Fifth is able to be around now. He is improving as well as can be expected.

School commenced on Monday the 1st inst. E. Tuttle teacher, with a good attendance.

The school board in district No. 47 met on Monday last. All bills were ordered paid. J. S. Fifth was appointed treasurer in place of Wm. S. Fifth.

Threshing is nearly finished for this season. Good crops are the rule. S. S. Morton has threshed his flax, the steamer doing the work. It fifth has finished threshing. His flax went 10 to 11 bushels to the acre, oats 50 to 60 bushels, wheat 15 bushels and barley 40 bushels.

### RUSHMORE.

Flax seed 92 and 93 cents.

Miss Grace Wemple is home for Thanksgiving.

Mr. Aagaard was on hand Tuesday with a load of business.

Turkeys are in assembly protesting against oppression, murder, etc.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Seney will spend Thanksgiving at E. L. Wemple's.

Church services at the schoolhouse Thanksgiving night. Rev. Matson will deliver the sermon.

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### THE RAILROAD COMMISSIONERS.

The railroad commissioners are, in a quiet way, serving the interests of the people quite effectively. Commissioner Murdoch is authority for the statement that the railroad rates on the transportation of wood, already secured, will save the people as much as \$500,000 a year. That is a sum worth saving. —St. Peter Tribune.

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### WESTSIDE.

Grain about all threshed except flax.

We had a large prairie fire Saturday. Burned up seven stacks of hay for Mr. Ames. Near Drake Station the people turned out and saved thirteen stacks. Mr. Ames had failed to make fire breaks around any part of it, and his property will have the old man Shumans in jail soon.

Ira Crosby has a new grocery store started at the new station, and is having a fine stock of goods. The lower stores are taking in a large amount of flax this fall.

### ADRIAN.

From the Guardian:

Miss Clara Knips commenced her school in district No. 63, Leota, on Monday last.

Mr. D. Ryan, father of our "Dan," started for St. Paul yesterday, where he goes every fall to spend the winter. The Misses Reinhardt, of Wisconsin, sisters of Mrs. George Hall, have arrived in Adrian and will spend the winter here.

Thomas Barnett and wife were the recipients recently of a handsome and costly silver butter dish from Mr. and Mrs. DeWitt, of Rochester, Minn. Thomas prizes it very highly as a token of good will from old and esteemed friends.

### CHRISTIAN GOMMEL.

Christian Gommel, who lives on section 26, Leota, has an apple tree on his place, planted by Wm. Gallagher, that is now a fine fruit tree. The fruit is matured. This is no doubt the first apple ever grown in that township, but it demonstrates the fact that good apples can be raised there.

Two fine new residences are going up over on Fourth avenue near the park. Wm. Little is building himself a fine home, 24x28, 14 foot posts, and with a fine roof. The other is being built by Mr. J. J. Powers. He has bought the lumber and will immediately erect a nice residence also. His house is to be 12x28, 14 foot posts, with an L. L. 18x16.

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M. T. O'Brien has sold his blacksmith shop to Mr. Pnt.

Ed Ryan has moved into the house in the grove east of town.

Johnny Humiston went to Worthington last Saturday on a short visit.

Mr. Erickson has made arrangements to build a blacksmith shop here this fall.

W. H. Peck is in charge of T. J. Anthony's lumber yard for a few weeks.

Tom Brazil started last Saturday for Fairbault, Minn., where he has a contract for getting out several hundred cords of wood.

### ATTORNEY DAILEY.

Attorney Dailey arrived home from Worthington last night where he has been attending court. His place in the schoolroom was ally filled during his absence by Mr. Esser, who is an old and accomplished teacher.

A fire was started in the dry grass in the rear of Rice's drug store last Monday, but fortunately it was discovered before doing any damage. The fire originated by some one carelessly throwing down a lighted cigar.

A crowd came over from Rock Rapids last Sunday to have a big time and they had it, and had it bad. The first thing they did was to fill themselves with tanglefoot and then go about town hooting and cursing, running footraces and acting more like a band of savages than like civilized beings. In going home they got into a fight among themselves and one of them got so badly bruised about the

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