



# See Our Big Clubbing Offer.

The Northwest Magazine (monthly) and The Pioneer, one year	2 55
Leslie's Weekly (Illustrated) and The Pioneer, one year	3 55
The St. Paul Weekly Pioneer Press and The Pioneer, one year	1 95
The Twice-A-Week Minneapolis Tribune and The Pioneer, one year, for	\$ 1 95
Odd Fellows' Review, of St. Paul, (monthly) and The Pioneer, one year	2 25
Word and Works Hick's great weather bureau and almanac, and The Pioneer, one year	2 25
Ladies' Home Journal (the most popular woman's paper printed) and The Pioneer, one year	2 55
The Youths' Companion, (that everybody knows is the very best instructive paper for both young and old) and The Pioneer, one year	3 30
We can also club you with any of the Twin City dailies or weeklies, or any newspaper or magazine printed in the United States or Europe.	
When you want lots of reading matter—cheap—come in and see us.	
The St. Paul Weekly Globe, and The Pioneer, one year	1 95
The Chicago Weekly Inter Ocean and The Pioneer, one year	2 00
The Toledo Blade, and The Pioneer, one year	1 95

## LEPROSY.

Grand Forks, N. D. Aug. 9.—Last week Dr. LeBarge of Grafton was called to visit a family living 12 miles west of Edinborg and found two cases of a disease which he pronounced leprosy. The patients are young men, one married and the other single. They are Scandinavians, and have been engaged in farming for some time. The disease is well developed, and Dr. LeBarge feels quite certain of its nature. The report received does not state what further steps have been taken, but the matter has undoubtedly been reported to the state board of health and if the first diagnosis proves correct, it will be necessary to isolate the patients.

### Obituary.

The death of Philo Macey was announced yesterday, he having passed away in the early morning. He contracted a severe cold a few days ago while out riding and was forced to take his bed, from which he never arose. Uremia set in and he was unconscious most of the time.

The funeral will take place tomorrow,

and the interment at the Hope cemetery.

The deceased was an honored resident of the community aged 79 years, 4 months and 6 days.

Philo Macey was born in the state of Vermont May 4, 1818, and was married to Miss Lucinda Kendall in 1842. They moved to Fond Du Lac, Wis., in 1853, which has since been their home. A wife and eight children survive him: George and Charles Macey, of Fond Du Lac, Mrs. James Skajold and Mrs. G. H. Mitchell, of Rush City, Minn., Mrs. William Williams, Mrs. Albert Williams and Mrs. W. W. Haslett, of this city, who have the sympathy of the community.

### "FIXING" THE RATIO.

A Question Regarding the Government Control of Money.

The Bankers' Magazine for March finds the origin of our present troubles about silver in the demand that the ratio of its value to gold shall be determined by the government. It is, however, no proper part of the duty of the government to try to fix the ratio of values of the two metals.

"Being," says the Bankers' Magazine, "commodities as well as money, and being commodities before and after they are money, and being money simply and only because they are commodities, and being commodities because they have recognized and intrinsic value independent of any action of government, and even in the absence of government, and being therefore severally subject to all the laws of commodities, the law of variable supply and demand and value among others, and these variations not being uniform for both metals, it is impossible that government can ever 'fix' the ratio of their value.

"If, however, it should be insisted that it is the function and duty of government to (try to) fix the ratio of their values, it would seem to follow as a logical consequence that, since their relative value depends absolutely on the relative supply of the two metals it is the primary and plain duty of government to fix (regulate) their supply by controlling and operating the gold and silver mines, the sources of their production. It should do both things or neither, and it is preferable that it should do neither. It is folly to expect it to do the former without doing the latter."

This is the truth of the matter in a nutshell. Unless the government first acquires all the mines in the world and decides how much silver and how much gold are to be produced yearly, it is impossible to maintain a ratio after it is "fixed." France "fixed" it 156 times, but it would not stay fixed, and France has at length abandoned the effort. The United States has also tried the experiment several times without success. It is time the theorists were letting the matter alone.

Pepper by the Year.

It costs the world \$400,000 annually to pepper its food.

The Lion is Going.

Zoologists aver that in 100 years the lion will be extinct.