

# THE INDEPENDENT

WAUSAUKEE, WISCONSIN, DECEMBER 14, 1895.

## Wausaukee's Suburb.

John Hoff's Settlement Near Here - A Store and a Two Hundred Acre Farm.

About a mile and a half south of the village, and on the C., M. & St. P., road is Hoff's Siding, quite a settlement, there being three families there besides Mr. Hoff's and whose place there are 15 borders-men who work on the farm and also handle ties, posts and logs and they are kept busily at work all the time.

During hunting season, sportsmen from outside come to Mr. Hoff's place in large numbers, it being a popular resort, and frequently Mr. Hoff takes the lead when a party goes into the woods and secures game without much trouble at all, so it seems to his companions. He has the reputation of being an excellent hunter which is the prime reason for outside sportsmen making his place there headquarters when they come into this vicinity to seek the fleet-footed deer. His store is a well appointed one, much more so than we expected to find it. The clerk and keeper, Frank Massicotte who has been with his present employer for the past four years, stood behind the counter wrapping up groceries as we entered, and we found him to be what we took him for at the first glance, a pleasant, courteous and accommodating gentleman.

In the winter, Mr. Hoff gets out considerable timber, usually; but this winter he has not engaged in logging to any great extent, compared with what he has done in past years. He has sold 300,000 feet of pine to Laun Brothers, which timber will soon be put in. He is getting out 20,000 ties, half of which are now piled on the right of way of the C. M. & St. P. at the siding. He expects to get out about 15,000 cedar

## Acorn Dancing Club

### An Organization That Will Give Balls of High Character.

A recent organization, effected for the express purpose of promoting the dancing proclivities of Wausaukee's young people by getting up dances of a high order and keeping up to date in the art of dancing, is the acorn dancing club. At the first meeting of the club, officers were elected as follows: H. G. Laun, President; Charles H. Earling, Secretary; and George E. Bogrand, treasurer. It has a membership of 13, but the number is not considered an ill omen as there is plenty of energy in the young men to ensure the success of the club. The committees and members will wear badges in hall whenever a ball is given and nothing but high-class ones will be arranged for, the aim being to get up a different kind of ball each time, introduce new features whenever it is possible to do so. The first ball will be given at the town hall, Friday evening, December 20, and is styled. "The First Annual Dance."

Bogrand's Orchestra has been secured for this occasion and arrangements have been made for the entertainment of people coming from neighboring towns, a large number of whom is expected to attend.

### Timber for Rebuilding.

The Bird and Wells lumber company received in Tuesday morning's mail, the bill for the material to be used in rebuilding in the Murphy Lumber Co. sawmill at Green Bay. The longest stick is to be fifty two feet. The bill calls for a large amount of lumber. A considerable portion of it is cut now and shipment will begin at once. The same company has also been given the major portion of the bill for the material required in rebuilding Menominee

## Santa's Visit To The Parsonage.

During the Pastor's absence while he was attending to pastoral duties in Amberg, Santa Claus, not content to wait until Christmas put a fine load of dry hardwood into Rev W. W. Hendry's yard. The pastor expresses his gratitude for the wood, which he declares, was just what is greatly needed this wintry weather.

### Taxpayers take notice.

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned, town treasurer of the Town of Wausaukee, at the tax role for the said town for the year 1895 is in my hands for collection, and that the taxes charged therein are subject to payment at my office at any time prior to the first day of January 1896. Dated this 14th day of December 1895. Thomas Allen  
Town Treasurer

### The Experience Social

Last Monday evening at the Presbyterian Church here, an "experience" social was held and the attendance was exceptionally good. The experience of each one who had gained such was listened to attentively, being told in rhyme by the poets and in prose by the others. The prose was pretty good as a general thing, and the poetry was not altogether bad. The money earned by the "experience" was turned into this Sunday School Christmas tree fund as were the proceeds of a social itself. It had been earned in a great many different ways and some of it begged. The vocal duet by Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Hendry was well rendered and highly appreciated. The Indian club swinging by Miss Ina Trask, of Amberg, was considered an excellent exhibition and took well with the audience. Her instructor, Mr.

posts and 200,000 cedar logs.

The farm comprises 240 acres, about 200 of which is under cultivation. The buildings on the farm are large and conveniently arranged to suit the purpose for which they were intended, particularly so in regard to the root-house, which was recently built. It is a brick building with double walls, each 6 inches thick with air space of several inches between to insure against frost.

The dimensions of the building are 22 x 34 feet, inside measurement. It is not designed solely for a root-house, there being one story entirely above ground, which part will be finished up later; but just what particular purpose it will serve, is something Mr. Hoff has not fully decided upon, yet. While in the root-house, we looked into the compartment and saw a great quantity of potatoes of a size that we were told average 35 to a bushel. They were monsters in size, some of them larger than we had ever seen in so great a quantity. There was also a large quantity of cabbage, turnips, beets, carrots, et cetera; which would be a sight at the county fair. This year, Mr. Hoff raised 2000 bushels of potatoes, 1000 bushels mangel wurzel and rutabagas, 248 bushels of wheat, 250 bushels rye, 2325 bushels oats, 50 bushels pease, about 150 tons of hay and also a good deal of garden track. The onions raised on the place are the finest in the country without doubt. The winter wheat yield 35 bushels to the acre, which is considered very good, indeed. Two years ago, the yield went as high as 50 bushels to the acre, the conditions being more favorable and they were this year.

In regard to livestock the farm is quite complete. There are eleven horses and a yoke of oxen and plenty of work for them to do right along. Mr. Hoff keeps 8 cows and there is at the present time 25 head of young stock, 40 hogs and the usual variety of fowls always to be found on a well regulated farm, and without which it would be incomplete.

The Young Orchard is a promising one. 185 fruit trees were set out on the place last spring and the number will be considerably increased next spring. Mr.

River Lumber company's mill at Marinette. These two big orders are significant of the fact that Wausaukee has a very enterprising lumber firm.

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#### **Evening train will be later.**

A change of schedule on the C., M. & St. P. road, making the evening passenger train about two hours later, takes effect on Sunday (tomorrow). The train will arrive at about eleven o'clock instead of eight thirty eight as here to fore owing to connection with the D.S.S. & A. which has changed schedule

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#### **A War Relic**

J. C. Calhoun has a copy of the last issue of the Vicksburg Mississippi daily Citizen, printed on back up sheet wallpaper about 10 x 15 inches in size. It is dated July 2, 1863; but was printed on the July 4 by the printer soldiers of Grant's army from the type that has been set for the paper plays regular force, with the addition of a little footnote set by the Union men. Mr. Calhoun values the sheet highly and has refused to part with it when offered as high as ten dollars for it.

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#### **Christmas exercises.**

The Swedish people of Wausaukee will hold Christmas exercises in the Presbyterian Church Friday evening, December 27, the Loyal Temperance Legion having consented to give up their meeting for that evening. An entertaining program will be rendered and the Scandinavians of our community should not miss.

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#### **Have A Kick Coming.**

And a vigorous one, too; because of the shape our mail service will be in after the change of time for the evening train on the St. Paul. As it is now, the mail reaches here, so that it is distributed at the post office by nine o'clock. After Sunday, the evening Mail will be delivered the next morning, which in some instances may

Mitchell, of Amberg, also gave an exhibition that met with great favor. From first to last the evenings' entertainment was grand and the Christmas tree fund was materially increased. The proceeds for \$25 exactly.

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#### **Let 'Er Shine.**

One way to help (?) along a town or country is to throw cold water on every suggestion that considers: the welfare of the community. The time has gone by when a "dog in the manger" policy can benefit Northwestern Wisconsin residents. The star of progress is shining and those who push away the clouds and help her shine are our benefactors, while those who cry "turn the lights down" are seeking but to "feather their own nests". Those who block the wheels of progress are liable to get crushed in the outward movement. -Ex-

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#### **The Taxes**

The tax roll is now in the hands of the treasurer for collection and we thought it would interest our readers to know some important facts and figures on the subject, so we have gathered what information we could. The valuation of the township's taxable property is placed at \$518, 400, the amount to be raised by taxation, \$13,460.24, the separate taxes being: state, \$867.09; county, \$532.52; super intendent's salary, \$87.50; roads and bridges \$437.00; jail bonds, \$155.27; soldiers' relief fund, \$164.02; all other county purposes, \$2187.00; illegal taxes, \$22.20. Township taxes: highway, \$4757.55; school, \$4250.00.

The county tax is considerable higher than it was last year. The county school tax overruns \$110.09 on account of a mistake by the county clerk in figuring the percentage. Instead of %532.52 as given above the amount that will go to the county school fund from this township will be \$422.43. The overrun will apply on the township taxes.

<p>Hoff is well pleased with the Orchard and considers the chances good for raising some fine fruit when the trees get old enough to bear. Fruit raising is not an experiment up here, now. It has been shown that a great variety of fruit, particularly the more hardy kinds, do well in this section of the country. John Hoff certainly has a farm to be proud of, and as comfortable a house as any man would wish for, the house being conveniently arranged throughout, affording every comfort conceivable.</p>	<p>be quite a disadvantage to Wausaukee businessmen. We think that if the department were petitioned for it, all four trains would soon be carrying mail, which would be a great convenience for all the towns on the line between Green Bay and I Iron Mountain. Somebody start the ball rolling. Everybody on the line would sign such a petition.</p>	