

TWENTY YEARS AGO

Wheat 67 cents.

Petitions are being circulated asking the county commissioners to create the civil township of Hope and the civil township of Colgate.

Mr. James D. Brown, of LaSalle, Ill., arrived on Tuesday's train and has entered the law office of McMahan & McLaren for the purpose of reading law.

Last Sunday was like a day in May. Not a cloud was in the sky, and the sun shone through the translucent atmosphere with a brightness unknown save in Dakota, while a gentle Chinook breeze played upon the snow and caused it to melt rapidly away. The mercury during the day was as high as 50 above zero.

The regular social of the Ladies' Aid Society of Colgate was held Thursday night. The attendance was fair. The great features of the social were select readings by Mrs. B. T. Williams, Miss Libbie Curry, Mr. Chas. Bolse and Mr. B. T. Williams, and the speeches by Mr. Laor King and Mr. Seth Curry.

The U. S. senate, on Friday last, by almost a strict party vote, passed the bill admitting the south half of the territory as a state and organizing the north half into a territory under the name of Lincoln. The bill now goes to the House, where its defeat is almost certain. As the Pioneer pointed out some time since, the determination of the people of the south half to appropriate to themselves the name of Dakota, carrying with it the prestige acquired by years of patient labor, will but intensify and consolidate opposition to the measure in North Dakota, and we believe this opposition will prove a potent factor in defeating the passage of the bill in the House. This is not merely a sentimental feeling on the part of our people, but arises because the name Dakota conveys with it a commercial value which the people of the north part of the territory have contributed more than their share to establish, and they are loth to be despoiled of the advantages to which their intelligence, patriotism and wealth have so largely contributed. They are willing to share the honors, but they most seriously object to those who wish to secede from the territory usurping their birthright.