

## CORRESPONDENTS' NEWS.

BY OUR REGULAR CONTRIBUTORS.

### ABOUT ROAD PETITIONS.

As we Fiddle Creekers intend to have another road petition ready for the March term of the county court, in lieu of the one "knocked out" by Prof. T. M. Martin and Bro. Carle, and having been informed by Judge Riddle, of Douglas county, that if all road matters were sent in at the same time it would save expense to the county, and THE WEST having a wider circulation than I have, I thought if I could prevail upon your generosity to publish a few lines, it would save a lot of hard rowing. The Judge also wrote that a petitioner or remonstrator should be a householder in the vicinity of the proposed road, and the Court has construed that to mean a man living along the line of the road, or one who was compelled to travel, or would travel, said road to his place of business or post-office, but it seems the remonstrators in our late petition took a broader view of it than that, as the majority of them live at the head of South Slough, near the head of Maple creek, at the south-west corner of Clear lake and north-west corner of Ten Mile. He did not say that a man who signed a petition for, and a remonstrance against, the same road was either a fool, had been hypnotized or struck under the nose with a bottle, but those are my sentiments. We do not feel in duty bound to go three miles out of our way with our road to build bridges in "our dear friend Carle's" road, and we do not think those in the vicinity of his highway have any right to remonstrate against ours. And we sincerely hope they will have a petition of their own to fight over, and let ours alone.

CHARLES H. VANDERBURG.

### NEWS IN GENERAL.

A Newfoundland company has been organized to gather ice from icebergs.

A mountain of carbonate of zinc is the latest discovery near Hillsboro, N. M.

A Portland, Me., woman, who has a mania for canceled postage stamps, has over a million of them.

In the past twelve months the number of electric railways in the United States has increased from 385 to 469.

A will trial in New York developed the fact that Mrs. Cole put silk gowns and a sash upon a statue of Venus.

Mrs. Susan Neal, of San Antonio, Texas, who is reputed to be 70 years of age, recently killed a full grown panther with an axe.

An enterprising agriculturist, of Albion, boasts of having grown a bunch of celery with twelve stalks that weighed 15lbs.

The new Mormon temple at Salt Lake City will be opened April 6, 1893. It has been in course of erection for forty years, and has cost \$2,500,000.

Lord Melrose, doubtless the largest St. Bernard in the world, died a few days ago of gastric colic, at Boston, Massachusetts. The dog weighed 2101lbs.

Major Joseph Magone, 82 years of age, who started from Oregon last July to walk to Chicago, a distance of over 2000 miles, recently completed his journey.

Enos Kerr, a man well known at Knoxville, Iowa, found a perfect miniature ear of corn with grains no larger than mustard seeds growing on a stalk of foxtail.

A careful revision of the insurances covering the property destroyed by the great fire in Milwaukee showed that the insurance companies lost \$2,798,221. The total damage is assessed at \$4,000,000.

A shark recently washed ashore at Middian, British Columbia, had two distinct tails, three perfect eyes, and what appeared to be the rudiment of a fin or flipper hanging to the upper jaw.

There is a chestnut tree in Mansfield, Conn., whose circumference at the roots is fifty-four feet and the diameter of the spread of its branches in one direction is a hundred feet. Its height is eighty feet.

When a matrimonial suit came up recently at Wichita, Kansas, there was no defense, so that the judge granted a divorce. He had barely signed the decree when word was received that the defendant had just died.

Two Indian girls, who have passed full instruction and graduated as trained nurses, have their applications filed for admission to the Temporary Hospital in the Women's Building at Chicago, for practical work there.

Gong Hoar, grand master of the Chinese masonic order—which has just dedicated its only temple in this country in Boston—is six feet tall, dresses in American clothes, wears a pair of eyeglasses, and, altogether, looks very unlike an ordinary Chinaman.

Buffalo capitalists propose to erect a steel observatory 250 feet in height at Niagara Falls. The platform at the top will accommodate eighty sightseers at a time. The view will take in lake Ontario, the tortuous course of the Niagara river, and on a clear day the spires of Toronto.

James Brooks, a twelve-year-old lad, has just been relieved of several inches of superfluous tongue—the enlargement of which was ascribed to a fish bone—by an operation performed by Dr Leach, at the Citizens' Hospital, Washington. Many persons suffer from this ailment without knowing it.

The Board of Police of New York has resolved that policemen shall not in future carry sticks, either by night or day unless specially ordered to do so. In an emergency they may use their whistles to summon assistance. The men will carry a baton, fourteen inches long, in their pocket for self-defense only.

The question of lighting the city of Buffalo by electricity generated at Niagara Falls has brought out a novel suggestion. Instead of running wires over the distance it is proposed to erect high steel towers at the Falls, and place reflector lights of enormous candle power upon them. The rays of these lights, it is said, can be made to illuminate Buffalo, and the cost of copper wires to and about the city and return will be saved.

The University of Michigan numbers among its students two young Chinese girls, who are studying medicine, and intend to return to the Flowery Land as missionaries. For the convenience of their American friends they do not use their own names at present, but are called Mary Stone and Ada Khan. Three young Chinamen are medical students at the same college.

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