

COOKSVILLE.

About a week ago Chris. Buck's house took fire. A little naerity on the part of the inmates, together, perhaps with some assistance from the volunteer fire brigade, extinguished it. No great damage except the scare.

There was a Christmas tree at the church Thursday evening, and many little hearts as well as some big folk's were gladdened thereby. After the presents were all distributed, everybody repaired to the basement, where a permanent stage had been erected, to see the laughable force "Paddy Miller's Boy" played. A capital entertainment. Proceeds for the library.

Frank and Susie Porter are home for the holidays.

A stranger has come to town at Stebbinsville. He has taken up his residence at Jerrett Farman's. (It's a boy.)

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. B. Porter celebrated their fifth wedding anniversary Wednesday evening Dec. 30. May they live to see the five multiplied by ten and be congratulated by some of the same friends then who gather with them now.

The "Jolly Club" will hold a dance at the Masonic Hall in Cooksville New Year's eve. Music by the Evansville orchestra. Supper will be furnished by Mrs Love. A fine opportunity for those who like to trip the light fantastic toe, and let the New Year slip on them unwares.

Some wee brooms at the Cooksville factory, just calculated to fit a tiny hand, and fill a little heart with pleasure.

Splendid weather for tobacco and ducks.

The Masons installed their officers Saturday night. G. E. Newman W. M.

G. E. Newman Jr., is home for the holidays. His vacation has been a very busy one.

Three volumes of "The History of the reformation," have been donated to our library by Mr. Moorehouse, of Evansville. The members of the Library Association return hearty thanks.

Anna Graves closed her school in the Johnston district about a fortnight ago. The Cooksville youth are enjoying a month's vacation.

Rising Tide Lodge is to celebrate on the 12th of January its twenty-fifth anniversary, in a manner befitting the occasion.

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Grandfather Seaver got a fall about a fortnight ago, from which he has not so far recovered as to be able to walk yet.

School reopened the week after New Years, Monday last, Miss Phebe Porter filled the position of teacher, Miss Bryan being ill. Tuesday p. m. there was no school, the "sway suprema" being held by neuralgia.

The Jolly Club dance, New Year's eve. was an entire succes, about thirty couples being in attendance. Understand there is to be another, one week from Friday night, and predict that it will be no less pleasant than the first. Arrangements are in progress for the laying of a new canvass so the ladies can wear their Cinderella slippers. Music by the Albion Band, four pieces.

Chris. Whitmore is to have a brand new outter—new cutters are all the rage in Cooksville this winter.

Henry Porter is home again, and every body is glad to see him.

The Lodge anniversary Tuesday night passed off merrily. There were some good tableaux interspersed with the pleasant communications received from absent charter members, recitations, music &c.

The first attempt to produce a red light hung fire until after the curtain fell, and then blazed forth triumphantly, which created some amusement. However the crowning laugh of the evening was reserved for that capital tableaux "Married but not

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Mrs. May Kemp found open doors and open hearts awaiting her at Cooksville. She will remain with us the rest of this week and a part of next. Her sister, Miss Cora Hoxie, was with her at the anniversary.

It is rumored that John G. Robertson is soon to be our postmaster.

Alice Stoneburner is at home for a few days just at present. Mrs. Stoneburner has a sister and a niece visiting her too.

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J. G. Robertson is new P. M. of Cooksville, vice Woodbury stepped down and out.

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James Gillies, of Dakota, has been visiting friends and relatives in this vicinity for a few days. I believe he has returned to the west now.

Cassius Newell and his sister are here for a few days too. Glad to see their familiar faces.

The dance Friday night was a failure, owing to the inclement weather. Everybody was going with somebody else's sister, and of course; all parties were much displeased.

J. D. Seaver is quite low; and for fear that we shall soon miss this aged citizen who has been with us so many years.

The wrestling match that was to come off Saturday night between McCarthy and Walling, fell through. But if McCarthy will come to Cooksville, we will garrantee satisfaction.

Farmers are very busy working tobacco—for little of nothing.

The Chautauqua circle at this place deserves the title of the "Never-give-up Club. It is composed entirely of ladies, of course, and meets semi-occasionally, but keeps up wonderfully well, all things considered.

C. H. Woodbury thinks he has the finest nag in the country. We think so too. He is looking for his "walking papers" from Uncle Sam, every day, now. Misery loves company, and he is sure to have plenty of it this time.

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Our old roomy, red-brick school house, full of years and the fond recollections of youth, and hallowed with many of the sacred associations which cluster around a church, is leveled to the ground. Work will go on rapidly, and soon a new building, more comfortable for the youths of the present day, will occupy the old site.

Mrs. Wm. Allen has a nice new covered buggy. I am thinking that diverse pretty girls will reserve some sweet smiles for Herbert now.

Ella Morgan closes school in the Wilder district this week.

Anyone desiring ice-cream in our little burg can procure it of Mrs. Electa Savage every Wednesday or Saturday evening, and upon the last mentioned night of Mrs. Ellen Love too. Wish we had a couple of dishes, one from each refrigerator.

A little party went from here to the Sugar Bush on First Lake last Saturday. It is a pleasant sport, and we hope to go again before the summer is over and meet all of our friends there. Far too many staid at home this time.

Remember there will be church here next Sunday evening, as well as in the afternoon.

A few of our citizens looked in upon the Universalist Conference at Stoughton, and pronounced it most enjoyable.

Last Saturday evening news reached us of the death of Morton Stebbins, of Stebbinsville, and yesterday (Tuesday June 8th) while his dear form still lay in the pleasant home, surrounded with beautiful flowers, a large gathering of his many friends manifested their regard for him and their sympathy for his family by joining in the customary tribute of respect, paid before bearing him to his resting-place in the Edgerton cemetery. So do we who knew him miss another thread of sunshine from our lives, just lately he celebrated his 73d birthday, and all through life, not excepting even these last months of pain and suffering, he has been genial.

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The frame of the new school house is up and enclosed.

Everybody is wishing for rain.

Miss Ethel Van Vleck closed her school in the Lienau District, Friday, after a very pleasant term.

Addie Lienau was married last week to Mr. Arthur, of Edgerton. We wish her joy with all our heart. Relatives from both New York and Madison were present to witness the ceremony.

Mrs. Lucine Whitcomb, daughter of Morton Stebbins, who came from Iowa to attend her father's funeral, was suddenly called home by sickness in her own family.

Miss Susie Porter came home from Waukesha Friday, her school having closed.

Rev. J. H. Crooker, of Madison, preached a grand sermon here last Sunday evening. We hope to listen to him again soon.

Mrs. Polly Bassett died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. H. Stebbins, Thursday p. m. June 17th, and was buried at Cooksville Sunday. Rev. H. Dinsmore of Columbus preaching the funeral discourse. Although she had finished her work and was "only waiting" she will be missed by many in this community.

Mrs. Smart had a stroke of paralysis last week, but we are glad to say she is better now.

Messrs. Joseph and I. G. Porter and others have been added to the list of fortunates who have disposed of their tobacco.

Quite a number of farmers are setting plants every p. m. now, not daring to wait for rain.

Mike Cairn lost a valuable horse last week. Dr. Lucas was in attendance but all to no avail.

Wyatt Graves, son of Wm. Graves of this place was in town this week.

OBITUARY.

Polly Morse was born at Grafton, Mass. March 29th 1793. When five years of age, she went with her parents to Montpelier, Vermont, and passed her youth there. She was married to Daniel Bassett Dec. 30th, 1818, and remained in Montpelier, much revered and beloved until after her husband's death. In September '77 she came to live with her daughter, Mrs. M. A. Stebbins of Cooksville, Wisconsin, where she has steadily won the affections of all who knew her. She died the death of the righteous June 17th, 1886, after having lived a truly Christian life, upheld throughout all trials by great fortitude of character.

So has the hallowing presence of old age vanished from another hearthstone. And there was light at eventide, the light of a strong and beautiful faith in God.

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Mrs. Alford and little ones returned to Madison Saturday.

Mrs. Park and daughters, accompanied by Mrs. Robertson left for the same place Monday.

The school house is being plastered now, and promises to be in fine condition for occupation the first of September.

Mr. Wm. Porter and daughter Phebe went to Madison to-day, (Wednesday) to attend the state convention of Prohibitionists.

A crazy fellow wandering about the country, created a ripple of excitement here about Tuesday night: he is on the way to Johnstown today, where he had evidently been before.

There is to be a G. A. R. Reunion in our little burg one week from to-morrow, which will fall upon August 5th. Come one, come all, baskets and army stories, and have a social time.

"The best laid plans of mice and men oft go astray," and the Com. of arrangement for our Grove Meeting is unable to announce the names of the "good speakers" who are to assist Messrs Jones and Blake upon that occasion. However, the two named are a host in themselves, and we have determined so have a good time. Come over and help us.

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What lovely days, and how suggestive of fall!

Last week was full of good things for our little village. Monday night we had a chalk talk on Temperance from a Whitewater lady which was particularly interesting and beneficial to children.

Tuesday evening Mr. Eaton, of Madison, lectured. Prohibition being his subject, and through his logic and persuasions in song, sixteen new members were added to the Prohibition Club at this place, which now numbers upwards of forty persons, nearly half of whom are voters.

The next meeting of the Prohibition Club occurs the second Wednesday evening of this month, and Mrs. Yie H. Campbell, of Evansville, is expected to read a paper at that time to the members of the Club and we hope to many others who are cordially invited to attend, if they wish.

A week ago to-night a troupe of our young lady Good Templars treated us to a Dramatic entertainment which was good and which brought in about eight dollars to apply in payment on the new cabinet organ, nearly if not quite owned by our lodge now.

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday were devoted to a camping expedition by many of our citizens—between fifty and sixty—the tents being pitched at Mandt's Park on First Lake. Everybody who was there seemed to have a glorious good time, the children included. Why not own a few more tents in the community, and all who wish make a yearly pilgrimage to one lake or another? The tents would be so convenient during the Assembly at Madison too.

Among those who enjoyed the outing at the park were Misses Patter-son and Fuff, of Janesville, guests at Joseph Potter's, Miss Lula Bassett of Columbus, Wis, niece of Mrs. H. Stebbins, Mrs. J. T. Dow and daughters Leila and Myrtle, and Mrs. Mary Leedle Morgan and son Bernie, of Milwaukee.

Mr. Crooker spoke to us Sunday evening on the "Veda" and its contents—a subject with which people in general ought to be more familiar. Mr. Pierpont speaks to us two more Sundays only, as he returns to his college work at Yale again. We shall hope to see him sometime after his course is finished. He has made many friends in this vicinity.

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Glad to see Mr. Wm. Rice out again after his severe illness.

C. H. Woodbury was in Chicago last week, laying in a new supply of goods.

There is another vacant house in our village now—and another empty place in our little church—for the wife of Joel Startevant has followed him into that Silent Land of which we know so little, only that it lies within the borders of God's realm. Saturday, Oct., 2d, while at the home of Robert Craigor, and apparently in her usual health, she either made a misstep, or suffering from some sudden attack of disease, fell forward against the chamber door bursting it open, and died within five minutes. And there were not wanting loving hands to do for her all that may be done for the dead—to robe her in a comely way—to arrange fair flowers and autumn leaves for her casket, to bear her tenderly forth; nor loving voices to sing comforting hymns, and hopeful words to the living.

A week ago, Miss Ida Harriman made her friends in this vicinity quite a visit.

Miss Belle Rice ran up to Madison to spend a day with Miss Leila Dow last week.

On the evening of Sept. 30th, quite a number of the friends of Mrs. Dudley Van Vleck gathered at her house ostensibly to commemorate her birthday, but really to leave a china tea-set as a sort of milestone to indicate the china wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Van Vleck passed a few weeks before. "A perfect surprise a happy host and hostes and a general good time," described the event.

The pulpit here was filled Sunday afternoon by a young man only lately from England. In the evening, Mr. Crooker, who was to have spoken, failed to put in an appearance.

Another railroad excitement in our little burg—engine running in air as yet however, and not a very strong prospect of its ever reaching terra firma.

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Wyatt Graves, Esq., returned to his home in West Salem, La Crosse co., Saturday.

Mr. Wm. Graves is making additions to his house with modern improvements. The building was superintended by his son, Wyatt, and when finished it, will make some of our residences look rather ancient.

A large and attentive audience listened to a political speech from Hon. J. C. Bartholf, Wednesday evening, and it has not been our privilege to hear so eloquent a discourse for a long time, and well may Rock county be proud of her young assemblyman.

Edith Graves closed her school Friday.

Arthur Stoneburner is visiting his parents for a few days.

Rev. Scofield preached here Sunday for the last time. We were very sorry he is to leave us although his stay here has been short, we were becoming quite interested in him and though a stranger, in a strange land, he made many friends, who will always be glad to hear of his prosperity and happiness wherever his lot may be cast.

Mrs. Edmond Colton McMiller, of Dakota, with her three little children, are visiting at her father, Mr. Chas. McMiller.

Mr. John Porter, of Evansville, Sundayed with his father, Mr. I. G. Porter.

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—Wm. Rice of Cooksville, has been in
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Cooksville mill wholly in this hands now,
and will put it in good shape for custom
grinding. Mr. Rice has always brought a
good article of flour to this market and he
is likely to do it again when he gets his
mill to running.

Mr. Arnold who went home to York
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Mrs. Electa Savage and son Paul have returned from their trip up north, and report a good time.

Mrs. Paulina Colton of Dakota is now with her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Miller, and will spend three or four weeks in Wis. She has three fine little children with her and both they and their mother find a warm corner awaiting them in this community.

Miss Evelyn Seaver is also here again, after quite a long absence, and is looking well.

Last week Wednesday evening B. S. Hoxie and Mr. Doolittle of Evansville addressed the Prohibition Club and other friends at this place. We were very glad indeed to see their faces, and to find them so earnestly devoted to their good cause.

A week ago last Sunday evening J. H. Crooker spoke here, and he will be with us again next Sunday night. Come out and hear him.

We are to have a Republican rally to-night—Barthold being one of the speakers. There will be music, a and lively time generally. Let everybody bear all sides.

Another "little sister" at James Roberty's. The happy father walked up to the office of the "central committee" and discharged his duty promptly.

Another new arrival at Thom Lawson's—a boy, we believe.

Our young English minister, Rev. Mr. Schofield spoke here both after noon and evening, last Sunday. His accent is very pleasant to many of his listeners.

Mrs. G. E. Newman started for Kansas City, Monday, to visit a sister there.

A very pleasant little social, not unprofitable because not largely attended was held in the basement of the church Thursday night, the proceeds to go towards lights and wood we understand. Am glad there is to be another and hope to number one among those present, when it comes.

Mr. J. K. P. Porter runs down to Chicago this week.

G. E. Newman, Jr. spent the Sabbath at home.

Mr. Joseph Riley, who is spending some months with his son-in-law, John Holingsworth, called over this way yesterday, and told us some thing of his native country.

Your correspondent would have attended to that little matter of forwarding the letter addressed to the "Review" which is being held here for postage, only, fortnightly items that have been written a week aren't worth two cents and red tape comes cheaper.

Our village was well represented at J. M. Olin's lecture in Evansville Monday night, not all who went over being prohibitionists—nor all who came back either. However, the fact that so many are trying to learn what the third party is going to do anyway, is significant.

Rev. J. H. Crooker spoke to us Sunday evening calling our attention to the fact that the religion of the world has been, and is being gradually transformed from a desire to pro-

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Weather perseveringly rainy.

Freeland Newman started out with Julius Savage's team last week, and succeeded in ditching so effectually that six men were three hours getting it into the road again. The scene of the disaster was directly opposite Mr. Newman's, - and a number of spectators were present.

Mr. Schofield, our young English minister, who was well liked both here and at Stoughton, has accepted a call to Spring Green, and preached his farewell sermon a week ago.

With the news-bundles forwarded to you this season, we have been forced to include the sad intelligence of a death. About two weeks ago, Mrs. Smart, an old resident of this vicinity, not feeling well, went to Stoughton to consult a physician, was taken sick at Wm. Pratts, and died there. The funeral was at this place on Wednesday, Nov. 10th.

Belle Rice has been spending some days at Stoughton. Mr. Rice is still poorly and your humble correspondent very much wishes some energetic young fellow would come along and rent or buy his mill.

Aunt Harriet Taggart was a welcome guest in our village for two or three days last week.

The Misses Colton came out, too, for a visit at Mr. Wm. Porter's, and a day with their brother's wife, Mrs. Paulina Miller Colton, before her return to Dakota. Ed. arrived earlier in the week, and had been flying about the country to see as many friends as possibly during his short stay. Monday, these enterprising pioneers started for their western home

ag in, carrying with them the renewed good wishes of many Wisconsinists.

Mr. Wm. Allen and his wife were thoroughly surprised, Saturday night by a party of friends who took it into their heads to commemorate Mrs. Allen's birthday. Quite a number of presents were left behind to notch the occasion in the memory of the recipients.

Mr. Spafford Allen sold a fine horse to an eastern buyer for three hundred dollars, not long since.

Clouden Stebbins just missed a runaway, while calling at Ed. Savage's, Sunday night. His horse broke loose, walked a few steps, and brought up at the fence, where he stood when discovered. Considering the impatient class of steeds usually driven by this gentleman the affair was quite a lucky escape.

Any-one wanting twenty-five cords of wood sawed in a day should call on Charlie and Truman Davis.

Surprises are the order of the day hereabouts. Notwithstanding the unpleasant weather, Tuesday night, quite a party of friends from this vicinity stepped suddenly into the new and beautiful home of Spafford Allen and his wife to give them a housewarming. The occasion was a very pleasant one indeed.

A post gave away in the wasteway at Leedle's Mills, emptying the pond into the Badfish a few days ago. Damage not extensive, and the mill will be running again by the time this reaches you.

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A week ago Friday evening, a few friends were invited in, sans ceremony, to commemorate the twelfth anniversary of the marriage of James and Belle Gillies, at the parental abode. The occasion was a very pleasant one indeed.

Mr. J. K. P. Porter has shipped from his farm, this fall, three car loads of cattle and two of hogs.

Mr. I. G. Porter has also shipped in a load of hogs which were of superior quality, and for which he received \$3.95 per hund.

The pulpit here has been filled for two Sunday afternoons now by the Baptist minister of Stoughton.

Last Sunday evening Rev. J. H. Crooker spoke to us again, giving us a fine Thanksgiving sermon.

The happiest man in Cooksville is Joseph Mayo. His niece and adopted daughter Nellie Gilley, nee Pratt, has arrived from Minnesota, and will spend the winter here. She was accompanied by another daughter-in-law of George Gilley's who now visits Wisconsin for the first time.

Wm. B. Porter is still at work on his hen coop. Dimensions 16x40—capacity 500 hens.

Gid. Newman, Jr. was down Thanksgiving, visiting old chums, and accompanying Belle on her holiday calls.

Several Cooksville-ites attended the Equal Suffrage Convention in Evansville the latter part of last week and came home "stronger-minded" than ever.

We were very glad to see the beautiful resolutions adopted by the Prohibition Club in memory of Phebe R. Porter who was so dear to us all.

We understand that Mrs. J. P. Porter is to spend the greater portion of the winter with her daughter Mrs. Helen Richardson of Janesville.

The many friends of James and Lizzie VanPatten gave them a surprise party on the evening of their 10th wedding anniversary and left with as souvenirs of the occasion a handsome lounge and chair, and a pair of tin cinderella slippers. Every body present had a grand time.

School is nicely under way again under the generalship of Miss Ella Morgan.

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The Prohibition Club meets this (Wednesday) evening, and a good programme has been prepared for the occasion.

Some of our villagers think of forming a circle and reading of Dickens' works with the purpose of representing the characters in costume at a party by and by. Let all who would enjoy anything of this kind meet with the movers in the matter at Miss Sasie M. Porter's next Friday evening, Dec. 10th.

Those wicked boys! Hans was so rash as to get married, and so daring as to refuse to treat. And those dreadful boys loaded and fired our Fourth of July Cannon with such a bang that Jens raved and tore, and Hans came forth swore and succumbed.

Wouldn't the old, familiar echoes of the school-bell fall gratefully upon the ear?

Whust parties seem to be the fashion this winter, in this section.

An interesting notice has been handed us to include with our items this week. It reads as follows:

The Good Templars will give an Apron Sociable in the basement of the church Sat. evening, Dec. 11th. Each lady will please make an apron leaving six inches unhemmed and a necktie of the same material as the apron. The neckties will be placed in envelopes and sold. Each gentleman is to finish hemming the apron like his necktie. Two prizes will be given, one to the best hemmer, and one to the poorest hemmer. Each lady will provide supper for two. *Apron necktie and supper* all for twenty-five cents.

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It is astonishing how patiently and perseveringly the boys are practicing sewing, in preparation for this event. There promises to be quite a strife for the best prize—and for aught your humble correspondent can tell, this prize may be the neatest little housekeeper in town, providing of course, that the winner is not already married, in which case a wig may be substituted.

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Just to think! The first prize at the Apron Social was a moustache cup, and a young fellow won it who hadn't a sign of down on his lip! Well, you know how it is at the fair—the baby with the gold chain around its neck always wins the day. Jim, wore a pair of gold-bowed spectacles, and looked "so charming," (and hemmed "so beautifully,") that there was no chance for any other gentleman present. Then to think that Will, should take three or four ridiculously long stitches at last to save anybody else from getting the tin horn! We will never maintain after this, that self-sacrifice is a distinctively feminine attribute. By the way, before I leave this subject, let me say that notwithstanding the unfavorable weather, everybody at the social had a good time, and the Good Templars realized a little sum that will help them on their way rejoicing—in their good work at least.

It has been many years since your humble correspondent looked forward with any degree of impatience to a "panorama show." But we attended one in the school house here a few nights ago, and when we saw how eagerly the children, of whom the audience was composed, watched for the pictures upon the canvass, we concluded that this class of entertainment still have its mission to perform. Long may it flourish in "rural districts"—and ever may the parents think back and let the youngsters go.

Our Christmas Tree this year, is to be especially too, we understand, and no admittance fee will be required at the door. This seems very fitting in the happy holiday time, and we hope everybody will be at the church Friday evening to help make an occasion that no child hereabouts can forget for the next twelve month.

Julius Savage is going to make brooms with Mr. Preston, this winter we understand. A good reliable firm whose brooms will be in demand. Just at present Julius and John Searles are butchering and selling beef by the quarter, and doing a successful business too.

Eliezer Ring called upon old friends in this vicinity last week

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