

## A Retrospection.

It is with regret that we are compelled to chronicle the fact that our town and county are gaining a very unsavory name of late. First, a number of years ago, a man by name of Bean, living in the southwestern part of the county, mysteriously disappeared, and it was almost the unanimous opinion of the people of the county that he was murdered. As we understand it, the case was never investigated so thoroughly as it should have been, and the truth of his fate was never known.

Then, not long since, the murder of Joseph Shaw occurred, and the affair is still shrouded in mystery. Our county commissioners and the state have offered a reward, however, for the conviction of the murderer, and it is hoped that he will be found and receive his just deserts.

The latest sensation to add to the category, is the finding of a cipher letter, claimed to have been written by our citizen, H. H. Wasem to Miss May Stowman, of Hamline, Minn., in which it is alleged that the writer tells of an attempt at poisoning his wife by giving strychnine in the medicine which she was taking while sick. We have no opinion to express in the latter case, but we, together with all the citizens of our town, are anxious to see the matter investigated, and thoroughly. If Mr. Wasem is guilty of the crime, as charged, then we hope to see him suffer the penalty. If he is innocent every good citizen wishes to see his innocence fully established. However the matter is, whether guilty or innocent, the case deserves a thorough examination, for the good of all parties concerned. It has been charged by newspapers outside that the citizens of Hope wish to hush the matter up. Such is far from being the truth, as we know of no one who desires so to do. The matter is in the hands of our county officials, and all we can do is to quietly bide the time when the matter will be looked in to, and more light thrown upon it. We hope that the matter will be speedily investigated.

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