

ADDITIONAL LOCAL.

The traveling auditor for the Soo was in town Tuesday night.

A. Y. More "stomped the gizzard" out of a fine large garter snake near the depot Wednesday!

J. A. Simpson, Courtenay's rustling butcher, was in town Saturday on business.

Read the startling announcement in another column by the enterprising storekeeper, Alonzo Hunt, of Leal on the Soo.

Parties wishing a first-class engineer or a professional cook can secure the same by calling on or addressing THE NEWS.

Lisbon Free-Press: W. A. Stickley and wife are now permanent residents of Wimbledon where Mr. Stickley is publisher of THE NEWS.

We're glad to hear it, Mr. Harrison.

Griggs Courier: THE WIMBLEDON NEWS says hiccups are plentiful down there. T. E. Warner is agent for them at Cooperstown.

Will Ashley and Jack Scott gathered over 90 bushels last month—a good month's wages.

A. B. Whitla and family went to Minneapolis Thursday. They expect to return the first of next week. A brother of Mr. Whitla has charge of the station in the absence of A. B.

Valley City Alliance: Attorney Geo. M. Young is kept busy these days explaining to his young lady friends that the little lady born to Attorney Young, last week, wasn't his'n, but Attorney F. J. Young.

H. M. Phillips, traveling salesman for the Fargo Mercantile Co., was in the city Saturday and sold a few bills of his splendid teas to our merchants.

A number of our citizens witnessed an interesting little cyclone just east of town Saturday. It took grass, sod and everything loose in its path. When near Mr. Arms' place it rose high in the air and disappeared.

We received a communication from someone at Gray this week signed "M. I. J." The nom de plume is all right but the author must make his name known to the editor of this paper before we can publish the article. It is not necessary that we publish the writer's name but it IS necessary that we know who is responsible.

As an evidence that all the cranks are not dead Francis Schlander, a German "healer" at Albuquerque, N. M., calmly announced Saturday morning that he was Christ. He is a splendid talker and addressed a large audience that night if the police didn't run him in on the charge of lunacy.

Valley City Alliance: During the past week or so it has not been an uncommon thing to see farmers out with from three to six long caue fish poles, and a great many citizens thought they ought to be cutting wheat instead of going fishing. These long fish poles are, however, used for whips and are said to be just the thing with which to reach the lead horses on the binder.

The Washburn Leader reports a sad case of poisoning near Washburn last week. Wednesday morning Thomas Smith who was working on the place of Burt Smith haymaking, ate some lozengers that were in the comb case and shortly afterwards was taken with a fit, followed by a second one which resulted in death. These poisoned lozengers had been left lying carelessly since last winter in the comb box, and had been purchased to poison coyotes,

and it is said was purchased by the dead man, himself, several months before and given to his nephew. His wife died four months ago leaving a family of several small children on his hands. Two of the girls are nearly grown. He is brother to ex-Treasurer Smith of Oliver county, and was a man much respected in his neighborhood.

"My kingdom for a horse." Save your kingdom and buy from Bowden & Mayer at half the price. A car load of Iowa mares just received.

Jamestown-Capital: The Jamestown bicyclists will build a quarter mile cinder race track before fair time and will have the proud satisfaction of having the first and only track of the kind in the state. It will be twenty feet wide, built inside the horse track circle and will be fenced by the fair association. The track together with the prizes offered for the fair races will no doubt attract the fastest riders in the state and probably some from the twin cities.

The Edgeley Mail gives the following which seems to be the universal sentiment of all who have tried it. It says: "Diversified farming is gaining a surer foothold in this county every year. Never in the history of the county have the farmers had so much surplus stock as at present. Those who have tried this method of farming say they would not go back to the old way of depending on one crop under any consideration. The reason is easily demonstrated. If one crop fails they have the other to fall back on, and thus avoid being made bankrupt in case they did not get a crop.

TUESDAY'S MEETING.

Tuesday evening our business men met in THE NEWS office for the purpose of devising some means of procuring fire protection and good water for table use. Several ideas were presented and duly considered. The idea of laying a water main was considered rather expensive and it was suggested that a cheaper plan would be to build a hose house within a few feet of the well, run a pipe from the upright pipe of the well into the hose house. To this pipe would be attached about 700 or 800 feet of hose wound on a reel, which, of course, would be mounted on a cart or truck. This would reach to almost any building in town and would be much cheaper and would serve the same purpose. Messrs. More (A. Y.), Wilcox and Feckler were appointed as a committee to devise plans, get prices, subscriptions, etc.

Another necessity is that of good drinking water. Now that Mr. Gibson's wells have failed owing to the heavy drain on them, we are in a hard way for water. A scheme was proposed to dig a good cistern, to be finished in the best manner possible. Attached to this is to be a filter. Then the cistern could be supplied by the artesian water which is perfectly pure and tasteless when filtered. Messrs. Vallandigham and Stickley were appointed as a committee to figure on expense, get subscriptions and decide on location of same.

Another meeting will be held in a few days to consider the action of the committees and take further steps in the matter.

Aside from this movement a scheme is being pushed to plow fire-breaks around the town and it is probable that this will be done in a few days.