

Northern Wisconsin News

JENNY, LINCOLN COUNTY, WISCONSIN

January 7, 1880

Court sets Feb. 15.

This section has plenty of snow. Christ Adams had a very narrow escape last Monday. While crossing the railroad track with a load of coal, the train came along, striking his sleigh and knocking it into a dozen fragments. The crossing where the accident occurred now looks like the wreck of a coal ledge.

Soon after the result of the election for member of Assembly in this district was known, the News proposed the name of our member, Mr. M. H. McCord, for Speaker.

Dr. John Wiley returned from a visit to his former home last Tuesday.

March 3, 1880

The Central takes exception to the way we had Wausau marked in our timetable, i.e., "Trains stop only on signal." It was a mistake which we will be corrected. Trains stop there to turn the engine around until the Jenny turn-table is completed.

August 27, 1880

Hotz has moved into his new shoe shop.

A large force of men are at work on Scott's dam.

The new school house at Rock Falls is completed.

Charles Osborne is finishing his post office building.

Diphtheria seems to be raging in the Spring Brook settlement.

It has been known that for the past three weeks large fires have been raging in townships 39 and 40, ranges 9 and 10, destroying millions of feet of pine timber. It is hoped our recent rain has checked and prevented further destruction of property.

Sept. 3, 1880

P. B. Champagne has purchased the block upon which T. P. Mathews was to build his large residence, and will proceed to build a fine house. Mr. Mathews will at once prepare another building spot.

The Valley Railroad is now in the hands of the Milwaukee and St. Paul Co. and we look for a reduction in railroad fare and an improvement in rolling stock.

Sept. 10, 1880

Our school is again in operation, with M. C. Porter as principal; Miss Alice Clear in charge of the 2nd department and Miss Bump in the 3rd. Geo. Kollock has taken possession of the Lincoln House.

Edna Zimmer, employed by the Jenny Lumber Co., lost his leg fractured just above the ankle last Wednesday.

M. Moehler will open his new meat market Saturday.

Our ticket: For President of the United States, Gen. W. S. Hancock of Pennsylvania; for Vice President, W. H. English of Indiana.

Sept. 17, 1880

The potato crop in the county is an unusually large one.

Tim O'Connor is grading and improving his village lots.

Strowbridge has his grocery building nearly ready for occupancy.

A Garfield and Arthur Club has been formed in this village.

Next week a night force will be put to work in Scott's Mill.

Robert Weiss has just received a lot of sewing machines.

A great many more men and teams could find constant employment in this village.

The Jenny Dramatic Club will give another entertainment in a few weeks when they play the drama, "Out of the Streets."

The bridge across the Trapp river is not progressing very rapidly and travelers going to Wausau on the east side of the river find themselves in a veritable "trap" when about half way to their destination.

October 1, 1880

Miss Mary Krueger has been engaged to teach school in Pine River.

October 8, 1880

The new mill is nearly out of logs. Loggers are fitting up for the woods.

Go and see Sweeney's stock of safety lamps.

Land hunters are arriving every day to look up new homes in Lincoln county.

October 15, 1880

The bridge across the Prairie river is nearly completed.

George Bessey shot and killed a large bear in the town of Ackley last Saturday. He also succeeded in killing a spike-horned buck a day or two after.

If you wish a first class fine shoe, go see the stock presided over by John Crowley.

October 29, 1880

The Milwaukee and St. Paul R'y Co. take formal possession of the Wisconsin Valley Road the first of November and are already making arrangements to build a depot and engine house at this place. We are also informed that a freight train will be run regularly to this place within a few days.

Next Tuesday is election day. For county clerk: *Herman Rusch and David Finn; treasurer, Edward Patzer and *W. H. Swinehart; sheriff, O. B. Smith and *Wm. Derog; register of deeds, *Van R. Willard and M. W. Sweeney; district attorney, *W. H. Canon and S. M. Hoyt; clerk of court, A. D. Gorham and *S. J. Robinson; county poet, *J. S. Westcott and M. C. Supt.

(Editor's Note: Asterisk indicates those elected. In addition, C. H. Sturdevant was elected surveyor and Jules Posey was elected coroner.)

December 3, 1880

Large numbers of horses are coming up from the south and going into the woods.

A debating team has been organized and will dissect the Chinaman one week from next Monday night.

Last Monday morning the house of L. C. Stacey was discovered to be in flames, but saved before any serious damage was done. In fact, more damage was done by one man who, armed with a huge beetle, went about smashing windows, than was done by the fire. It is necessary to have some organization in this village which, if it cannot extinguish fires, can at least prevent the useless destruction of property.

December 10, 1880

The dancing school has closed. Parties are now contemplating the erection of a shingle mill in this village.

More logging will done in this section this winter than ever before. The mills of the Wisconsin will have all they can attend to next summer.

December 31, 1880

Men are scarce. Today is the last of 1880. There will be a good demand for houses next spring.

A very pleasant dance was held at Gallagher's Hall on Christmas Eve. On Tuesday the thermometer indicated 36 degrees below zero.

Quite a number of our citizens are preparing to burn coal instead of wood.

The settlers in the town of Ackley have made arrangements to have a weekly mail between here and Morley postoffice, the expense to be paid by themselves.

There will be a New Year's dance at Gallagher's Hall Friday evening, December 31st, to which all are cordially invited. Good music will be provided and numbers sold at \$1.00. Supper extra.

January 23, 1881

Sheriff Derog is busy summoning jurors.

Quite a large quantity of dry tamarac wood is being hauled into town.

Miss Jennie Cross will give an elocutionary entertainment at Gallagher's Hall Saturday evening.

February 3, 1881

Three months without a thaw. How is that for cold?

Dan McDonald passed through town on his way from camp. He has 4,500,000 feet of logs on the bank and hopes to get 10 million before the season closes.

Feb. 17, 1881

A man working in Cotter & Connor's camp last Monday had two fingers of one hand caught between a log and "peevy" and actually squeezed off.

The Wisconsin Valley Railroad is having its first experience with snow blockades.

Hauling rock for the new court-house will commence next week.

March 18, 1881

JENNY-MERRILL

At last Jenny has a surname. For more than twenty years the dear girl has been compelled to go without this very necessary appendage. This winter our assembly undertook to take advantage of a dead president and put the responsibility upon the once broad shoulders of the lamented Lincoln, but other parties, not knowing the private character of our Jenny, objected. When Mr. Merrill came forward and promised to be a kind and indulgent father to the wife, she was christened accordingly. While though abroad you may call her Merrill, it will be generally remembered that her first name was Jenny, all the same.

To Hon. A. C. Norway

Jenny, Wis.

Sir:—We the undersigned residents of Lincoln County, Wis., having full faith in your integrity and confidence in your fitness and ability, to discharge the duties of the office of County Judge, which you now hold, earnestly urge that you will consent to become a candidate for re-election pledging you our hearty support to secure your election.

M. C. McCord, Henry C. Hetzel, C. J. Osborne, Geo. Strickland, M. D. Morris, A. D. Gorham, W. H. Swinehart, J. D. Crowley, W. H. Canon, C. Strobridge, T. P. Mathews, V. R. Willard, M. Stinson, R. A. Walker, P. B. Champagne, Richard Babcock, H. Spiegelberg, H. H. Chandler, James Coon, Henry French, T. B. Gallagher, Herman Rusch, M. C. Porter, H. Baehmann and Ed Patzer.

June 6, 1889

Logs are running over the Scott dam in good shape.

The Scott mill is expected to start up next Monday morning.

It is thought that the new city hall will be ready for occupancy in a few days.

Skinner's barn has been rented by the city and hereafter will be used as a pound.

The Central Manufacturing Company has not started up yet, although they steamed up yesterday to try the machinery, etc.

Owing to heavy dewfalls several evenings last week travel on Main street was suspended on account of the mud. What's the matter with fixing the thing up?

The graduation exercises of the

High school will take place June 23 at which time the following scholars will receive their diplomas: May Wiley, Flora Strasser, Mary Foster, Herbert Streeter and Winfield Keyes. A drive containing about 12,000,000 feet of logs belonging to Wausau parties was started from this city last Tuesday evening. The tents were pitched just below the city last evening.

Merrill needs a few more shade trees along her streets and our citizens should see that trees are set out in front of their property. Nothing makes a street in the residence part of the city look so attractive as plenty of shade trees.

The many friends of J. G. Adams, who has been principal of our High school for the past two years, will be grieved to learn that that gentleman has decided to leave Merrill and has tendered his resignation to the school board.

A large force of men are now at work on the new residence of A. H. Stange on the West Side. The work is under the supervision of F. H. Clark and J. English, architects.

The name of this paper will change and be known as the Northern Wisconsin News, the old title Northern Wisconsin News and Merrill Times being too cumbersome for general use. With this issue, the undersigned (A. G. Christensen) withdraws himself from the management of this paper, having sold the outfit to Ernest A. Dunn of Wausau.

BIG VICTORY! Grand Democratic Success. The Whole Ticket Goes Through. At the special election held in the 7th ward last Tuesday to elect an alderman to succeed Otto Zipp, resigned, Peter Berard, the democratic nominee was elected by a majority of 30 votes. It may be stated, however, that Mr. Berard was the only candidate in the field.

IRMA NEWS

Mr. Schultz has built a large dry house in which to store brick. He has his eye examined by experts who pronounce it to be of extra high grade. He will operate only on a small scale at first, until he can give his bricks a thorough test, when, if found good, will manufacture on a large scale.

C. W. Mihills finished his sawing contract at Munro's mill last Saturday. Since he assumed management of the mill things have had to go, and as a result the large stock of logs are all saved and the mill must lie idle the rest of the season.

Meetings have been held and committees appointed to make arrangements for a grand time the Fourth. From present indications, Irma will eclipse the Washington inaugural celebration.

Mr. Munro has fitted up his new house in good style and has appropriately called it the Irma House. Nearly a carload of new furniture has been put in and the public is assured of good board and courteous treatment.

August 15, 1889

Owing to some oversight the programme of the dedication of the new German M. E. church was accidentally omitted.

"Quality Hill" is fast settling up. During the past two weeks there



A group of cycling enthusiasts meet at the turn of the century in front of the Weinfeld and Wolf store, site of the present Citizens American Bank. The old Lincoln Hotel is to the left. Those with the "safety" bicycles are, from left, unidentified, Harry Allen, unidentified, Lou Heilman, Mike Knauss, Ed. Heilman, Herman Wolff, Ernest Weinfeld, unidentified, and W. D. Vandecar.