

It has been published in several papers and has become to be the general belief that the law regulating the taxing of dogs was changed by the last legislature. It is true that a bill was introduced which, if it had become a law, would have greatly increased the tax on dogs. It, however, failed, and the same law that governed the tax on curs last year is still in effect.—Attica Democrat.

A. McCoy & Co.'s bank is prepared to make five year loans on farms at rates positively as low, and on as favorable terms as can be obtained in town, giving the privilege of partial payments at any time, and stopping the interest on the amount paid. We are also prepared to make loans on personal security on shorter time at reasonable rates. If you are in need of a loan, give us a call. 43-4t.

The Jasper County Board of Education will meet in the office of the county superintendent, Monday, May 1st, at 10 o'clock a. m. The forenoon session will be devoted to examining and filing the enumeration reports. All appeals will be heard at this time. The afternoon session will convene at 1 o'clock and will be devoted to hearing the reports of committees, discussing school affairs and other business that may come before the board. Several important subjects will be up for discussion.

War has been in the air at Monticello this week. Monday, Bro. Rothrock, editor of the Democrat, soundly thrashed Walter Hartman, a politician of that place. The ill-feeling was started during the campaign last fall, when the split in the Democratic party at that town took place. Later in the day, Bro. Rothrock was in a saloon and got into an altercation with Pete Fox, the bartender. A fight ensued, and Rothrock was so badly used up that he has been under the care of a doctor ever since.

The Rensselaer correspondent of the Morocco Courier says: "Dan Stoner one day last week so far recovered from the grip that he cleaned out his stable. By the way, the stable has not been cleaned out for a year. The change frightened his two bronchos and they tarried at the threshold. In this way they kept Mr. Stoner in the cold for about two hours. This exposure after so short a recovery in some cases would prove fatal, but nevertheless we glory in his grit. He will undoubtedly after this let them dig their own way into the stable. If this does not prove satisfactory to them they can enjoy the fresh air.

While in Brookston last Saturday we conversed with a number of gentlemen about the canning factory at that place and concluded that it was not only a paying institution for the company owning it but a grand thing for the town and adjacent country. At a certain season of the year it gives employment to about one hundred and twenty-five persons and affords a market for a large amount of tomatoes and sweet corn. We were informed that tomatoes well cultivated and properly handled would yield about \$100 per acre and the raising of sweet corn was a great source of revenue. In one day, including a portion of the night, 3,000 cans were turned out.—Fowler Review

#### Our Honor Roll.

The following persons have our thanks for the amounts following their names, subscription to the PILOT, since our last issue:

RENEWALS.	
S. H. Thornton, Surrey	\$1.00
John Bower, Kentland	.50
Webb Reeve, Rensselaer	.50
Mrs. E. R. Tabbot, Syracuse, Neb.	.50
John Guss, Vreble	.50
E. Philippi, Bennington	1.00
Wm. Babcock, Rensselaer	1.00
Chas. A. Reed, Rensselaer	1.00
John Tunney, Blackford	.50
J. W. Hittchings, Foreman	1.40
NEW SUBSCRIBERS.	
J. A. Tillet, M. D. Buffalo, Ind.	.50

Smoke the Mendoza cigar For sale everywhere.

#### Rensselaer.

In every direction the sound of the hammer is heard; on every street new houses are building, and old houses are being repaired. Thrift, push and improvement have taken complete control of our town. On every hand we are constantly hearing both strangers and old timers asking, "what is giving Rensselaer such a boom this spring?" It is not at all a boom we are having, but just merely the natural growth of the place. Rensselaer cannot help growing. It is situated in the midst of a good and constantly improving farming country. It is not crowded and hampered by other towns. It is the county seat of the third largest county (in territory) in the state, a county that under the improved methods of drainage will in the next ten years double the northern half of its population. In such a county as ours its capital of necessity will grow. Besides the impetus given to the growth of the town by the phenomenal growth of the county, Rensselaer has elements of growth within itself, independent of the county, has attractions that are bound to draw many people here. For location and immediate attractive and convenient surroundings, no town in the state excels this. Here we have as good and pure water as the world affords, desirable sites for dwellings, grounds adapted to fruitful gardens and beautiful lawns; homes in this town can be made as nice, healthful and comfortable as they can be made in any town. Another and the most important recommendation for this place is its people. The character of our people adds more to the attractiveness and real worth of our town, as "a town of homes," than any of its splendid natural advantages. We do not say it boastfully, but simply as a matter of fact, that for sociability, generosity, intelligence, and downright square dealing and doing, our people, with a few exceptions, are far above the average. As an evidence of the intellectual, social and moral worth of our town we point to our schools, colleges, churches, societies, etc. These are institutions that cannot fail to keep the town alive and growing. A man in search of a place to live, a place in which to found a permanent home, should never pass Rensselaer. Recently new additions have been added to the town where, for a comparatively small amount, ample grounds for convenient and roomy town homes can be had. Rensselaer will never make a city, unless factories locate within its borders, but it will always be a pleasant, healthy place to live, always be alive and holding its own.

#### A Hard Tyme Soshul.

You air axed to a soshul that us folks of the Epworth League air gain to have at Mr. Robert Randle's, Wednesday eve, May 3, 1893.

Chapter 1: Every woman who kums must ware a caliker dress and apem, or sumthin ekarly appropriate.

Chapter 2: All men are requested to ware their ole close and flannill shirts and not ware their biled shirts and stanup dickey, onles there durty. A prize will be given to the man and woman havin' the wust lukin' rig in the house. The hull league will enterduce strangers and lok arter bashful fellers. There is goin to be spekin and singing. Phun will commence at 8 p. m. Tickets inter the house 7 cents including vittles. Kum and have som phun.

**DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.** The partnership heretofore existing between Coen & Paxton in the grain, hay and coal business is this day dissolved by mutual consent.

Charles W. Coen will continue in the business and all accounts are left with him for settlement. CHARLES W. COEN, JOSEPH C. PAXTON.

For a good smoke try the Safety cigar.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

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Always sign your name to your communications, not for publication, but as an evidence of good faith. Otherwise they will be consigned to the waste basket.

Send in no communications of a business nature, unless accompanied with a guarantee that they will be paid for.

And above all, try and write plain, especially when writing proper names, and do not run your different items together.

#### GOODLAND.

Oats 26@28.  
Corn firm at 32@33.  
The new crop of oats is looking well.

Commissioner Parsons, of Rose Lawn, was in town Monday.

W. A. Bringham will go to the World's Fair May 1st.

School closes at this place April 28th.

From twelve to fourteen inches of water stood in the basement of the school house last week after the three or four days rain.

The store room of Wm. Banas has received a new coat of paint.

Freeman Reed, of Kentland, thinks of moving to Goodland soon.

A surgical operation was made by Goodland physicians and one or two from Watseka, on a three year old child of Mr. and Mrs. Getting's last Tuesday, for some lung trouble.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Gilman entertained a party of friends at supper Tuesday evening.

Let's have a canning factory and let those other fellows have the gas.

The report made by Mr. Kitt and Mr. Griggs Tuesday night of last week on the gas question was very satisfactory so far as the investigation by those gentlemen was concerned. From the present indications we don't believe that the capitalists of this place will take hold of the work, but on the other hand would rather invest in a city farther away from where they have made all their wealth than to give one dollar or one word of good cheer for their own town. God grant that such men be shown streets that are paved with gold as soon as possible.

Prof. Fagan helped to invoice a stock of goods at Morocco for Paxton & Royster last week.

Mrs. Murray, formerly Mrs. Green, came over from Clark, Dakota, last week, to spend a few months with her daughter, Mrs. C. Spinney.

Old Mother Spinney is slowly recovering under the careful treatment of Dr. Triplet.

Mr. Fagan has accepted a position in the bank of Kennedy & Murphy, at Morocco, and will move back there as soon as the school closes here, so we have been informed.

#### JACK THE RIPPER.

#### SURREY.

We have had all kinds of weather since our last report.

Vegetation looks a little yellow. We are trusting that the fruit is not injured.

What has become of our ditch locaters and appraisors? They have not been in the neighborhood for several days; hope they are not sick.

Supt. Warren was visiting the Surrey and Sorghum schools last Monday. Our schools are greatly reduced in number.

Mr. Brown, a student of divinity from Greencastle, preached at Rosebud last Sunday evening. He seemed to understand his subject and was not timid in telling the people the sleepiness of the church in regard to bad literature and the liquor traffic as tow great existing evils throughout the country. And Fair Oaks has one man that has "good moral character" which makes him a fit subject to keep a saloon, as he was indorsed by a church member and a professed christian. This is enough to make the wives and mothers of Fair Oaks weep and the devil laugh for joy.

G. M. Wilcox, Simon Kenton and others will attend the World's Fair opening. My advice to them is to keep in the middle of the road.

John Kenton is death on skunk, but is a little wary how

he handles them.

The Sorghum Valley Prohibition club will hold its next meeting on next Saturday night, April 29th. You must all be there.

#### BLACKFORD.

Our merchant, T. H. Hurley, reports trade good.

The Gifford dredge No. 2 is close to Mr. Wm. Daniels'.

Miss Rose Hurley, of Chicago Heights, is visiting relatives in this vicinity.

There was church at the Dunkard church Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday night.

Rev. Pierson preached at Burns Sunday. Rev. Wortley will preach there May 7th.

Mr. Fish Gilmore and wife, of Fair Oaks, were visiting relatives on Nubbin Ridge Sunday.

Mr. E. Yost and wife, of Pleasant Ridge, attended Dunkard church Sunday evening.

B. J. Gifford was in our town last Thursday.

Chas. Campbell and Mr. Wilson have traded farms and also have moved.

Bill Wood, of Rensselaer, passed through Blackford early Thursday morning enroute to Wheatfield.

The Christian Endeavor society is still in progress every Thursday night at Burns' school house.

The blacksmith has been kept busy for the past two weeks.

Newton Price and family and John McCurtain and wife, of near Rensselaer, visited Mr. W. Price's a week ago Sunday.

Rev. McBride will preach at the Brushwood Chapel next Sunday night.

No new cases of measles are reported.

#### BUTTERFLY.

#### KANKAKEE.

W. W. Hinshaw made a flying trip to Michigan City last week to buy lumber in car load lots.

David A. Collins is assessing our people.

It is probable we will have a new shool house erected in the vicinity of the southwest corner of Sec. 25 this summer. We hope it will be put up at much less cost than the \$1,500 structure built last season.

There will be a general clean up in this vicinity at the June term of circuit court, as one of the boys is under \$1,000 bonds for his appearance.

What has become of Whoopee or better known as Brown Britches?

Measles at J. C. Kaupkey's, Robert Hall's, Wm. Hinshaw's and J. Finn's.

The Oak Grove literary and debating society closed Friday evening, April 14th, on the occasion of the closing of the school taught by Miss Anna Mannon. The above society was the only one in the township meeting with success. The celebration of Washington's birthday and the closing of school will long be remembered by the large audiences. Visitors were present not only from our sister townships, Walker and Wheatfield, but from the counties of Pulaski, Starke, La Porte and Porter. They all expressed themselves as amply repaid for their long trip. The society adjourned until the beginning of school next fall. The school just closed was one of the best ever taught in the township, and the teacher deserves great credit for the great interest she took in her scholars and school.

#### SCHOOL GIRL.

#### DUNNVILLE.

I think we are having too much silence in the northeast corner. The traveling men call this the bull grass region, but they say the wheat and oats look better than any within a hundred miles of here.

Everybody returned to work to-day after last week's snow.

The Pumpkin Rollers met the other night and gave what they called a farewell entertainment, but it was moldy with old stale chesnuts which were old enough to wear whiskers, and surely were of a great age when Noah went into the ark, but some of the Pumpkin Rollers say it was splendid.

A few weeks ago we had a protracted meeting here, but the people did not take much inter-

est in it. They seemed to think they had a sure thing of heaven, any how.

Last Tuesday evening a man called O'Conner gave us a temperance lecture. If he had been a reformed howler from Bitter Creek and given us some actual facts from actual experience instead of his sentimental theories, he would not have made the audience quite so tired. The people in this locality are strictly temperate and never think of drinking until they hear some one lecture on temperance.

The most interesting feature of our Pumpkin Rolling entertainment the other night was the banner which an outsider undertook to carry on a stick. They said it did not look enough like a pumpkin but it was recognized anyhow and proved to make some of them angry because an outsider had it in his possession.

#### WHOOPEE.

#### WHEATFIELD.

Town is booming. Several houses are being built.

George Howann is erecting a fine two story building on the property he has recently bought of James Swisher.

Who says Prof. Hicks doesn't know anything about the weather? The old man hits the right nail sometimes.

Women that made early garden are somewhat afraid of the late freeze injuring the tender plants.

Mr. Ed Adams, of Streator, Ill., is the guest of Chas. Meyers.

Measles are somewhat checked here now but scarcely anyone escaped the disease. No deaths have occurred so far as we have heard.

James Keen was thrown from a colt and badly hurt. He was unconscious for a half hour.

While cutting wood last evening Lou Crain struck a glancing lick and cut off his big toe. Dr. Turner was called to dress the wound.

Our drug store, that was reported to have changed hands, fell back into Dr. Turner's hands for some unknown reason.

There are no less than ten carpenters in this place and you can't hire one of them to do a day's work for love nor money, they are so crowded with work.

Every house in town is occupied. There is not a house here to be rented. Wouldn't it be a good investment for some enterprising men to lay out some of their surplus in houses.

Our town can boast of having as many enterprises introduced into it as any town of its size in the county.

A dance was given last Saturday evening at the Watson Hall. The music was good. The orchestra consisted of Dan Watson, violinist; Will Jackson, organist. Odel Norton blew the horn.

Mr. Albert Keen, who came here from Foresman to put in a stock of hardware, gave up the notion and has put in a line of furniture and undertaker's supplies, something that Wheatfield has long been in need of.

#### NORTH STAR.

#### WALKER AND KNIMAN.

The farmers are done sowing oats, and are busy plowing for corn.

Alexander Shrader has his new house almost completed.

Elda Cavinder has returned from Chicago Heights.

Henry Nimon has rented his farm to F. S. Hasselbring.

Mr. Henderson, who has been working for Dr. Stockwell, has moved to Chicago.

William Burns, of Barkley township, is seen here almost every Sunday. We wonder what the attraction is.

Miss Ida McGlinn is on the sick list.

A wedding took place on Sunday last at the residence of Asa Brown. Justice Spriggs united in marriage Albert Dunn and Miss Jennie Nearhoff. The young couple have our best wishes.

There will be a grand ball and supper given at J. W. McGlinn's, Friday, May 5th, for the benefit of our teacher, A. C. Beeman, as his school closes that day.

Mrs. Timothy Conner, who has been sick for some time with the measles, is now slowly recovering under the care of our most worthy Kniman physician.

Rev. Day, of Rose Lawn, preaches every two weeks at Kniman.

There will be church at the Dew Drop Chapel at 11 a. m. by Rev. McBride.

Sabbath school was organized on Sunday last with Wm. Hanley superintendent. Sabbath school every Sunday at 10 a. m. Everybody invited.

Isaac Kight, of Fair Oaks, visited W. P. Woodard's on Thursday last.

F. M. Goff and Leroy Armstrong have formed a partnership in the fruit tree business.

Miss Ella Hanley has started a millinery shop in Kniman.

Wm. Ballinger has built an addition to his saloon which is quite an improvement to our town.

Albert Summers was the guest of Mrs. Pettit on Sunday last.

Frank Peters, our business man, intends buying a new buggy soon. Frank says he knows the ladies will all be stuck on him then.

#### WHO IS IT.

#### FAIR OAKS.

Fair Oaks is on the boom. Two more lots sold this week.

Rumors of a wedding in the near future. Who can it be?

Oats is in a horrible condition and corn that is planted seems to be very doubtful.

We have at last found out the cause of so many wind storms in Fair Oaks recently. We went over to Wm. Russell's and he took great pleasure in showing us his stock of merchandise. We were about to ask for trust, but were suddenly interrupted by Mr. Russell calling our attention to the hand-writing on the wall, and we read this inscription: "No more goods in exchange for wind." We surrendered immediately and are now under the impression that the government made a mistake in selecting Prof. Hicks for a weather prophet.

#### TRUE BLUE.

#### WEST JORDAN.

Too late for last week. Oats sowed and farmers plowing for corn.

Alliance every two weeks.

No preaching at Union last Sabbath on account of quarterly meeting at Fair Oaks.

A party of young folks including Miss Anna Burr, Miss Julia Murphy, Mr. Albert Wortley, and Mr. Nathan Burger visited friends near Brook last Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Charles Meadworth is on the sick list.

A dance at Mr. John Ulm's last Saturday night was largely attended. Everything passed off pleasantly.

Mrs. William Swarts, of Indianapolis, recently of this place, is visiting her father, Mr. Elliott R. Burr. Her health is improved very much and she also reports her husband's health likewise.

Mr. Albert Murphy moved last week to Fowler.

#### COUNTRY GIRL.

#### SORGHUM VALLEY.

Farm work in the Valley was suspended last week on account of the severity of the weather.

Mr. and Mrs. Mason Kenton, of Hanging Grove, visited relatives in the valley Sunday and Monday.

Miss Stella Gilmore, of Chicago, will spend the summer with her parents here.

A Mr. Blair, of Clinton county, was the guest of Miss Blanche Hoyes last Sunday.

Mrs. Nettie Hopkins returned to her home in Tennessee last week after a month's sojourn in this vicinity.

The Prohibition club will give an entertainment at the Sorghum Valley school house next Saturday evening. An extensive programme will be carried out. Everybody invited.

#### SCHOOL BOY.

**French Draft Stallion, Benzout.**

Perry Marlatt's Imported French Draft Stallion, Benzout, will be in charge of Frank Hanley for the season of 1893 at his barn on the river bank in the rear of Hildebrand's livery stable. Terms \$7; \$9 to insure. Benzout is stylish and has good action, dapple gray in color, weighs about 1,700 pounds and is a fine and sure breeder. 44-5t

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