

Report of the Hooper Ward for
the Quarter ending July 23- 1887.

We feel grateful for the present opportunity of reporting the condition of the Hooper Ward. General good health prevails with the people as a rule, but Whooping cough is quite prevalent among children who have thus far escaped with ^{but} fatal results. We are now in the midst of our harvest that bid fair to supply man and beast with food for the coming year and a surplus if properly cared for to supply the families of the Ward with the varied comforts of life. The several organizations of the Ward are in a healthy condition with fair prospects of ultimate success in the object of their creation.

Home Missionaries are quite punctual in their appointments and their labours ^{are} appreciated.

Quite an effort is being made at Sinaloa so few miles south of us to establish bath house and invite the young of our community to visit that fashionable resort. No effort will be spared in affording the young people of our Ward innocent amusement at home. The celebration of our last National holiday at Hooper was a grand success and Pioneer Day July 24 will be celebrated at Butler's Grove on Monday next by the good people of

North and South Hooper.

The usual tranquil surface of every day life at Hooper was suddenly disturbed on Sunday July 17th by a suicide John Linders a universally ^{esteemed} citizen took a dose of rough or rats which ^{had a fatal effect} it appears that Mr Linders has been labouring under an aberration for some time past and has frequently asserted that he was not good enough to live in consequence of this his actions have been closely watched on Sunday at noon he said he was unwell his friends attempted to discover the cause of his indisposition but without success for some time at last Mr Linders gave the information that he had found a box of rough or rats had taken a teaspoonful mixed it with water and swallowed the dose this was done in the field antedotes were administered promptly but with ^{no} success for at 7-30 Mr Linders succumbed to the ^{no} result of his rash act. an inquest was held by James Johnson Justice of the Peace for Hooper Precinct with Charles Parker James Bees and L A Cole as jurors after hearing the evidence in accordance with the facts given above the jury returned a verdict that the deceased came to his death by a dose of poison administered by his own hand.

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