FIFTY-TWO.

REFLECTIONS OF A CYNIC.

Bright is the morning but I am blue.
Ah! this day I'm fifty-two.

Yet has one a cicatrice my or do
This's joyful, at grim fifty-two?

I'm cursed with corns, despite a shoe
As old and worn as fifty-two.

Rheumatic arrows pierce me through,
My back's a butt, at fifty-two.

Where once my unblinded grinders grew,
What dismal gaps at fifty-two?

Stern warnings—ah, how oft!—renew
My dread of gout at fifty-two.

Though all the minos I should use,
They'd stint their fire to fifty-two.

Beauty and grace may fill my view:
They tempt in vain: I'm fifty-two.

Nature: Alack! 'tis "mountain day"
One prizes most at fifty-two!

Ideals!—pshaw! I marvel who
Dotes on the moon at fifty-two!

Taste! Art! One tries with racier gout
Pâtés de foie at fifty-two.

Or even a piquant Irish stew
(Just dashed with wine), at fifty-two.

Pass on, O world: your false ado
Moves not the philosophe of fifty-two.

Your sweets, soon change to bitter rue,
Deceives no more at fifty-two.

Come, friend, a modest game of "loo:"
Mild stakes, mild port, at fifty-two.

Diversions not to finished of due
Jest suit the nerves of fifty-two.

—Paul Hayne, in Editor's Drawer, Harper's.

Ye Ho. Lads. Ho!

Miller, the county seat of Hand county was the scene of one whoop, hurrah and wild delight last evening. The hilarity was not because of too much imbibing of the red liquid juices, but because the people of Hand county had located the county seat at Miller. The whoops had been aloat up by the sheriff. All the bells cannons, shot guns, fire balls, fire crackers, and anvils were brought into requisition. Every inhabitant tested the powers of his lungs to his utmost in lusty yells, and hurrahs Dr. O. B. Thompson unfurled the stars and stripes from the top of the Vanderbilt hotel and everything went BANG! It suddenly occured that a speech or two must be made and the large and commodious billiard hall of M. S. Abbott was opened, a stage erected in one corner and Geo. C. Firestone was carried bodily and placed thereon. His ready eloquence poured forth in a manner that enthused the audience to the utmost pitch as he congratulated the people of Miller on their grand victory of the day and as he quitted the platform, and was followed in quick succession by W. S. Montgomery who soon charged the boys brim full of electricity. Mr. Sage, of the State Journal, was spotted in the rear of the crowd, and before he could hide he was placed by the boys in front of the audience. He gave a brief recapitulation of the campaign work for the county seat, and although the victory for Miller was well won, yet he urged a spirit and disposition to extend a hand of brotherly love to our defeated friends and ask them in all friendliness to come and abide with us. The applause at the close of Mr. Sage's remarks was so vociferous that it was decided to adjourn again to the street and mangle in a manly bun-fire. Yet there had not been enough speaking, and Van Dusen's hall was then opened and in the course of an hour and a half some two dozen individuals were made to say "We have met the enemy and they are ours!" By half-past eleven the enthusiasm had worked off sufficiently to allow all to disperse and go to bed.

In this Leader we print a report of the republican meeting at Miller, Tuesday night. It is not to be wondered at, for our friends there have had a long, hard pull for success, which they have barely won by the most determined efforts. We congratulate them on their victory and hope that the decision of Tuesday is a finality, from which there will be no appeal. For the next five years we will expect to see Miller the biggest town between the Jim and the Missouri. All success to it and its plucky founders and builders!

Washington, Nov. 7.—A member of the tariff commission said to-day:

The report of the commission will be a surprise to the people. It has by no means been accurately foreshadowed in the long despatches recently sent out by the associated press. The commission will not permit its report to be printed, but will send it to Congress in manuscript, and have determined to take all possible steps to prevent a premature publication, either of the report or any accurate statement as to its contents.

A fair inference from the statements of the commissioners would be that whatever recommendation the commission makes will be in favor of a modification of many of the essential features of the existing tariff.

Land Office Notice: Register Armstrong wishes us to req nest all land claimants and attorneys to designate the newspaper in which they wish their final proof notices published. This will take the responsibility from him and may, perhaps, make it more satisaxtory in some cases.

If the same parties would make their final proof notices in duplicate it would expedite the work of the Huron land office.

Hand County Press.

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The fierce but false prophet of Soudan and his wild-eyed followers are meeting the fate of fanatics on the plains of Khartoum, where they have been thrice repulsed by the natives, who fight with the desperation of wild beasts at bay in defense of their homes and household treasures. These defeats will probably lead to the overthrow of the false prophet, whose cause is hopeless from the time it is shown that he and his hosts are not invulnerable. Should the prophet overcome the obstacles this defeat sets up in his pathway of conquest on the Upper Nile, and carry his campaign toward Cairo, he may be confronted by the sturdy Briton and his murderous machinery of modern warfare, which would tend to inspire terror and dismay in the ranks of his undisciplined host.

To-day's Huron Times reaches us as we go to press. It claims Folger, of New York, is beaten by Cleveland, the democratic nominee for governor, by nearly 100,000 majority.

Iowa has a republican majority of 40,000.

Illinois republicans have carried the state, and probably gained one congressman.

The republicans of Massachusetts have elected the entire state ticket, with the exception of Bishop, by 15,000 majority.

Pennsylvania has elected Pattison, democratic nominee for governor, by 30,000 majority.

Nothing definite from Minnesota.

Summarized returns from all counties in Wisconsin show that five republican and four democratic congressmen are elected, a democratic gain of two.

The Connecticut legislature is republican—the senate by two majority and the house by fifteen.

Republicans carry New Hampshire, Rhode Island is republican still, and Texas democratic by 50,000 majority.

Dakota is republican by a big majority.

The Gentiles carry Utah.

Concord, N. H., 7.—The vote in 140 towns and cities give Hale, republican, for governor, 22,614 votes; Edgerly, democrat, 23,350—showing a net republican loss of 1092.

Montgomery, Ala., 7.—The democrats have elected the entire congressional delegation in this state.

Memphis, Tenn., 7.—The congressional delegation elected in this state is seven democrats and two republicans.

Nashville, 8.—Wm. B. Ball, democratic candidate for governor, carries this state by an overwhelming majority.

Yankton, 7.—Gov. Ordway has granted a respite of ten days to Jas. Leighton Gilmore, of Deadwood, who was to be hung Nov. 8. The respite was asked for by Senator Jones and Secretary Chandler.

Cairo, 7.—Lord Dufferin arrived here to-night.

Copenhagen, 7.—Forty ships were wrecked on the coast of Denmark during a tremendous gale on Monday.

Halifax, N. S., 7—At 12 o'clock last night fire broke out in the basement of the poor asylum building, containing 400 or 500 inmates, fifty were lost—all patients.

Despite the excitement and sensation caused by the murder and suicide, the young folks of the town, to the number of about twenty couples enjoyed the pleasures of the dance last evening at Metropolitan Hall. Excellent music was in attendance and everybody was happy. A splendid supper was prepared by Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Thompson, the "powers that be" mighty in the Vanderbilt Hotel, and when the gray streaks that betokened the coming of another day began their upward march the gay and happy throng sought their homes satisfied that it was good to be there. May such gatherings be numerous at the county seat.

A postoffice has been established at Frankfort, Spink county, and Abbot postoffice, in Barnes county, has been discontinued.

A Double Tragedy!

Daniel Wolfe Found Murdered Near Wessington.

W. H. Macomber, his Supposed Murderer Suicides.

The young city of Miller was thrown into a state of the wildest excitement last evening, by a report brought by Levi Hulbert from Wessington, that a man answering the description of Daniel Wolfe, proprietor of the Northwestern Exchange in Miller, had been discovered dead, with a bullet through his brain, that afternoon, some three miles southwest of Wessington. So far as could be learned, the particulars are as follows:

A herder of Mr. Yaw's saw a fire start on the prairie, some distance from him, about 12:30 p. m., and immediately galloped his horse over to assist in putting it out. Here he found the body of Mr. Wolfe, the blood and brains still oozing out of a bullet hole about an inch and a half above his right ear. He did not get off his horse, however, until Messrs. McMurray, Hallett and others who also came running to put out the fire, arrived. His clothes were still burning, and the hair partly burned off his head. His body was perfectly limp, and it was quite evident that he had been dead only a short time. As soon as this information was received in Miller, Constable J. D. Lawrence immediately boarded a freight train for Wessington. In the meantime evidence accumulated against young Macomber, also of Miller, which strongly indicated he was the perpetrator of

THE HORRIBLE CRIME,

and word was telegraphed to Sheriff Price at St. Lawrence to come immediately to make an arrest. F. M. Mead and J. F. Way were in the meantime quietly placed guard over young Macomber, at the residence of Mr. Mead, where the young man had been spending his nights.

Thursday young Macomber had called at Rowland's livery stable and stated to Mr. Rowland that he wanted a good team for Friday, Saturday and perhaps Sunday, stating that if he was not back by Sunday afternoon, not to think he had run away with the team. He looked over the horses and selected his team. He asked Mr. Rowland how much he would charge him and was answered five dollars a day. He said that was what he expected to pay. Yesterday at about 9 a. m. he called for the rig and asked for two buffalo robes. Mr. Rowland told him he could only let him have one buffalo robe and a blanket. He took Daniel Wolfe, whom he had been sleeping with a few nights past, in the buggy with him. They started a few minutes after 9 o'clock, ostensibly to look at some land near Wessington. Soon after dinner he was seen in Wessington alone by a Miller gentleman who inquired what he was doing there. Macomber replied that he had started for Huron with Wolfe, that the weather was so cold that Wolfe concluded to take the cars at Wessington. Macomber shortly after started for Miller but stopped at St. Lawrence where he played a

GAME AT CARDS

for a time and then came on to Miller. He accounted for the missing buffalo robe to Mr. Rowland by saying he had given it to a friend and he would be around in the morning to pay for it.

SHERIFF PRICE ARRIVED,

about 7:30 p. m. and after some inquiry concluded that it was best to arrest Macomber. He started for the residence of Mr. Mead in company with W. E. Rowland, W. B. Young, H. L. Kelley, Dr. G. W. Gerard, J. D. Miller, J. E. Stover, Henry Kenmire, Lorine L. March and the writer. As the sheriff entered the door he found young Macomber at a game of cards with Mr. Mead. As the party filed into the room it was noticed Macomber's face was blanched with excitement and he sat for a moment toying nervously with the cards. Sheriff Price quietly walked over to Macomber and told him he might consider himself

UNDER ARREST.

Macomber coolly eyed the sheriff and asked him for his warrant. The sheriff told him he needed none, that he arrested him under suspicion of having comitted the grave crime of murder, at the same the sheriff produced his manacles. At the sight of the cuffs young Macomber showed signs of resistance and told the sheriff that he could not put those on him until he produced his papers and identified himself as the sheriff. The sheriff humored him by producing his papers. Macomber took the paper, leaned against a stand near by, stuck a fresh cigar in his mouth and read the paper

VERY DELIBERATELY.

when he had finished reading it he called Mr. Mead into the room and asked him if that gentleman, referring to Mr. Price, was the sheriff. Mr. Mead told him he was. In the meantime he was noticed to keep his right hand in his coat pocket, and as the sheriff advanced to take him, quicker than thought the young man

PLACED THE PISTOL TO HIS HEAD

and fired. The sheriff sprang like a cat at the young man as he saw him draw the pistol, but was unfortunately, yet perhaps fortunately, a moment too late to save him. The sheriff caught him before he fell, but laid him gently on the floor, for he had perforated the brain just above the right ear, almost identically in the same place where Wolfe had been shot. It was exactly 8 o'clock when the deceased shot himself and in thirteen minutes his pulse ceased beating. He expired without a struggle. The weapon was a Smith & Wesson revolver, 32 calibre. The ball lodged in the brain. There was only one loaded cartridge left in the pistol. The body was left lying where it fell and word dispatched immediately to Wessington to coroner Morse to come and hold an inquest. Messrs. Torrey, Anderson, Miller, March and one or two others were detailed to stay with the corpse during the night.

Just previous to the above tragical scene, a dispatch came from Constable Lawrence at Wessington to Turney M. Wilkins stating he had "found the missing buffalo robe at the depot all

COVERED WITH BLOOD.

It was to be shipped to Cedar Rapids. I stopped it and will fetch it with me. Hold Wm. Macomber at all hazards."

As usual the people talked the matter over in excited groups until lynching became freely discussed and determined upon when the report that young Macomber had placed himself beyond the reach of any mob's power to meet out justice.

THE SUICIDE'S APPEARANCE.

W. H. Macomber was a smooth-faced young man of about twenty-two summers. He was of medium height, well built, light hair, grey eyes and wore at the time of his death, a neat fitting dark suit of clothes. He would weigh about 155 pounds.

FROM F. M. MEAD

and family we learned a few of the following particulars of the deceased's past life: He was born in Maine and while quite a small boy his parents moved to Carroll, Iowa, where he was reared with all the good care fond parents ever bestowed upon a child. He spent a period at Grennell, Ames and Mt. Vernon colleges, leaving the latter college last June. He was for a time in the employ of the Carroll county bank and had read law with his father until he was competent to be admitted to the bar. In fact he has quite a collection of law books with him among his personal effects now in keeping at the residence of Mr. Mead. He took his meals at the residence of Rev. A. S. Foster and Mrs. Foster informs us that the deceased frequently spoke in endearing tones of his mother and our sympathy and regards for this sorely bereaved mother almost compels us to forego our duty of narrating the details of this sorrowful tragedy. The deceased has two sisters and two brothers younger than he. Four weeks ago to-morrow his father arrived with him in Miller and advised him this was a good town for him to locate in. He took a claim some eight miles from town and was apparently endeavoring to work up an insurance business, making his headquarters at the office of G. O. Hutson. He came to Mr. Mead Thursday evening and told him that on the next day he and Mr. Wolfe were going to Wessington and on the following morning would probably go on to Huron from there. He asked for Mr. Mead's buffalo robe which he borrowed and returned. He arrived from Wessington about half past five last evening and after he put up his team, went to Mead's office and in company with Mr. Way afterwards walked to the depot when the west bound passenger train arrived and purchased a copy of

THE CHICAGO TIMES.

He afterwards went to Mr. Mead's house and sat down to read the paper. He refused a pressing invitation to eat supper, and his unnatural nervousness attracted considerable attention. He took pains, when it became dark, to have all the window curtains pulled down. At 6:45 p. m. in accordance with instructions, Mr. Mead and Way commenced acting as guards over him, of course without his knowledge. The unfortunate young man proposed a game of cards and in the meantime was acting very restless. He complained of a severe toothache and sent a boy to Fitzgerald's drug store to procure some laudanum. The boy was properly intercepted, however, and matters being explained to the druggist, he filled a bottle of cocoanole and sent it up. Macomber was unsatisfied with that and refused to take peppermint oil made by Mrs. Mead. He afterward endeavored to hire the boy to go again for laudanum, but of course failed in that scheme. About this time the sheriff and the aforenamed party called, and the rest of the scene has been told. It is reported that this unfortunate young man endeavored to borrow money recently from various persons about town. Yet this much we are pleased to note, that his untimely end was not brought about by strong drink, as he was well known to be strictly temperate.

DANIEL WOLFE.

F. M. Mead says he has known Daniel Wolfe for two years at Carroll, the home of the other victim of powder and ball. Wolfe formerly lived in Ottawa, Illinois some nineen years and about ten years on a farm eight miles from Ottawa. He has travelled all over the United States. He seemed to have no special profession, but is supposed to have had considerable money on hands and was intending to go to Huron to pay off some bills. He was a bachelor about forty years old, square shoulders, a little heavier than the average, wore a heavy light mustache and was slightly bald; nose rather prominent, eyes large and grey; was of Medium height and weighed probably 175 pounds. He wore a grey checkered suit of clothes. His upper front teeth were mostly decayed. Friends of both these unfortunate victims have been telegraphed for.

He has a couple of wealthy brothers living in Carroll county, Iowa, and one or two sisters in the same county. He has always born the reputation of being an upright business man, genial and well disposed to everybody and never addicted especially to strong drink, although a bottle of whiskey was found on his person. He was proprietor of the Northwestern Exchange.

The leading papers of the northwest, in their election news, class Hand county with the principal states of the nation. Perfectly proper.

The location o the county seat of Hand county at Miller meets with the approbation of all the honest journals of the district. The whining of the tin tubing that consies stuff for the Pierre Journal is yet to be endured. But if the people of Pierre can stand it we will try to endure it.

The Huronite says that on Monday the MILLER PRESS substituted the name of B. F. Payne as candidate for probate judge in place of Carney. The MILLER PRESS did nothing of the kind. It was Tuesday, just as soon as the PRESS discovered the stupidity, illiteracy and unfitness of Carney for the office he craved, and that he had gone back on his fidelity to the town of Miller, on which he had staked his honor(?).

Sufficient time has now elapsed since election for the mists of uncertainty to clear away, and we are enabled to realize the position in which we, as a community, stand before the world outside. The attention of the entire territory has been attracted to the county seat contest in Hand county, on account of the peculiarities attending its inception, and the earnestness with which it was carried out on both sides. The interest felt has frequently manifested itself through the newspapers published abroad and by letters of encouragement and congratulation addressed directly to our people. There is much more significance, therefore in the victory won by Miller last Tuesday, than is apparent on the face of the returns.

It has been generally conceded that the county seat contest involved the very existence of either town. Which ever town failed must go under. The very circumstances of the case, the close proximity of the two towns, demanded such a result.

The proprietors of the town site of St. Lawrence may now make a pretension show of holding out against the inevitable but all the world knows that from the day on which the county seat was located by a vote of the people at Miller, their doom was sealed.

The republican party is not being snowed under, but it is becoming terribly suffocated with democratic mud. This year confirms the customary remark in politics, that it is "the unexpected that happens." This is true to a certain extent but not altogether. Of course the returns are, so far, exaggerated and incomplete, but sufficient is reported to learn that the republican party has caught a whalling not to be forgotten for a time. The democrats will now have a majority in congress, and we we presume the DAILY PRESS will have to put up with it. However, we take a wonderful sight of consolation in the fact that Miller has got the county seat. It is generally conceded by all, or nearly all republicans, that their party needed a little castigation, but they will not concede, for one moment of time, that the democratic party, of its own might or principle, did it, for it is a notorious fact that during this campaign, the democratic party was not united on one single principle or issue. The democratic party was, as the Pioneer Press states, "for fiat money in Maine, and hard money in New York; for free trade in Minnesota, and for extreme protection in Indiana and Pennsylvania; for prohibition wherever it could hope to get a few votes by it, and for free whisky on the sly everywhere. It would be an insult to the voter, a confession of imbecility on the part of the American people, to suppose that this so-called party had made converts enough to hand over to it the reins of power, or that it can to-day, as against the republicanism of the future, hold to its motley standard any except the traditional democracy, who are as incapable of improvement as of change. We must seek the wherefore of the republican disconfiture inside of the party, and we have not far to go."

It has allowed unscrupulous and designing men of its ranks to place themselves at the head and then play false to the principals of the party they represent-ee. These shrewd republican reprobates have organized a machine and that same machine is what played havoc with the party.

Jay Hubbell, Dorsey, Don Cameron are among the more notorious republican villians who have brought on the racket. Long haired men and short haired women in Ohio and elsewhere have also aided very materially by their damphoolishness to defeat the republican party, through their bad manipulation of the meritorious prohibition party. The republican party have simply set down on their own leaders, and in 1884 the democrats will discover the liveliest corpse bestraddle their necks that they have yet met with in all their experience.

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