

ASHTON.
SIBLEY GAZETTE
FRIDAY, JAN. 18, 1888.

After winter—spring.
Farmers have lots of chores.
Don't move south now—it's too cold.
Ashton is well supplied with stores.

Only a couple of months more of winter.
There is a time to grow old—all the time.
There is a great scarcity of hot weather.

More material is arriving for the snow fences.
The Ashton Odd Fellows Lodge continues to flourish.
The town is considering the purchase of a fire engine.

F. E. Cook was at the county seat early in the week.
The snow will go after a while and the wild roses come again.
The weather and politics will warm up as the months roll by.

The spelling school don't seem to be down on the list this winter.
G. W. Warren was at Sibley Saturday, attending to business matters.
H. C. Lyman's child, that was hurt in the feed mill, is getting along quite well.

The way the weather has been, corn huskers could get white ears as early as red ones.
This is Leap year for the Presidential office and candidates will soon be springing up.
Mayor Andrus and landlord Freeman were at the county capitol during District court.

Stock's doing quite well. Some farmers experience difficulty on account of lack of water.
The Town Council says the snow must be cleaned off in one day after it buries the sidewalk.
The farmer who has plenty of good hay, stands a chance of getting his stock through the winter.

Miss Jessie Patch returned to Mankato Normal School last week, after spending a pleasant holiday vacation with her sister, Mrs. Morse.
In the Argus list of the bachelors E. G. Fairbrother is described as a lovely blonde, and Prof. Roth as a little old maidish and mightily fastidious.
The teachers and scholars in the country districts experience considerable difficulty in going to and from school on account of the drifted roads.

People who are hard up should bear in mind that the county is getting rich faster than ever before, and cheer as they move along in the procession.
Supt. Reeves has not been out to the schools much on account of the severe weather. He will give immediate attention to the work if the weather is moderate enough.
There will be a large acreage of grain this year. The good crops in this part of the state the last few years encourage the farmers to put in as many acres as they can.

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OCHHEYEDAN.

Dr. Ely is getting some practice.
Horton is getting a good start in stock.
Swinging through the doorway of 1888.
The carpenters do not complain of a boom.
Next month St. Valentine will be around again.
Dr. Teal continues to sell drugs and attend the sick.
Wm. Siver lost about twenty head of hogs by cholera.

Hay is plenty enough so that it sells at moderate prices.
C. A. Stevens moves back to the farm that he homesteaded.
There have been some school meetings held at Lake Park.
Will Smith is reported as getting quite a good patronage.
F. D. Bennett is still helping at Riley & Armin's lumber yard.

Hope Graham has lost about forty head of hogs by cholera.
Washington's birthday comes as usual, on the 22nd of next month.
Two wolves were seen in the valley a few miles from town, last Saturday.
Will Kneegs put down wells for Jim Stevens, Andrew Naab, and Wm. Siver.
Merchant McGowan has a large stock of general merchandise, and a good custom.

Jim Stevens seems to lead his neighborhood in the sport of shooting jack rabbits.
A large amount of last year's hay crop has been baled and shipped out of the county.
Business very quiet. The bad roads make it hard to market any kind of farm produce.
S. A. Colburn expects to get work hauling hay for the parties pressing hay at Sibley.

At the Lyceum Friday evening there was a large attendance and an interesting program.
Alex. Robertson Jr., of Lake Park, goes to Decorah to attend Prop. Breckenridge's school.
Pitt Riley and Ben Van Steenburg, of Spirit Lake, started for Mt. Vernon, to attend college.
Miss Bell Robertson, teaching in Fairview, made a visit to home in Lake Park, during the holidays.

J. H. Pratt, for some years a mail agent on the Burlington line, paid a visit to friends at Lakeville recently.
W. H. Knaggs has returned to Sibley after a couple months spent in well digging south-west of Ocheyedan.
Jim Stevens got his stables up by New Years. Jim was rather late for '87 but got the work done very early in '88.

What a relief it must be to the men, the stronger sex, that most of the schools are taught by ladies who make regular trips to and from the school houses these cold days.
While farmers Graham and Siver have met with quite heavy losses on account of hog cholera, it is thought they are the only ones in the neighborhood who have met with such a misfortune.

Andrew Naab, a newcomer, has just located. He thinks the crops of cold weather pretty heavy in this country. Being a bachelor, and having no wife and babies for company, he puts in considerable time in bed—say about sixteen hours a day. Who wouldn't be a bachelor in the winter!

A gentleman just in from Bigelow brings the pleasant news that John D. Boos is still alive; Dax is still the village Naaby; that Tripp is with Dax in general business and is also helping hold down a section on the Royal route. De Wolf is pressing hay with his machine, and stuffing hay into the manger with a fork. He also brings the startling news that the school ma'am has been snow bound for about three weeks, out seven miles from town.
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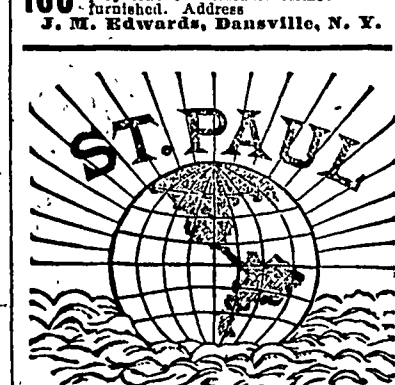
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